



Sunday 21st July



Kings of the Bible

David – the king who looked at his sin through the eyes of faith.

It is perhaps the hardest part of Christian life. What do you do when you realise you've really messed up? How do you pick yourself up when you've fallen so deeply into sin? God called King David "a man after my own heart". But that doesn't mean he was perfect. In fact, he was far from it. Yet he shows us what it means to respond to sin in faith. One night, as David paced around on the palace rooftop, he saw the beautiful Bathsheba bathing. One thing led to another and soon David became not just an adulterer, but a murderer too.

When God confronted David over his sin, David didn't wallow, he didn't beat himself up, he didn't lie down and die, and he didn't try to make up for everything he'd done. He responded in faith. It's not an easy story to read in places. But if you are being crushed under the weight of your sin, come and observe David modelling how **faith humbly receives God's forgiveness and restoration from even the darkest moments in our lives.**

From, and with the permission of, our friends at Our Daily Bread Ministries.

Services I have been asked what the pattern of the services will be.

The format will remain the same:

1st Sunday: 0800: HC(RS): 1000: Alive @ Ten

2nd Sunday: 0800 and 1000 HC with a priest from St Andrews Cobham
(Hugh's Sunday off)

3rd Sunday: 0800: HC(RS): 1000: Service of the Word

4th Sunday: 0800 and 1000 HC with Revd Robert Jenkins

5th Sunday: 29 Sep: 0800 HC(RS): 1000: HC with Bishop Paul Davis,
Bishop of Dorking.

5th Sunday: 20 Dec: TBC

Wednesday 1030 remains the same: HC(RS).

This Week's Bible Readings: Jer 23:1-6, Eph 2: 11-end & Mark 6: 30-34, 53-end.

Anglican Diocese: The Nippon Sei Ko Kai Parish.

From the Diocesan Calendar of Prayer: Christ Church, Shamley Green.

Incumbent Sally Davies. **Other clergy** Gussie Walsh (PTO). **School** Longacre School; Wonersh & Shamley Green CofE Primary School. **Prayer requests:** Bless our work with children and families at Messy Church and Little Stars (midweek baby and toddler group); support and engage with our many village community groups; wisdom in engaging with our School Trust.

We continue to pray for: peace in Ukraine, Sudan, Gaza, Israel, and so many other places. Landslide in Papua New Guinea. For all refugees and displaced

people and all who welcome and support them. For families, individuals and businesses who are suffering from the impact of the increased cost of living.

Please remember our Mission Partner: The Leprosy Mission.

Please pray for: Laura Henry and Mikkel Austin-Bennett as they prepare for their forthcoming wedding. Please pray for James and his family as they prepare for baptism. **We pray for the sick in our parish:** especially remembering all who suffer from mental ill health and are victims of abuse and discrimination.

The recently departed: Paul Richmond, Gary Scott and Kieran Chalkley.

From the Memorial Book at their year's mind: Petro Semeraz, Rees Jones, Joanna Sturgis, Doris Ambrose, Jonathan Carter and Jeanne Neary.

Funeral: The funeral of the late Kieran Chalkley will take place on Monday, 29th July, at 11.15am here at St Mary Oatlands. (SW Middx Crematorium at 1.20pm).

Vacancy Update On 17 July, the PCC approved the Parish Profile and the advertisement which will go in the Church Times for four weeks in August and hopefully appeal to several prospective applicants. Those interested will ask to see the Parish Profile to read about St Mary Oatlands and the sort of Vicar we are looking for. Applicants will be short-listed on 11 Sep with interviews on 1 Oct. David Davis and Liz Davies were selected to be the Parish Representatives on the interview panel, along with the Bishop, Archdeacon and Area Dean. Since whoever is appointed will probably need to give three months' notice at their present parish, we hope to have someone in a post by mid-Jan 25.



Meeting Point: Wed 24th July. 12.30-2.30 pm. Meeting Point welcomes James Fraser (husband of Jenifer Fraser SMO's organist) as speaker 'Treasury Connections – a family story from the First World War' Contact Jane R 07775 9317333 for more details. **Walton & Weybridge Flower Club:** Flower Festival at

St Andrews URC 10 & 11th Aug. Free admission for visitors and entrants.

Refreshments and retail therapy in the hall. More details from Anna Crawford 01932 244466 waltonweybridgeflowerclub@gmail.com

Community Strawberry Tea: Wed 14th Aug 2-4pm on the Church lawn (in the church hall in case of rain). Price freeze, same as last year £5 per person. Under 12's free. Please use the sign-up sheet at the back of the church.

Knit Wits and Colouring Club: Wed 21st Aug 12.30-2.30pm

in the Octagon Room. Bring a packed lunch, tea and fellowship provided!

Film Night: No Film Night in August. Next Film Night Sept 18th 6.30pm for light meal and drinks. Film 7pm. Please use the signing-up sheet at the back of the Church.

Welcomers and Servers: We are in urgent need of Welcomers and Servers.

If you can help, please contact Hugh Montgomerie

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St Mary Oatlands 'Light up the Church'

This week, the floodlighting of the church has been sponsored by

Audrey Taylor 'Remembering my much loved husband, Hugh, on our wedding anniversary 22nd July'.

Also sponsored by **Val Gadd** 'In loving memory of my dear husband Wally and my beloved parents Lilian and Derek Grinham'

If you would like to sponsor the lights for an anniversary or other special occasion, please contact: parishoffice@oatlandschurch.org.uk

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