Holy Trinity
the Anglican parish for Surrey Hills & Mont Albert

Parish Press

Sunday November 8th, 2026

Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

Sentence

Watch and be ready, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.
Matthew 24.42, 44

Prayer of the Day

Eternal God,
you have taught us that the night is far spent
and the day is at hand:
keep us awake and alert,
watching for your kingdom,
so that when Christ, the bridegroom, comes
we may go out joyfully to meet him,
and with him enter into the marriage feast
that you have prepared for all who truly love you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Readings

Joshua 24.1-3, 14-25	Page (OT) 167
Psalm 78.1-7	Page (OT) 418
1 Thessalonians 4.9-18	Page 159
Matthew 25.1-13	Page 21

Today's services are

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30 am Holy Communion Service followed by morning tea

This week we pray for all who live on Croydon Rd, Surrey Hills

- A Christian Presence in Our Community since 1886 -

Mark's Reflection

Jesus' parable of the ten bridesmaids is a familiar story, but it carries an important and challenging message: "Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

The ten bridesmaids are waiting for the bridegroom to arrive. Five are prepared and have brought extra oil for their lamps. The other five have not. When the bridegroom is delayed, they all become tired and fall asleep. The difference is revealed when the announcement comes that the bridegroom has arrived. Those who have prepared are ready to go in; those who have no oil are left behind.

Jesus is not simply telling us to be anxious about the future or constantly wondering when he will return. Rather, he calls us to live faithfully in the present.

The bridegroom is delayed. Life continues. There are ordinary days of waiting, working, worshipping and serving. It is precisely during those ordinary days that our faith is formed.

Being ready for Christ means keeping our relationship with God alive. It means continuing to pray, worship, read Scripture, love our neighbour and serve others, even when there is no immediate sign that anything is about to happen.

The parable also reminds us that faith cannot simply be borrowed from someone else. The five wise bridesmaids could not give their oil to the others. Each of us is called to cultivate our own relationship with Christ.

There will be times when our faith feels strong and times when we struggle. But the invitation remains the same: stay close to Christ, remain faithful and keep watch.

We do not know what tomorrow will bring, nor do we know the hour when Christ will come. But we can choose how we live today.

May we therefore live each day with hearts prepared to welcome Christ — faithful in worship, generous in love, ready to serve, and confident in the hope of God's kingdom.

"Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."
— Matthew 25.13

God Bless

Mark

Men's Breakfast

Our next Men's Breakfast will be on Saturday November 14th at 8.30am at The Boulevard Café, Mont Albert. The cost is $25 to be paid on the day. Our speaker for the morning will be The Rev Howard Langmead, who will share stories and reflections on the place of faith and laughter in the Christian life. Everyone is welcome!
RSVP by 12th November to office@holytrinity.sh

Women's High Tea

Saturday December 5th, 2.00pm – 4.30pm at the Boulevard Café, Mont Albert. Cost is $40. Sign in sheet is in the Narthex.

Did you know we have a new Bishop?

Holy Trinity is now in the Nunawading Area of Episcopal Care, and Bishop Ben Wong is our new Bishop. The Ven Andrew Price is our Archdeacon. Our new Area Dean is the Rev Rachel McDougall.

Anglican Church Calendars

are available for order. Please add you name to the list in the Narthex. Cost is just $15.50.

Election Day Stall & "Democracy Sausage" - Saturday 28 November

It's time to start thinking about our Election Day Stall and Democracy Sausage!
We need volunteers to cook the BBQ, serve at the stall and welcome our local community on the day. We also need goodies for the stall — chutneys, jams, cakes, slices and biscuits. Ingredient slips will be provided for anything you make. A sign-up sheet is available to help organise the roster. For more information, please speak with Nigel or Sheila Cooper. Come along, lend a hand and help make it a great community day!

Parish Prayer List

Helen Burston, Stephen Binns, Thelma Fiddyment, Bruce Knox, Helen Morris, John and Sally James, Edith Jenkins, Ann Constable, Gwen Jackson, Verna Hubert, Mark, Leslie Gibbons, Sophie Caddis, Joan & Eddie Willenberg.

We remember

We give you thanks for your servants in every age. Grant that we, with all your saints, may be brought to a joyful resurrection and the fulfilment of your kingdom. Robert Hiscox, Harold Wilmot, Barbara Ure-Smith, Joan Angwin, Edward Dossetor (Lt. Col.), Helen Allsop, Charles Danvers. Maureen Barns (who passed way on October 31)

This Week at Holy Trinity

Wednesday

10am Holy Communion Service followed by morning tea

Thursday

Pick up something for our community pantry from the shops.

10am Parish Prayer Service

7.30pm Choir Practice

Saturday

8.30am Men's Breakfast

Sunday

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Sung Holy Communion Service followed by morning tea

Readings This Week

Monday	Luke 17.1-6
Tuesday	Luke 17.7-10
Wednesday	Luke 17.11-19
Thursday	Luke 17.20-25
Friday	Luke 17.26-37
Saturday	Luke 18.1-8

Sunday

Judges 4.1-10
Psalm 123
1 Thessalonians 5.1-11
Matthew 25.14-30

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