



## **Pew Sheet for 31 August 2025**

*A warm welcome to everyone attending the 9.30am service*

## **The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity**

*Please come into the hall for refreshments after the 09:30 service.*

### **Collect:**

God of glory,  
the end of our searching,  
help us to lay aside  
all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom,  
and to give all that we have  
to gain the pearl beyond all price,  
through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

### **Hymns:**

- 453** Great is thy faithfulness O God my father
- 175** Come Down O Love Divine
- 376** And Can it be that I should Gain
- 118** (the source) Give thanks with a grateful heart
- 433** Give me joy in my heart keep me singing

Although there is no formal collection during the offertory hymn, please feel free to make a contribution to the work of St. Mary's either in the Treasury box at the back of church, or using the card reader, also at the back of church. Thank you.

## Readings:

### Hebrews 13:1-8

#### Service Well-Pleasing to God

**13** Let mutual love continue. <sup>2</sup> Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. <sup>3</sup> Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. <sup>[a]</sup> <sup>4</sup> Let marriage be held in honour by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. <sup>5</sup> Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, 'I will never leave you or forsake you.' <sup>6</sup> So we can say with confidence,

'The Lord is my helper;

I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?'

<sup>7</sup> Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith. <sup>8</sup> Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever.

### Hebrews 13:15-16

<sup>15</sup> Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. <sup>16</sup> Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

## **Luke 14: 1,7-14**

### **Jesus Heals the Man with Dropsy**

**14** On one occasion when Jesus<sup>[a]</sup> was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

### **Humility and Hospitality**

<sup>7</sup> When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. <sup>8</sup> ‘When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; <sup>9</sup> and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, “Give this person your place”, and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. <sup>10</sup> But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, “Friend, move up higher”; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. <sup>11</sup> For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.’

<sup>12</sup> He said also to the one who had invited him, ‘When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. <sup>13</sup> But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. <sup>14</sup> And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.’

### **Post-communion prayer:**

Lord of all mercy,  
we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice  
which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace:  
by our communion  
keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel  
and preserve us from all sin;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Dates for your diary

**September Knit and Natter dates - Monday 1st September 7.30pm, Wednesday 10th September 10.30am** in the Leverton Room. Enquiries Kate Nowak.

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September** the annual Church barbecue will be held at 12 after the morning service. If you would like to attend, then please pay £5 on the day. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the Church for contributions to the barbecue. Salads and puddings are most welcome! Enquiries Sara Tomlin

**Saturday 13th September is HERITAGE OPEN DAY** from 11am to 5pm. We will be offering refreshments to visitors, including cyclists and walkers participating in Surrey Churches Preservation Trust's annual 'Ride and Stride'.

**Heritage Open Day Refreshments** We would be grateful for any donations of cakes (large or small) to sell at this occasion. And if anyone is able to spare an hour to help with refreshments on the day, please see Christine Clarke.

We are planning an exhibition marking 130 years of St Mary's and a small display about local architecture. Please invite friends and neighbours, and do come along and enjoy the displays, to the accompaniment of some organ music. Enquiries to David Rymill.

**Sunday 14th September - 3pm.** Join us for a special **Thanksgiving Service for our Pets and their friendship to us** here at **St Mary's Church, Cuddington**. Bring your beloved pets - great and small - for a joyful time of thanksgiving, prayer, and blessing. This family-friendly service celebrates God's creation and our companionship with animals. If you are coming along with pets, please keep them with you all the time. All are very welcome.

### **Celebration of Life for John Richardson**

We are delighted to be providing the food after the **1pm service**, to celebrate the life of the wonderful Revd John on **Monday 15th September**.

If you can help, could you please sign the sheet at the back of the Church stating what you can bring? We would very much appreciate donations of finger food, both savoury and sweet.

We are putting together a photo montage of John's ministry and would like any photos you have of John taking services, weddings, baptisms or other services. If you could either leave any hard copies in the envelope provided at the back of Church, or attach the digital versions to an email to sarablairtomlin@gmail.com as a J-peg attachment by the 31st August.

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October - Harvest Festival - 9.30am followed by a Bring and Share Harvest Lunch at 12pm.** Enquiries to Sara Tomlin

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October - Civic Service - 9.30am** with the Mayor of Epsom & Ewell

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> November - 11am** Christmas Homemade Sunday. Enquiries to Sara Tomlin

**The social committee has also planned the below –**

Quiz Night - Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> October ***Enquiries: Sara & Daphne***