

Parish Press

Sunday July 12th, 2026

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Sentence

The words you have spoken are spirit and life, O Lord; you have the words of eternal life. John 6.63, 68

Prayer of the Day

Bountiful God,
we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word:
by your Holy Spirit,
help us to receive it with joy, and to live according to it,
that we may grow in faith and hope and love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Readings

Genesis 25.19-34	Page (OT) 16
Psalms 119.105-112	Page (OT) 442
Romans 8.1-11	Page 120
Matthew 13.1-9 (10-17) 18-23	Page 10

Today's services are

8am Holy Communion

9.30am Sung Holy Communion Service followed by morning tea

This week we pray for all who live on Durham Rd, Surrey Hills

“Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.”

Matthew 11.29

Mark's Reflection

The Soil of Our Hearts

In the Parable of the Sower, Jesus reminds us that the power of God's Word is never in doubt. The seed is good. The question is whether our hearts are ready to receive it.

Like a farmer sowing seed across a paddock, God generously offers the good news of His kingdom to all people. Yet the same seed produces very different results depending on the condition of the soil. Some hearts are hardened, some are shallow, some become crowded by the worries and distractions of life, while others receive God's Word with faith and bear abundant fruit.

This parable invites us to pause and reflect. Are there areas of our lives where our hearts have become hard? Have the pressures of daily life, concerns about the future, or the pursuit of success begun to crowd out our relationship with Christ? Or are we allowing God's Word to take deep root, shaping our decisions, our priorities and our relationships?

The encouraging news is that God is always at work. Through the Holy Spirit, He continues to soften hearts, deepen faith and produce fruit in those who trust Him. As we gather each week around God's Word and the Sacraments, may we come with open hearts, ready to hear, ready to grow, and ready to serve.

May our prayer be that Holy Trinity will be a community where God's Word is received with joy and where lives bear lasting fruit for the glory of God and the blessing of our neighbours.

God bless

Mark

Treasures and Tastes at Trinity Market

Our market is coming up next Saturday. You can support our Church by coming for a slice of cake, a coffee or a warm cup of soup before browsing the stalls. The stallholders will be a wonderful mix of creators, makers, bakers and growers. A reminder to those with the laminated posters that say "This Saturday" to please put them up on their fences today. Thank you!

Holy Trinity Family Night

Join us for an enjoyable evening of fellowship, food, and fun, on Saturday 25 July, as we gather together as a church family and welcome friends from our wider community. A great opportunity to relax, connect, and enjoy time together. Whether you are a regular member of Holy Trinity or someone looking to connect with our community, we would love to see you there.

Date: Saturday 25 July

Time: 5.00pm – 7.00pm

Venue: Holy Trinity Parish Hall

BBQ dinner provided, fresh salads and dessert included and games and activities for all ages.

Please bring your family, friends, neighbours, and anyone who may enjoy a warm and welcoming evening together.

For further details, please contact the Parish Office at office@holytrinity.sh. We look forward to sharing a wonderful evening with you.

Parish Prayer List

Helen Burston, Stephen Binns, Thelma Fiddymont, Bruce Knox, Helen Morris, John and Sally James, Edith Jenkins, Ann Constable, Gwen Jackson, Verna Hubert, Mark, Leslie Gibbons, Philip Widmer.

We remember

We give you thanks for your servants in every age. Grant that we, with all your saints, may be brought to a joyful resurrection and the fulfilment of your kingdom. John English, Dulcie Hope Tassie, Francis James Phillips.

This Week at Holy Trinity

Wednesday

10am Service of Holy Communion followed by morning tea

Thursday

Grab something for our community pantry from the shops.

10am Parish Prayer Service
7-10pm Choir Practice

Friday

3pm Market Set up

Saturday

9-1pm Market Day

Sunday

**8am Holy Communion
9.30am Sung Holy Communion service
followed by morning tea**

Readings this week

Monday Matthew 10.34-11.1
Tuesday Matthew 11.20-24
Wednesday Matthew 11.25-27
Thursday Matthew 11.28-30
Friday Matthew 12.1-8
Saturday Matthew 12.14-21

Sunday

Genesis 28.10-19a

Psalm 139.1-11, 23-24

Romans 8.12-25

Matthew 13.24-30 (31-33) 36-43

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