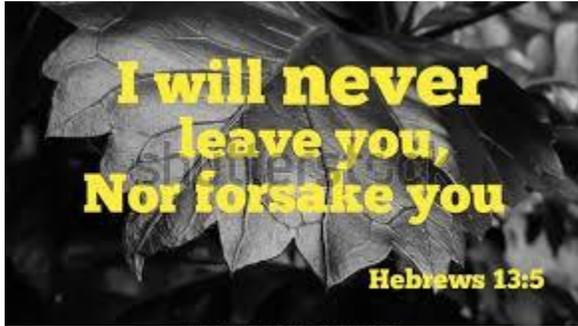




12<sup>th</sup> September 2021



What a week!!!

The last couple of days has been a roller coaster of events leading to different reactions and emotions in many of us. The week started with students going back to school. For many, this is a milestone as they start new schools, universities or even going to school for the first time!

Last Sunday, we prayed for them all and many parents, carers and teachers going back to work. Tuesday, we woke up to the rumour that the taxes are to be increased in various forms. This rumour was quickly confirmed by the Government. Many, especially those on a low income, that have not seen an increase in their salaries will be negatively affected, whilst others will not feel the impacts. This news was followed by the proposed changes to the social care system. Millions are on the NHS waiting list. I am sure we all know someone in this situation. In the midst of this, there is the situation concerning refugees and asylum seekers, especially those from Afghanistan! As you read this, we will be marking the 20th anniversary of the terrible event of the 9th September 2011. With all this at the forefront of our minds, we could all ask where God in all this is? As Christians, we know that God is present even amid this chaos. He is Emmanuel, God with us. He is Jehovah 'Ezer, The Lord, our Helper. In our service last Sunday, I encouraged us to be bold and be strong, not because of our strength but because of the power of God, He who is with us and has promised to neither leave nor forsake us (Deuteronomy 31:8, Hebrew 13.:5). I take great comfort in this promise, and I will encourage you to do likewise.

As you go this week, whatever occurs, always know that God is with you. Call on Him, and He will answer.

Please do ask if you need to speak to someone, prayers or any form of help.

Wishing you a blessed week.

This week's Bible Readings: Isaiah 50: 4-9, James 3: 1-12 & Mark 8:27-38

Praying for the sick in our Parish: Freya LeHunt, Kieran Chalkley, Christine, Charlotte, Tony Sutton, Doreen Clements, Amelie, Alex, Janet, Richard & Lucy and their sons Freddie & Charlie, Penelope and Shamila. Praying for the world especially: The people of Afghanistan and world leaders for wisdom and courage in dealing with the situation. Those on NHS waiting list, and all who work in the NHS and Social care.

We Remember the Recently Departed: Sheila Winterbottom, Mary Biederman and Eliza Hamilton. From the Memorial Book: John Childs, Roy Halloway, Sheila Spencer, Andrew Rich, Kenneth Durrant, Joyce Robinson & Ruth (Betty) Day. Please pray for Joseph Shipley and his family who is being baptised on 12th September. Also for Penelope Taylor being baptised on 19th September and for Ronnie Squires' baptism on 26th September.

The church is open for private prayers Tue-Fri 10 am-5 pm. If you would like someone to pray with you please contact Reverend Folli or Hugh Montgomerie.

Diary Dates Forthcoming Events: Confirmation Classes: We are shortly to start confirmation classes. If you are interested, please do speak to Hugh. SMART Mother and Toddler Group: Back on Tues 14th September 10-11.30am in the Church Hall. 'Colouring Club' and 'Knit Wits' Wed 15th September. 12.30-2 pm in the Church Hall. Please bring a packed lunch, tea and coffee will be provided. Please contact Hugh M if you plan to attend. Film Night Wed 15th September 6.30pm for a light meal and drinks, film at 7pm, discussion and tea follow the film. See you there! Please use the sign-up sheet at the back of the church. MACMILLAN Coffee Morning. Friday 24th September 9 am-12noon in the Chapel. Join us to raise funds for MACMILLAN Cancer Support. A time of community and fellowship whilst supporting the work of MACMILLAN. Church Cleaning and Garden Tidy Saturday 9th October 9 am-12noon. Please spare an hour to come and help spruce up the Church and Church Garden. Please let the Parish Office know if you can help. Harvest Service 10 am October 10th followed by a Harvest Bring & Share lunch in the church hall. Harvest gifts of dried and tinned foods will be welcomed at this service and will be donated to the Walton and Hersham Food Bank. Please use the sign-up sheet at the back of the church if you plan to stay for lunch.

Time to Remember Service Sunday 31st October 4 pm. A Service of Remembrance to remember those we have loved and no longer see. Followed by refreshments and fellowship in the hall.

Annual Winter Fair Saturday 20th November 11 am-2 pm One of our biggest fundraisers of the year! If you are interested in helping with this event, please contact Claire Goodfellow [clairegoodfellow@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:clairegoodfellow@hotmail.co.uk) or 07956 590665 Eco-Box: There is a large Eco-Box at the back of the Church for you to dispose of used ink cartridges in a way that is safe to the environment. Please do use this service. Food Bank: Please support the Walton and Hersham Foodbank if you can. Your donation can be brought to the church on Tues-Fri 9 am-4 pm or on Sundays when you attend a service. Currently, the food bank needs rice pudding, instant mashed potatoes, tinned spaghetti, tea. Small jars of instant coffee, laundry powder, nappies sizes 4,5,6,& 6, fruit juice, shampoo, hard soap (not liquid). For up to date lists and more information about what goes into a food parcel please visit [www.waltonhersham.foodbank.org.uk](http://www.waltonhersham.foodbank.org.uk)