

Ecclesiastes 3



***"There is a time for everything...
...a time for war and a time for peace."***

Good morning and welcome to another Sunday of worship.

We're continuing to look at the early history of the Church through the lens of the Book of Acts and will be reading the story of Ananias & Saphira. If you've not read it before, be prepared for a bit of a shock. It's a very dramatic story and one that causes many of us to sit up and pay more attention than usual!

In between our 2 services today - just before 11:00am - we'll pause for an Act of Remembrance in which we'll give thanks for and remember all those who have lost their lives or sacrificed in other ways in the pursuit of true and lasting peace.

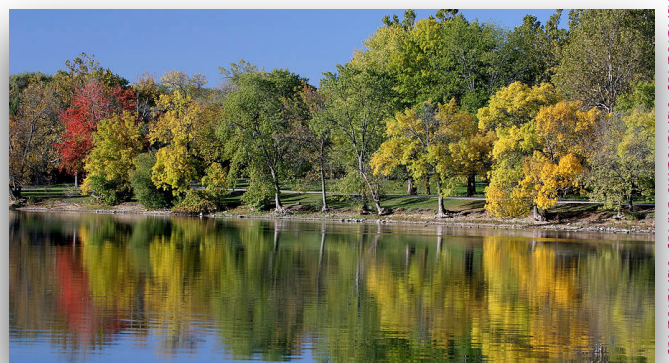
Act of Remembrance

Leader: They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
We will remember them.

Response: We will remember them.

A Collect for this Week

*God, our refuge and strength,
bring near the day when wars shall cease
and poverty and pain shall end,
that earth may know the peace of heaven
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*



Acts 5:1-11

1 Now a man named Ananias, together with his wife Sapphira, also sold a piece of property. 2 With his wife's full knowledge he kept back part of the money for himself, but brought the rest and put it at the apostles' feet. 3 Then Peter said, 'Ananias, how is it that Satan has so filled your heart that you have lied to the Holy Spirit and have kept for yourself some of the money you received for the land? 4 Didn't it belong to you before it was sold? And after it was sold, wasn't the money at your disposal? What made you think of doing such a thing? You have not lied just to human beings but to God.' 5 When Ananias heard this, he fell down and died. And great fear seized all who heard what had happened. 6 Then some young men

came forward, wrapped up his body, and carried him out and buried him. 7 About three hours later his wife came in, not knowing what had happened. 8 Peter asked her, 'Tell me, is this the price you and Ananias got for the land?' 'Yes,' she said, 'that is the price.' 9 Peter said to her, 'How could you conspire to test the Spirit of the Lord? Listen! The feet of the men who buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out also.' 10 At that moment she fell down at his feet and died. Then the young men came in and, finding her dead, carried her out and buried her beside her husband. 11 Great fear seized the whole church and all who heard about these events.

Luke 12:13-21

13 Someone in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.' 14 Jesus replied, 'Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?' 15 Then he said to them, 'Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.' 16 And he told them this parable: 'The ground of a certain rich man

yielded an abundant harvest. 17 He thought to himself, "What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops." 18 'Then he said, "This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. 19 And I'll say to myself, "You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry."' 20 'But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life will be

demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?"

21 'This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich towards God.'

Thank You



Thank you to everyone who helped run this year's Light Party. It was terrific to see so many new faces (and some old ones!) getting stuck in and serving last Friday. Thank you too to Naomi (and her extended family) for leading things so well.

Evening Prayer with Compline During Advent: Saturdays at 8pm



Mark Richards will be leading a weekly service of Evening Prayer with Compline each Saturday during Advent. Join Mark in the Lady Chapel at All Saints' for a beautiful, quiet, service full of rich liturgy, prayers and seasonal Bible readings.

Planning Ahead for Advent/Christmas: A Few Helpful Dates



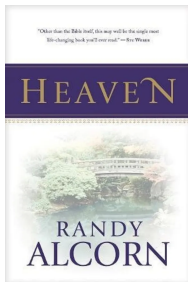
- 6:30pm Tuesday 9th December: **Carols on the Green** with a brass band (!) outside St Francis'
- 11:00am Sunday 14th December: **No Rehearsal Nativity**
- 4:00pm Sunday 21st December: **Christmas, Carols & Cake**

Remembering Alan Howarth



Our dear friend Alan died and went to be with the Lord on Tuesday 21st Oct. His funeral will be at 12noon on Monday 10th October (tomorrow) in All Saints'. "*Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.*"

Looking for a Good Book?



We'd love to commend a good book to you. Click the link to find "[Heaven](#)" by Randy Alcorn. There's also an abridged version called "[Heaven for Kids](#)". Both books are very readable and do a great job of describing much of what the Bible promises for life after death. Maybe you could read it through Advent?

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The Alpha Away Day

Saturday 22nd November 2025

in All Saints', Eastleigh Parish Church

Everyone is warmly invited to attend the Alpha Away Day.

As part of the current Alpha Course we're holding a special 'away day' - even though we're not actually going away! Even if you've not been on the course so far, you would be very welcome to attend.

The day will contain a mixture of the usual Alpha teaching videos and discussion groups as well as times of sung worship and an opportunity to pray for each other.

Programme

Coffee & pastries from **9:30am**

First session at **9:45am**

Bring-and-share lunch **12noon**

We'll aim to finish by **2:30pm**

Topics to be covered:

-  Who is the Holy Spirit?
-  What does the Holy Spirit do?
-  How can I be filled with the Holy Spirit?