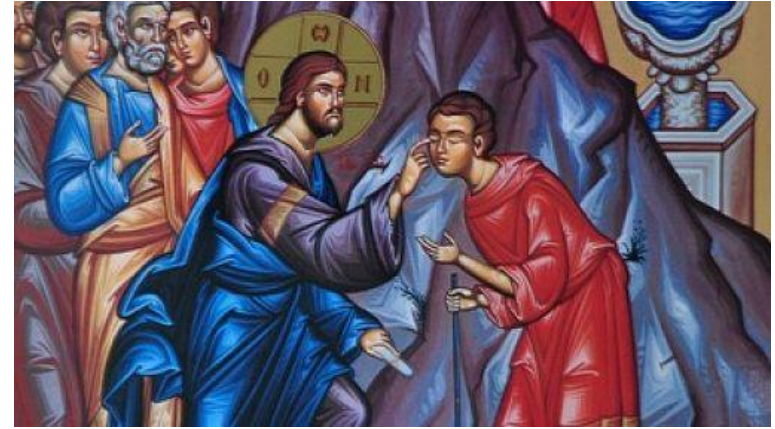


## Gospel Reading: St John Chapter 9 verses 1-13, 34-41

As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. <sup>2</sup> His disciples asked him, 'Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?' <sup>3</sup> 'Neither this man nor his parents sinned,' said Jesus, 'but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him. <sup>4</sup> As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no-one can work. <sup>5</sup> While I am in the world, I am the light of the world.' <sup>6</sup> After saying this, he spat on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man's eyes. <sup>7</sup> 'Go,' he told him, 'wash in the Pool of Siloam' (this word means 'Sent'). So the man went and washed, and came home seeing. <sup>8</sup> His neighbours and those who had formerly seen him begging asked, 'Isn't this the same man who used to sit and beg?' <sup>9</sup> Some claimed that he was. Others said, 'No, he only looks like him.' But he himself insisted, 'I am the man.' <sup>10</sup> 'How then were your eyes opened?' they asked. <sup>11</sup> He replied, 'The man they call Jesus made some mud and put it on my eyes. He told me to go to Siloam and wash. So I went and washed, and then I could see.' <sup>12</sup> 'Where is this man?' they asked him. 'I don't know,' he said. <sup>13</sup> They brought to the Pharisees the man who had been blind.'

<sup>34</sup> To this they replied, 'You were steeped in sin at birth; how dare you lecture us!' And they threw him out. <sup>35</sup> Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, and when he found him, he said, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' <sup>36</sup> 'Who is he, sir?' the man asked. 'Tell me so that I may believe in him.' <sup>37</sup> Jesus said, 'You have now seen him; in fact, he is the one speaking with you.' <sup>38</sup> Then the man said, 'Lord, I believe,' and he worshipped him. <sup>39</sup> Jesus said, 'For judgment I have come into this world, so that the blind will see and those who see will become blind.' <sup>40</sup> Some Pharisees who were with him heard him say this and asked, 'What? Are we blind too?' <sup>41</sup> Jesus said, 'If you were blind, you would not be guilty of sin; but now that you claim you can see, your guilt remains.'

## St Andrew's Garrison Church, Aldershot



**15<sup>th</sup> March 2026, 11am**

**All Welcome**



## Church Service (inc Zoom Service)

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2026, at 11am

(Zoom login possible from around 10:45am onwards)

**Minister:** Revd Andy Latifa, CF

**Organist:** Ian Crisp

**Bible Reading:** Sophia Morrison

### Welcome and Call to Worship

**Hymn CH4 – 14** “The Lord’s my Shepherd”

*Crimond*

### Prayer of Adoration and Confession, followed by Lord’s Prayer

**Hymn CH4 – 624** “In Christ there is no east or west”

*McKee*

**Reading 1:** 1 Samuel Chapter 16 verses 1–13

**Gospel Reading:** St John Chapter 9 verses 1-13, 34-41

**Hymn CH4 – 402** “Take up your cross”

*Breslau*

### Message

**Hymn CH4 – 540** “I heard the voice of Jesus say”

*Kingsfold*

*(Please remain standing, collection will be brought forward during this hymn)*

### Prayers of Intercession

**Hymn CH4 – 622** “We sing a love that sets all people free”

*Woodlands*

### Blessing, followed by Three Fold Amen

**Voluntary:** “Silent Worship”, G.F. Handel

### Reading 1: 1 Samuel Chapter 16 verses 1–13

The Lord said to Samuel, ‘How long will you mourn for Saul, since I have rejected him as king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and be on your way; I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem. I have chosen one of his sons to be king.’<sup>2</sup> But Samuel said, ‘How can I go? If Saul hears about it, he will kill me.’ The Lord said, ‘Take a heifer with you and say, “I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.”’<sup>3</sup> Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what to do. You are to anoint for me the one I indicate.’<sup>4</sup> Samuel did what the Lord said. When he arrived at Bethlehem, the elders of the town trembled when they met him. They asked, ‘Do you come in peace?’<sup>5</sup> Samuel replied, ‘Yes, in peace; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord. Consecrate yourselves and come to the sacrifice with me.’ Then he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.<sup>6</sup> When they arrived, Samuel saw Eliab and thought, ