



Sunday 31st July 2022



The act of choosing between two or three possibilities signifies choice. It is amazing the number of times we are called to make a choice each day. From waking up and getting out of bed to winding down and going to bed, from deciding to make a telephone call to a friend, to ignoring

the need for friends we are often faced with the dilemma of choosing. Our current political landscape will be calling some selected few to choose who the new Prime Minister will be, whether we agree with this modus-operandi or not, let us pray that they make the right choice! The choice we make often depends not only on the options available but also on our frame of mind and what are the perimeters of our judgements. My dad, bless his soul, will always say common sense is not common! This is probably why we can't understand some of the idiosyncrasies of others. Whilst many of us can make these choices, many in our society have limited options to choose the basics of life such as food, housing utilities and many other important necessities. The current rise in the cost of living has made the plethora of options extremely limited. Many are choosing between heating and eating. Thank God for the good weather! They can now at least switch off the hearing. There are still many more who have absolutely no choice! None of us chose where we were born and many of us have won the lottery of being born in a relatively safe country and family. There are many all around the world who don't have such luxury. Lets us always have them in mind and remember them in our prayers. I hope you are able to join us on Sunday at 8 and 10 am as we continue our exploration of the Book of the Prophet Micah. If you, please read Micah 6 before coming. I will be away on holiday for a couple of weeks in August during which I will not be able to write to you. Our services will be led by Revd Phil Barlow and Hugh Montgomerie. I hope you are able to have a time of rest as well. During the next couple of weeks, could I encourage each of us as we go about this summer to reflect on the choices we make on a daily basis and ask ourselves these questions? Does it help in enslaving someone else? Is it good for the environment? Will it please God?

I wish you a wonderful and restful August.

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Bible Readings: Micah 6 and Luke 12: 13-21. **7th August** Micah 7, Luke 12: 32-40 **14th August** Jer 23: 23-29, Heb 11: 29-12:2 & Luke 12: 49-56 **21st August** Ish 58: 9b-end, Heb 12: 8-end, Luke 13: 10-17 **28th August** Eccl: 10-12-18, Heb 13: 1-8, 15-16 & Luke 14: 1, 7-14. **We are praying for:** Peace in Ukraine and help for those who have been displaced, widowed, wounded or rendered homeless. For wisdom within our government when selecting our new Prime Minister. For Ukrainians settling into our community and all who welcome and support them. We pray for all who suffer from mental ill-health and victims of abuse and discrimination. For families and individuals suffering from the impact of the increase in the cost of living. **We Remember the Recently**

Departed: George Williamson Davis, Jean Shipp, Patricia Spencer, Kathrine Wilson, Arthur Benham, Freda Watson, Mike Stordy, James Cook and Dame Grace Bell-Gam. **From the Memorial Book:** Roy Purcell, Frederick Jenkins, Donald Wilson, Ernest Reed, Gladys Sammons, Gerard Bowden, Emily Reed, Paul Desty, Darren Conolly and Lawrence (Eric) Crabb. Also for the weeks commencing **7th August:** Sarah Jones, Kenneth Neeves, Margaret Crickmay, Alice Norgate, Netta Ferris, Daphne Weston, Christine Cairns, Margaret Stoney, Myrtle Purcell, Edith Walters and Vernon Jones. **14th August:** Jill Bowen, W. Harold F. Morris, Ernest Willett, John Cairns, Marie Gregory, John Field and Charles Scott. **21st August:** Brenda Bazely, Susan Engelbrecht, Sgt Gordon Fletcher, Eliot Ely, Derek Tanner, Ceri Powell and Ian Spooner. **28th August:** Colin Rae, Kathy Pitcairn, Peter Vicary and Margaret Hunter-Brown. **In our Diocesan Calendar of Prayer:** Please pray for the success of "The Parish Needs Process" (PNP) that will enable parishes to be supported in the implementation of their Church Development plans to underpin the "Transforming Church, Transforming Lives" vision. **From the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Church of the Province of West Africa. **The Parish Office** will not be open to visitors throughout August. We will be using this period to update various parts of administrative services. Please do send an email to parishoffice@oatlandschurch.org.uk or Tel 01932 231274 if you need to contact the office. Thanks, Parish Office Team. **Community Strawberry Tea:** Wed 17th August 2-4pm. On the Church lawn (in the hall in case of rain). Strawberry cream scones and tea. All welcome to this relaxing and friendly afternoon. £5 adults, U12's free. Please bring a picnic chair if you can. A child friendly event with craft activities. Pay on the day, but booking via Parish Office (01932 231274 or parishoffice@oatlandschurch.org.uk) or sign-up sheet at the back of the church in advance is required to help us cater. **Save the dates. Fri 30th Sept 2-4pm MACMILLAN Cancer Support** Coffee

Afternoon on the Church lawn- in the Church in case of poor weather. Stay for coffee & cake or come and buy a slice of takeaway cake! **Sat 1st Oct 3-5pm** Screening of 'After the Flood' A documentary by The Movement For Justice & Reconciliation. In St Mary Oatlands Church Hall. No charge, but please use the QR code to book a place. **Sat 8th October 9am-12noon** Church Cleaning and Garden Tidy. Please let the parish office know if you plan to come and help. **Sun 9th October 10am** Harvest Service with guest speaker from the Walton & Hersham Food Bank (your gifts of tinned & dried food will support the Walton and Hersham Foodbank). Followed by a Harvest Bring & Share Lunch in the hall. Please use the sign-up sheet if you would like to attend. **Fri 14th Oct Concert** supporting our friends from Walton Leigh School. Guest performances by Cleves and Oatlands schools. No ticket required, but please use the QR code to register your attendance. A retiring collection will be made for Walton Leigh School. **Sun 30th Oct 4pm 'Time to Remember Service'** A service to remember and honour the memory of those we have lost and no longer see. **Sat 19th Nov 4-6 pm 'Digging Down in History' Who lived on St Georges' Hill in 1649? Who lives there today? Has anything changed?** Dr David Taylor, Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries and Chairman of the Surrey History Trust, will tell the story of the 'Diggers'. There will be a retiring collection in support of Children and Families ministry at St Mary Oatlands. No ticket is required but please use QR code to book a place. **Sat 26th Nov 11 am-2 pm** St Mary Oatlands Winter Fair Please make a note of this special fundraising event! If anyone would like to help out or help run the Winter Fair please contact clairegoodfellow@hotmail.co.uk or 07956 590665.

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