



Sunday 27th October



What on earth is prayer?

If prayer is about anything it is about nothing except waiting, waiting to become something. It is not about being busy but being still. It is not about being full but being empty. It is not about being useful but available. It is all about doing nothing all of which is very hard work and the gloriously laborious business of being clay awaiting the potter's hand. A canvas awaiting the artist's brush. An engine awaking to the driver's key. A field awaiting the farmer's seed. A lens awaiting the smile of God. A violin awaits the musician's touch. A patient awaiting the surgeon's hand. A garden awaiting the gardener's return. Of being empty of everything and willing to be nothing until you are ready to be something. Prayer is about waiting and watching and listening which needs patience and courage and strength. For it is hard work mastering the art of doing nothing until like the dancer in the dance hall in patient expectation we wait to be invited to be called to the floor to dance with the Spirit of God. 'Sound Bites' by Richard Everett.

This Week's Bible Readings: Ish 55: 1-11, 2 Tim 3: 14-4: 5 and John 5: 36b-end.

Anglican Church: The Scottish Episcopal Church. **School:** Epsom College.

Chaplain: Andrew Haviland. **Prayer requests:** For all the young people and their seeking and growing in faith; for ongoing wisdom and pastoral care for the school community.

Please pray for: the victims of the severe flooding in Nepal's Kathmandu Valley.

We continue to pray for: Break through the barriers that set people apart and the suspicions that make them walk alone. We remember our World, particularly the many troubled spots including Gaza, Israel, Ukraine and the Sudan. The governments and their leaders. Show to all their need for each other and their shared responsibility for the world. Grant compassion in the little things of life, as well as the great, that all humanity may be united in your love.

We pray for the sick in our parish: especially remembering all who suffer from mental ill health and are victims of abuse and discrimination. **Please remember our Mission**

Partner: The Walton and Hersham Food Bank and Rentstart.

The recently departed: Karen Harris, Anthony Cilia, Pauline Gale, Annelies Reynolds and Pam Winton. **From the Memorial Book at their year's mind:** Judith Lancaster, Evelyn Day, John Archer, Geraldine Greenbury, Karen Davies, Duncan McArthur, Janet Cradduck, Audrey Solbett, Annie Clarkson and Queenie Scott (née Graham).

Please pray for: Ryder, William, and their families as they prepare for baptism in November.

Time to Remember Service: Sunday 27th Oct 4pm. If you would like the name of someone you have loved and lost remembered during this service, please contact Hugh M 07921 000038. Refreshments and fellowship in the Church Hall afterwards.



Sun 3rd Nov 11.45am. Interment of the ashes of the late Gladys Clarkson at St Mary Oatlands Garden of Remembrance.

The family welcomes all who knew her.

Tue 12th Nov 11am. Funeral of the late Pam Winton at Randalls Park Crematorium. Please pray for those who mourn them.



Churches Together in Weybridge

Sat 9th Nov (CTiW) at St James' Church, Weybridge 10am-3pm.
Prayer Event. Formal prayers at 10am, 12noon & 2.40pm.
'Drop In' event. Stay for as long or as short a time as suits you.
Complimentary lunch at 12.30pm.

Remembrance Sunday: 10th Nov 10am St Mary Oatlands Service of Remembrance.

Local History Book Available from the Parish Office. £10.

Poppies: Poppies and poppy-related merchandise in support of the Royal British Legion are now available from the back of the Church.

Colouring Club and Knit Wits Wed 20th Nov 12.30-2pm. Let your mind roam whilst colouring. Bring a packed lunch, we will provide the tea, coffee and company. Contact Hugh.

Film Night: Wed 20th Nov 6.30pm for a light meal and drinks. Film 7pm. Please use the signing-up sheet at the back of the Church.

Meeting Point: Wed 27th Nov. 12.30-2.30 pm. *'A lunch club for the young at heart'*.
Contact Jane R 07775 9317333 for more details.

Meeting Point Christmas Lunch: St George's Hill Tennis Club. Wed 11th Dec (12.30pm tbc).
Everyone welcome. You don't need to be a MP member. Please contact Jane R for more details.

Operation Christmas Child: Good News! Great Joy! Helping in Jesus' name. Helping the children of Malawi. A hands-on way for you to bless children in need across the world by filling shoeboxes with toys, personal care items, school supplies, and fun gifts. Ready-made boxes are available for £2 from the back of the Church or use a regular shoe box of your own. Please bring your packed boxes to the Church from 3rd -17th Nov. A helpful packing list is available from the back of the Church. The boxes will be collected by a Samaritans Purse volunteer and begin their journey.

Winter Fair: Sat 23rd November 11am-2pm.

Our biggest fund raiser of the year!

Donations We are accepting donations of adults/children's books, toiletries, unused gifts, glass, china, jewellery, children's soft toys, games and adult/children's puzzles. Please bring these to the back of the church or leave in a box in the meeting room. Please sign up to help on a stall on the noticeboard at the bottom of the office stairs. Ask friends and family if they would like to help too, the more volunteers the more people can enjoy the fair and look around. Speak to Lin for more information.

We have been kindly sponsored once again by Martin and Wheatley Property Agents and Lodge Brothers Funeral Directors.

Thank you.