



## All Saints' Church

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## Sunday 28th June

### 9.45am Holy Communion led by Revd Caroline Wickens

#### Readings

Matthew 10 vv 40 – 42

#### Hymns

75 From all that dwell below the skies  
78 Give thanks with a grateful heart  
422 Father, we have sinned  
581 Come, my table is a meeting-place  
76 Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising

#### Thought for the week:

One of the themes linking today's readings is obedience. It is hard to read of how Abraham put obedience to God above even the life of his precious son. Though Isaac is not, in the end, sacrificed, we recognise trauma. This extreme example could be seen as illustrating Paul's teaching that obedience to sin leads inescapably to death, but obedience to God leads to healed life, however improbable this may seem.

In the Covenant service we pray:

Christ has many services to be done. Some are easy, others are difficult;  
in some we may please Christ and please ourselves;  
in others we cannot please Christ except by denying ourselves.

We are called to obedience to God's service— and Jesus promises us the reward of one who makes the Lord welcome.

Blessings, Caroline

**Morning Prayer** at 9am and **Eucharist** at 9.30am continue on Tuesday morning.  
All welcome.

**“Coffee, Chat and Play”**: everyone is welcome to enjoy some fellowship and time together from 10 - 11.30am on Tuesday mornings in the Lower Hall.

**Friendship Club** meets on **Tuesday afternoons** at 2.30pm in the Lower Hall. This week will be Worship for Summertime led by Revd Caroline.

Our **service this Sunday (28th June)** will be followed by a **bring and share lunch**. Everyone is very welcome and please don't worry if you haven't brought anything - there is always plenty!

Revd Caroline will be leading the final **Bible study** on Philippians on **Monday 29th June** at 2pm online. Everyone is very welcome - please contact Caroline for the joining details: cwickens1985@outlook.com

**Newsletter**: the copydate for the next edition of the newsletter was on **Friday (26th June)** - please send your contributions of articles and photographs to Chris Billington as soon as possible.

The next **Circuit Zoom service** is this **Sunday (28th June)** at 6pm. This is the Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/99553498272?pwd=djPd9lP1ChcCY6et0geAFKZ5WnZbi9.1>  
Everyone very welcome.

**News from the garden**: Please help yourself to the gooseberries, rhubarb, herbs and strawberries in the garden at the side of church - the cut and come again lettuce should also be available soon. The south facing flowerbeds together with the millennium garden do need some TLC - please feel free to do some dead heading or remove a plant growing where it's not wanted.

**Zoom Compline**: the next Compline service will be on Zoom on **Thursday 2nd July** at 8:45pm. Everyone welcome and please contact Chris Billington for the Zoom link.

**Organ Recital**: the final concert in our Sarah Garrett recital series will be on **Sunday 5th July** at 2.30pm and will be given by the acclaimed organist Iestyn Evans, Director of Music at St James Spanish Place London, and of St Botolph-without-Bishopsgate in the City. Interval refreshments will be available. No booking required, and there will be refreshments at the interval and a retiring collection.

The local **Christian Aid** team are grateful for your support during Christian Aid week. The total raised (before gift aid) was £3174.

**Service streaming**: the link to watch the service on Sundays is: <https://www.youtube.com/@Allsaintshp4/live>

## Prayer Requests

For: Jonathan and Ann Hayes; Helen and Sarah; Marion and Julian; Audrey and Paul Cox; Mark, Nicola and family; Terry; Heather Gifford; Ida; Penny; James; for John Malcolm who has died, and for all his family and friends;

We pray for the people of Venezuela following two large earthquakes that they may receive the support they need very quickly;

We pray for all those affected by the Ebola outbreak and those working on a vaccine;

We pray for the people of Iran and for the hearts and minds of those who are causing so many deaths to be changed in accordance with your command 'Love one another';

We pray that the ceasefire in Gaza will lead to a lasting peace;

We pray for our neighbours throughout the world whose lives have been changed by the events in Israel, Palestine and Lebanon, and pray especially for all those who have lost loved ones and homes due to the conflict. We pray too for all aid workers who have died or been injured while trying to bring supplies to those in need and for their families.

We pray too for those who are caught up in war in other parts of the world, including Sudan and Ukraine and for those facing the threat of starvation in the ongoing hostilities;

We also pray for:

All who are refugees, especially those who are not receiving help to rebuild their lives in safety;

We pray that the issue of climate change may not be forgotten and all the nations may act to secure the safety of our world. We pray too for all whose lives have been badly affected by climate changes in the areas where they live.

We pray that all MPs may serve their constituents and country with integrity and care for all they represent.

We continue to pray for the children and their families of our church and town and all who work in the NHS; Social Services and the charities who are supporting the sick or frail;

We pray for those who are helped by Embrace the Middle East, Karibuni Children; the Leprosy Mission; Phakamisa, DENS; the Way Inn; the Swan Youth Project and for all those who work in these organisations.

We continue to pray for those whose need is ongoing:

Julia Wright; Corinne & William; Gary Andersen; Charlie; Graham Rule; Clare Hancock; Valerie Ruddock; Jenny Wells; Marnie Taylor; Lesley Whittaker; Chris Billington; Jean Emsall



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