

# Weekly Briefing

In this edition:

- Pentecost Sunday "Hybrid" Service - Sunday 28th May 2023 @ 10am
- Thy Kingdom Come - 11 days of worldwide prayer.
- A Reminder About Safeguarding
- Diocesan Prayer Calendar
- Tea and Hymns - Sunday 28th May 2023
- Prayer Chain - Sunday 4th June 2023
- Men's Group - Monday 5th June 2023
- NHS Hearing Clinic - Sunday 18th June 2023

## **Pentecost Sunday "Hybrid" Service - Sunday 28th May 2023**

This week we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost. Our liturgical colour is RED for the Holy Spirit. Please wear something red to church. We will have a hybrid Eucharist at 10am as usual, in the church and on Zoom. All are welcome to attend. If you or your family are feeling unwell, please join us from home.

Refreshments (Coffee and Tea) will be served at the end of the service.

The order of service for this week can be found on the website by following this link: <https://www.stchristopherschurch.org.uk/service-sheet>

The Zoom ID for the service is: 689 343 005. The passcode is 2021.

## **Thy Kingdom Come**

From the Feast of the Ascension to the Feast on Pentecost we are invited to join a worldwide 11 days of Prayer. Each day new reflections are released by the Church of England, along with short reflective videos. You can find the reflection and videos on our [Website](#) and also on our [Facebook Page](#). There is also a video each day for children featuring the "Cheeky Pandas".

## **A Reminder About Safeguarding**

Complacency is our biggest enemy when thinking about Safeguarding. Every so often we are awoken from our complacency by a story of a safeguarding failure somewhere else in the Church. We need to practice being "alert but not alarmed".

The Parish of St. Christopher's, Hinchley Wood is committed to the safeguarding, care and nurture of the children within our church community, and also to encouraging an environment where all people and especially those who may be vulnerable are able to worship and pursue their faith journey with encouragement and in safety.

The PCC of St. Christopher's has adopted the [House of Bishops Safeguarding Policy Statement](#) together with the supporting safeguarding policies and practice guidance.

***If you have any concerns around the welfare of a child or adult at risk***

The first person to speak to is **Julia Bowden**, our Children, Youth and Vulnerable Adults' Safeguarding Officer. You can contact her on: Telephone: 07470 367951 or Email: [safeguarding@stchristopherschurch.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@stchristopherschurch.org.uk)

If for any reason Julia is not available, you can speak to the Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser, Jackie Broadfoot 07918 559387 [jackie.broadfoot@cofeguildford.org.uk](mailto:jackie.broadfoot@cofeguildford.org.uk)

For further information see: <https://www.stchristopherschurch.org.uk/about-us/safeguarding>

## **Diocesan Prayer Calendar**

The Diocese of Guildford prayer diary functions to provide a focus for daily prayer in the diocese, with every parish featuring as the daily focus once every six months, with information such as Saints days, and the Anglican Communion cycle of prayer also included.

Its purpose is to draw the clergy and people of the diocese into greater awareness of and fellowship with one another through daily intercession. It also helps to make us aware that we belong to a world wide Communion of fellow Anglicans.

### **A prayer for the Diocese of Guildford's vision and mission strategy;**

*God of our salvation, you sent your Son to draw all people into your abundant life: grant that your Church, empowered by your Spirit, may be the instrument of your transforming purposes in the world, that all may know your power to heal and save. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

In June 2023 - Please pray for the Clergy, Churchwardens and lay staff of Farnham and Godalming Deaneries.

For further details:

- <https://www.cofeguildford.org.uk/about/christian-calendar/calendar-of-prayer>

## **Tea and Hymns - Sunday 28th May 2023**

Our next Tea and Hymns Service is on Sunday 28th May 2023 from 4pm until 5pm. Come along for tea, cake and a chance to sing some of your favourite hymns

## **Prayer Chain - Sunday 4th June 2023**

The prayer chain is a small group of people who commit to praying regularly as requested. This is entirely confidential, so members do not talk about the people they are praying for to anyone who is not a member of the prayer chain. The group meets to pray together about once a quarter in the Lady Chapel at St Christopher's Church, on Sunday morning after the service. Requests for prayer should be sent to our Pastoral Assistant, Liz Hammond at [prayerchain@stchristopherschurch.org.uk](mailto:prayerchain@stchristopherschurch.org.uk) preferably including a phone number that she can contact you on if appropriate.

## **Men's Group - Monday 5th June 2023**

The men's group meet every 1st Monday of the month at "The Angel Pub" next to Giggs Hill Green. The next meeting is on Monday 5th June from 8pm onwards.

Topics for discussion are varied and cover every sphere of life. Some of these prove successful and the conversation lasts throughout the evening. On other occasions we soon drift into a range of other ideas to talk about. Either way we nearly always have a great evening.

New group members are always welcome. There is no commitment to come every month. You can come as many or as few times as you like. Twice a year we go out for a meal together. In July we nearly always go to Panshi in Hinchley Wood, but our Christmas celebrations have been held in a number of venues.

To find out more feel free to talk to Roger Thompson or any other member of the group.

## **NHS Hearing Clinic - Sunday 18th June 2023**

A FREE service for people with NHS hearing aids includes: Basic maintenance, Battery supply, Cleaning & re-tubing, Trouble-shooting & Advice.

This is a Guildford Diocese initiative, in partnership with Kingston Hospital NHS and St. Christopher's Church, Hinchley Wood.

For further information please contact:

- Rev. Caroline Mullins on 020 8224 3334 or email [associate@stchristopherschurch.org.uk](mailto:associate@stchristopherschurch.org.uk)

Wishing you every blessing

Peter Jenner  
Vicar of St. Christopher's, Hinchley Wood