



24 July 2022

Dear Friends,

“Let us now sing the praises of famous men, our ancestors in their generation”.

Sirach 44.1

Your Bible will not contain this verse, unless you have a version that includes the Apocrypha as well. The Apocrypha is a collection of writings that were long ago recognized to be ancient and sacred, but did not command universal respect so that they were not included in the Old Testament. There is a long book called Sirach, which is sometimes known as Ecclesiasticus. It finishes with a lengthy hymn of praise to the heroes of yesteryear: Noah, Abraham, Moses, Aaron, Joshua and more. The introduction to this hymn reminds us why we are right to remember: by calling to mind their virtues, we are more likely to model ourselves on their worthy characters. There are wise people, teachers, courageous political leaders, benefactors, musicians and poets. In our own day, we can extend the list of “saints and heroes”, not least to include women and to extend the categories of those deserving praise.

I find verses 44.8 and 9 most moving: “some of them have left behind a name, so that others declare their praise. But of others there is no memory; they have perished as though they never existed.” Don’t be depressed by that idea, for the passage moves on to say: “But these also were godly people, and their glory will never be blotted out”. I find it humbling to consider that, even though it is likely that our names will be forgotten in generations to come, nevertheless the influence of godly lives will not fade. The most powerful description of heaven is ‘God remembers’ – nothing of what you have done which is good and worthy of praise, will be forgotten or lost. If God counts all the hairs on our head (Matthew 10.30), then surely God also will delight in, and treasure, even the smallest good deed – albeit unnoticed by others, and seemingly irrelevant to most people. God is the one who treasures, holds and keeps us safe for ever.

- Robert

WORSHIP SUNDAY 31ST JULY 2022

HOLY TRINITY

10am Summer Worship - Sermon by Ben Cahill-Nicholls

ST MARY'S

8am BCP Holy Communion - Led by Jonathan Hedgecock

10.30am Morning Worship - Led by Rosemary Lee

Food Bank Sunday

It's our August Food Bank Sunday this weekend and we'll be glad to receive donations of groceries and household items at Holy Trinity. Families on low incomes with children at home during the summer holidays will be feeling the additional costs so please give generously if you can.

The following items will be particularly welcome:

Tinned meat, tinned fish, long life milk, household cleaning items, breakfast cereals, toiletries and 'treats' (small cakes, sweet biscuits etc).

Other currently 'most needed' items updated weekly and are listed at the drop-off point at Sainsbury's Burpham and on the Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/NorthGuildfordFoodBank>. Please check that any donations of tinned and other edible items have long 'use by' dates.

If you would like to deliver your own bag, please take it either to St Clare's Church, Park Barn, GU2 8JW on a Monday morning between 9.30 and 11, when donations are sorted, or to the drop-off point at Sainsbury's Burpham. Smaller donations can also be left in the Food Bank bin at the back of Holy Trinity when the church is open to visitors- usually weekdays 11-1pm and Saturday 10-12pm.

Recycle your Medicine Blister Packs

100,000 tons of plastic are produced globally for medicine packaging every year. Blister packs are perhaps the most used medicine packaging – 85% of solid unit drug doses are packed in this form in Europe. It has been estimated that 65% of adults use medicines in blister packs at least once a week, with headaches/migraines (85%), hay fever (50%) and digestive health (43%) conditions ranking as some of the biggest contributors to packaging waste.

Every time I come to throw away a medicine blister pack, I want to throw it in the recycling box but know it should be disposed of with the non-recyclable (landfill) waste. No more. These are now recycled by Terracycle (it is worth looking at their website (<https://www.terracycle.com/en-GB/>) as part of the Little Packs, Big Impact initiative.

You will now find a small box at the back of the church where you can recycle your medicine blister packs. Put them in there (please make sure there are no pills still in the pack) and we will take them to be recycled. If you would prefer, you can take them to the chemist chain, Superdrug, who also collects for Terracycle.

Holy Trinity Eco Group

REMINDERS!!

Coffee and Cake this Thursday at St Mary's - 10.30 - 12noon.

Chit Chat summer pop in Wednesday 3rd August at St Mary's Church 10.00-11.30

What's On at Holy Trinity & St Mary's

Please do check out the What's On for an up-to-date list of services, activities and events that take place in Holy Trinity, St Mary's and the Trinity Centre.

You will also find dates of when the office will be closed over the summer.



SAT 30 JULY

GUILDFORD MAKERS MARKET

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