



31 August 2022

Dear Friends,

When I am reading a John Grisham novel, I like to stop for the night at the end of a chapter. I can readily pick up the story on the next day. This may involve simply re-reading the last few pages of the previous chapter. But when I am reading a more serious book, I like to finish mid-chapter, so that it is easier to continue onwards. For example, early in the summer I was reading a fascinating book on the history of libraries. I paused at the end of a chapter – and am now stuck in the 16th century. I can't seem to find the energy or enthusiasm for continuing, as I had reached a good Full Stop.

As August turns into September, I experience this time as both a clear ending, and as a time of continuity. For some, this is the end of their school life, with all the excitement of beginning at university. Families are returning from holidays; others are about to depart (now that beaches are not full of school children). It's a time of harvest; it's also a time to plant. Yes, I am now a grandad – which both leaves me feeling very old, and also excited as a new generation begins.

In the face of this mix of change and continuity, I want to sing the praise of being an appreciative person. How good it is to be able to look back and identify what was life-enhancing and thrilling – to focus on those moments of kindness, godliness and beauty! Looking back in the right spirit can be a great springboard for positive action in the future. Or, if we are feeling anxious ourselves, seeing the talents in others gives us hope. After a period of ease, of sabbath rest, perhaps our ears become less clogged with dismal tidings, and more attuned to good news. This is true for those who are having a really hard time too. I visited someone who had been tragically and suddenly bereaved this week. She felt that she was struggling beyond measure, with all clarity and safety gone. But I saw a woman of courage, who was determined to keep going even in the face of devastation and loss. It may not have felt like this to her – but I saw profound signs of hope, and a determination to provide a safe space for the children left behind.

On the first Sunday in September, I am thrilled that the choir returns to singing (both at St Mary's and Holy Trinity). What is a suitable hymn to enhance this moment of turning, thanksgiving and commitment? 'All my hope on God is founded' or 'Lord for the years, you love has kept and guided'? Both are fine hymns that capture this mood. Actually, we will begin on Sunday with 'O praise ye the Lord' (a setting of Psalm 150). It expresses appreciation for times past, for the skills of others (loud organs and sweet harps), and the realisation that we each also have our contribution to make.

Quite intentionally, we will close worship with a hymn that acknowledges how tough life can be: 'Through the night of doubt and sorrow'. There is much that is causing worry and grief at the moment. Yet, "onward goes the pilgrim band" – singing songs, caring for each other, creating hope.

- Robert

Rector's Notes

Please pray for Rev Paul Glass as he begins his ministry as the Methodist minister with pastoral charge of St Mary's Guildford and Cranleigh. Paul also is Superintendent of the Wey Valley Circuit, offering support and oversight for 13 churches reaching from Addlestone to Byfleet. The evening service at 1800 on Sunday 4th September will be Paul's institution, held at St Mary's. Our choirs will be singing; all are welcome.

Daily Morning Prayer (on-line) resumes at 0830 on Monday 5th September. The link is below.

Parish Office - Unfortunately, due to circumstances beyond our control, the Parish Office will need to close on Monday's throughout September. We apologise and hope to be running at full capacity from 3rd October at the latest.

Sunday Worship • 4th September 2022

HOLY TRINITY

[10am Sung Eucharist](#)

[Sermon by Rod Pierce](#)

Jeremiah 18: 1-11; Luke 14: 25-33

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ST MARY'S

[8am BCP Holy Communion](#)

[Led by Jonathan Hedgecock](#)

[10.30am Holy Communion](#)

[Led by Robert Cotton](#)

Deuteronomy 30.15-20; Luke 14: 25-33

[6pm - Induction of Paul Glass](#)

[Sermon by Paul Glass](#)

Numbers 11. 16-17, 24-30; John 21. 15-19

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[Daily Morning Prayer on Zoom 8.30am](#)

Holy Trinity Choir

As the choir returns to Holy Trinity, we would welcome new members in our adults section. The adults are a core part of the team, supporting our choristers and starring on their own. As of September, the commitment should also be more manageable, with **adults will only be expected to attend one service each Sunday**, plus a Thursday rehearsal. Also NEW for this year are monthly opportunities for adult *sopranos*. If you would like to find out more about joining the choir, please email Nick on music@holytrinityguildford.org.uk.

Notices, events and reminders!

