Parish of Haslemere
ST BARTHOLOMEW'S AND ST CHRISTOPHER'S

THIS SUNDAY 15TH NOVEMBER

Second Sunday Before Advent
James 3: 13-18; Matthew 25:14-30
Hymn Numbers: 648, 686, 277, 818

8am Holy Communion
St Christopher's

10am Holy Communion
St Bartholomew's & Livestream
Readings: Jennifer Sugden
Intercessions: Richard Taylor-Gooby

11.30am Praying on Sunday
St Christopher's

NEXT SUNDAY 22ND NOVEMBER

Christ the King
Psalm 95:1-7; Matthew 25:31-46
Hymn Numbers: 357, 794, 489, 612

8am Holy Communion
St Bartholomew's

10am Holy Communion
St Christopher's & Livestream
Readings: Frances Reincke
Intercessions: Dorothea Nattrass

WEEK COMMENCING 15TH NOVEMBER

9am Morning Prayer:

Monday | St Bartholomew's
Wednesday | All Saints, Grayswood
There is no mid week Communion

To set up regular giving to the Parish or to make a one off donation, please click on the above QR code or visit www.haslemereparish.org/donate

PARISH INFORMATION

St Bartholomew's Church is open from 9am to 5pm, Monday - Saturday
St Christopher's Church is open from 10am to 4pm, Tuesday - Friday
Livestreamed services: Link to view and orders of service on the website. Church at Home

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(*open: 9am-3pm Mon/Tues/Thurs, 1-3pm Fri**)
**Office hours are subject to change, visit www.haslemereparish.org/getintouch for up to date hours*

Pastoral Visitors for November: Lynn Lemar, Sue Stathers, Jennifer Sugden and Stella Mills
To request a visit or for any Pastoral matter please contact Rev Chris, Rev Justin or the Parish Office

Further information:
Please continue to check the website for updated information; www.haslemereparish.org
To receive this news sheet by email contact office@haslemereparish.org

Accessibility:
Both churches have hearing loops. Please switch hearing aids to T-coil.
Both churches have step free access and a wheelchair is available on request.
Large print service orders and hymn books are available—ask a sides person.

HEARING LOOP INSTALLED
Switch hearing aid to T-coil

Collect

Heavenly Lord,
you long for the world's salvation:
stir us from apathy,
restrain us from excess
and revive in us new hope
that all creation will one day be healed
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Post Communion

Gracious Lord,
in this holy sacrament
you give substance to our hope:
bring us at the last
to that fullness of life for which we long;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Amen

James 3: 13-18

13 Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done
with gentleness born of wisdom. 14 But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts,
do not be boastful and false to the truth. 15 Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is
earthly, unspiritual, devilish. 16 For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be
disorder and wickedness of every kind. 17 But the wisdom from above is first pure, then
peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or
hypocrisy. 18 And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Matthew 25:14-30

14 'For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to
them; 15 to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his
ability. Then he went away. 16 The one who had received the five talents went off at once and
traded with them, and made five more talents. 17 In the same way, the one who had the two
talents made two more talents. 18 But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug
a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. 19 After a long time the master of those slaves
came and settled accounts with them. 20 Then the one who had received the five talents came
forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I
have made five more talents." 21 His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave;
you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the
joy of your master." 22 And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you
handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." 23 His master said to him,
"Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you
in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." 24 Then the one who had received
the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping
where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; 25 so I was afraid, and I
went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." 26 But his master replied,
"You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where
I did not scatter? 27 Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my
return I would have received what was my own with interest. 28 So take the talent from him, and
give it to the one with the ten talents. 29 For to all those who have, more will be given, and they
will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken
away. 30 As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be
weeping and gnashing of teeth."

PARISH PRAYERS FOR W/C SUNDAY 15TH NOVEMBER

A Thought for Sunday: Matthew 25:14-30, The parable of the Talents

A man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away.

Christ has made us, to be us, not some watered-down imitation because the nuisance of our ego has whispered that we are not good enough. and he says, you are worthy of what I have made. To receive the abundance mentioned above can only be achieved by prayer, we can only fully utilise our talents if we ask for his help to swat aside our egos. A few weeks ago, I quoted Heather ward, who said, "prayer is something that God does in me." Understanding that God is the constancy in us and we are the ones that just turn up, perhaps makes it easier to access Christ's spirit, to quieten the ego and be fully ourselves

For our Local Ministry Work and Schools

- Lord, we pray that you help us to use our God given talents wisely and for the good of all. Help us through prayer to know of your constant presence and to live the strength and courage that it provides.
- We pray for all those in our community who are considering their faith, may they too find the strength to walk through our doors and be encouraged to deepen their spiritual journey.
- As this community looks forward to advent, help everyone to look through the distractions and reflect on your coming and your message of repentance, hope and love.
- We pray for the places of conflict in our world today, especially for peace in the Middle-East, Ukraine and Sudan.
- We pray for the whole church community of Haslemere, this is a busy time for all. Strengthen all those that participate in spreading your word.

Those unwell or in need of prayer: Edward Murray and Joyce Douglas

Rest In Peace: Kenneth Suckling, Elizabeth Mocatta and Alastair Vartan

Upcoming Life Events:

Saturday 21st November	St Christopher's	12pm	Wedding of G. Berkeley & S. Fothergill
Thursday 3rd December	St Bartholomew's	12pm	Funeral of Alastair Vartan

PARISH NOTICES

What is Success? Friday 13th November, 7.30pm at Haslemere Hall. Haslemere Churches Together and Springs host an accessible talk for Christians and non-Christians by Rico Tice on What is Success? considering the relevance of Gospel in our culture today. Sign up on http://3countiesvineyard.churchsuite.com/events/v2cswbgp

Bell to Brew. After the school bell rings, head over to the link for a cuppa and activities for the kids. **Tuesday mornings from 8.30am- 10am** focus on preschoolers with messy play and toys. **Wednesday afternoons from 3- 4.30pm** will also have activities for primary aged children. No need to book.

Darkness to Light, Sunday 29th November, 6pm at St Bartholomew's Church
The service of Darkness to Light is a traditional choral service to mark the beginning of Advent. The service order revolves around some of the Advent prayers known as the O Antiphons. The service begins in darkness, after which candles will be lit and the lights will come on as the service proceeds. Darkness to Light is a wonderful curtain raiser for the Advent Season, do please join us.

Solo's Lunch Club– Sunday 13th December 12.30pm at The Green Olive. If anyone wishes to come along, please contact Vera Ruane. (07940) 812767. vera@ruane.plus.com

Mothers Union are collecting items for the women's refuges and Homeless projects in the diocese, before 19th November. A good way to help is to buy Tesco vouchers, £5 or £10 for families arriving with nothing. Otherwise, basic toiletries such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, shower gel, deodorant, shampoo etc will be gratefully received by Dorothea Nattrass or Sue Davis.

A shower, clean clothes and a little dignity. Haslemere Methodist church are raising money to install shower and laundry facilities, providing people who are homeless or facing housing insecurity with somewhere safe and welcoming to wash, freshen up and clean their clothes. If you would like to donate please visit their GoFundMe page: https://gofund.me/54a5672eb

Pop-In Coffee Morning and Hearing Champions– next clinic 26th November in The Link.
Our regular Pop-In Coffee Morning reaches out to those who would like a bit of company and a chat. Also, if you have a hearing aid, you can have it cleaned and serviced by our Hearing Champions service.