#### **Contact Us**

The Rector parish currently in vacancy

**Priest in Charge** Revd Dr Peter Nevins vicar@stjnh.org.uk

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Curate-to-be Sarah Murphy

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#### **PCC Committee**

Revd Dr Peter Nevins (Chair)

Tom Murphy, David Steel, Ru Harding, John Marsh, Sarah Murphy Liz Thorne (Deputy Churchwarden) Shirley Dighton (Safeguarding) Clare Harding (Deanery Synod rep)

Jan Moir, Angie Thomas, Matt Sparkes, Libby Daghorn

If you would like make a donation to the parish our BACS details are; Acc: ? sort code: ? Parish of Okewood and Forest Green Cheques payable to 'Parish of Okewood and Forest Green'

Please join the Parish Giving Scheme, ask the Parish Office for details.

Okewood Church is open every day. Holy Trinity Forest Green is open every day.

**Discipleship Training Available** 

**Sarum College** www.sarum.ac.uk **Guildford Diocese** www.cofeguildford.org.uk/for-leaders/formation-and-training/

www.okfg.org

Parish office opening hours Wednesday, Thurs, Friday 9.30 to 1.00pm

# Welcome to The Parish of Okewood and Forest Green

"The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and he helps me. My heart leaps for joy, and with my song, I praise him." Psalm 28: 7

## **17 August 2025** Trinity 9

Gracious Father, revive your Church in our day, and make her holy, strong and faithful, for your glory's sake in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **Readings**

Old Testament Jeremiah 23: 23-29

New Testament Hebrews 11: 29-12: 2

The Gospel Luke 12: 49-56



## Service Schedule (until Sept 2025)

	1st Sunday	2nd Sunday	3rd Sunday	4th Sunday	5th Sunday
OKEWOOD	10.30am Holy Communion	10.30am Morning Worship	10.30am Morning Worship	I 0.30am All Age service	
FOREST GREEN				<b>6pm</b> Evening Worship	10.30am Joint Holy Comm.

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Gracious God,
as I bow before You in prayer,
I lift a heart filled with appreciation.
Thank You for the countless blessings that grace my life, the love of family, the warmth of friendship, and the beauty of Your creation.
In this prayer of thanksgiving,
I express my deep appreciation for the richness
You bring to my days. Amen.

## **Prayer List**

Please email or phone the parish office to be added to this list. Please include these people in your prayers;

The family and friends of David Overton.

Okewood Church Prayer Meeting – all welcome, Sundays 9.30-10am in the Ark.

We have a 'Listeners' What's App group which we use for sharing prayer points and church information. If you would like to be added to this group, please tell Liz Coleman.

On Monday mornings at 9.30am we gather, remotely, to pray for the people and needs of our Parish. If you would like to be a part of this prayer group, please speak to Liz Coleman. Everyone is welcome to pray with us.

**Memory Lane** - a support group for people with dementia - meets in the Cranleigh Arts Centre from 2.15pm every 1st & 3rd Monday each month. For details of events email: mamwild@aol.com or Tel: 01483 264398.

### Upcoming events.

Tea in the Sculpture Garden: 20 September Forest Church upcoming dates: 21 September

**Listening Lounge dates:** 6 Sept, 4 Oct, 1 Nov, Wilson room 9am **Pavilion Café Wednesday** 9.00-12 Ockley Cricket Pavilion

#### **Notices**

The service at Okewood on Sunday 17 August at 10.30am will be a Morning Worship service led by Sarah Murphy.

Sidesmen – David and Kay Steel

Reader – Diane Braidwood

Intercessor – Shirley Dighton

The service at Okewood on Sunday 24 August at 10.30am will be led by Elizabeth Coleman, with John White giving the talk. The service at Forest Green on Sunday 24 August at 6pm will be led by John White.

A memorial service for David Overton will take place at St John the Baptist, Okewood on Friday 15 August at 2pm.

Sunday 17th August 9.30 (if too early turn up whenever suits!)

Come along and have fun helping tidy the church and church yard at Forest Green. You will be rewarded with refreshments and a chance to meet other locals for a chat. Please remember to bring cleaning equipment, dusters, polish etc and tools for tidying and cutting back in the churchyard. See you there! Libby

The wedding of Jillian Johnson and Jack Hambleton will take place at Holy Trinity, Forest Green on Friday 22 August.

Congratulations and God's blessing to Jilly and Jack!

### Future Developments. Partnership with Okewood Nursery.

Starting this autumn, Okewood Nursery (run by Rupert and Emma Thorne) will be using The Ark on weekdays in term time for their younger children. The Ark will remain available for our use at evenings and weekends. This is a very exciting development, and we look forward to welcoming them!

The Parish Office for Okewood and Forest Green is now located in the Vestry at St John the Baptist, Okewood. Please do come and visit! From September, office hours will be Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, 9.30-12.30pm. The parish office phone number is 07763 772179 and the new email is <a href="mailto:admin@okfg.org">admin@okfg.org</a> Please use this email address going forward. To contact Ru Harding, our Treasurer, please email <a href="mailto:treasurer@okfg.org">treasurer@okfg.org</a>

On Sunday 31 August we will have a joint Holy Communion service at Forest Green at 10.30am, led by Revd Peter Nevins. There will be no service at Okewood on this Sunday.