Saint Columba's House  t: 01483 766498
www.stcolumbashouse.org.uk
Saint Columba's House, Maybury Hill,
Woking, Surrey GU22 8AB

To Hear and Be Heard
Saturday 3rd September 10.00am - 1.00pm
£20 (tea and coffee included)

A deaf awareness workshop, for anyone who is experiencing hearing loss and anyone who wants to make their parish or youth group more inclusive by improving their communication with people experiencing hearing loss. This workshop will explore facts about hearing loss and will include introductions to several communication tools, such as lipreading and British Sign Language.



This is also an opportunity to discuss, learn about and experience lipreading and British Sign Language. The session will close with learning to sign a worship song & prayer.

Tracey Wade:
Currently a Sensory Specialist Worker within Sensory Services, Tracey previously worked as the Sensory Inclusion Adviser for Guildford Diocese.

Qualified BSL level 3 communicator, lipreading tutor and a rehabilitation officer for the visually impaired, Tracey has over 30 years' experience of communicating with people who have a hearing loss.

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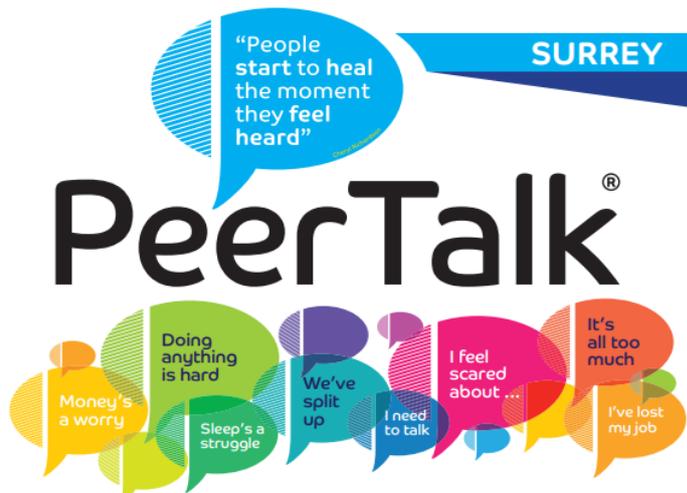
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EVERY WEDNESDAY 7.30pm-9pm
The Spike Community Centre,
Warren Road, Guildford, GU1 3JH.

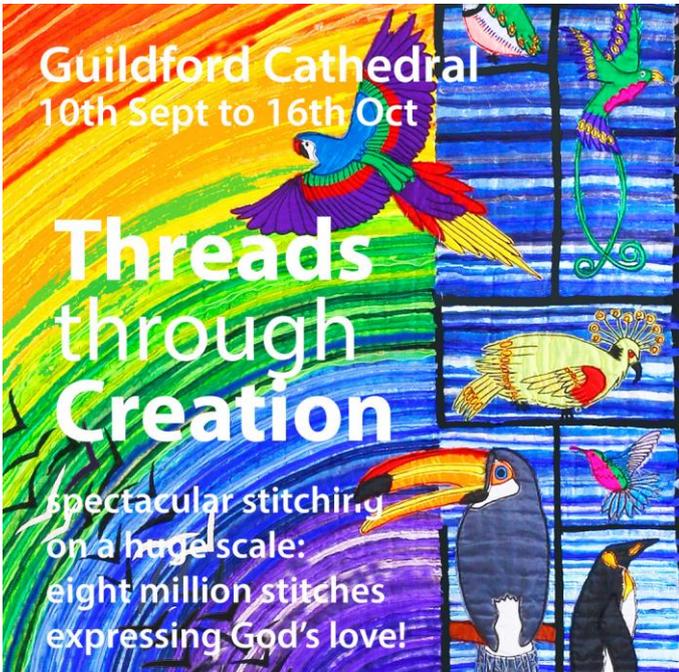
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REMINDERS!!

Friday 2nd September: The Vigil for Ukraine continues to happen every Friday evening at St Mary's from 9pm. - 11pm. Please do come along and show your support, light a candle and reflect.

Saturday 3rd September: The Hear Here Clinic will be open this Saturday in Holy Trinity Church between - 10-12pm. Please don't forget your brown NHS books if you are coming.

Tuesday 6th September: Lunch Club will take place in the Lower Hall of the Trinity Centre from 12.30pm.

Thursday 8th September: Holy Trinity Choir practice resumes!

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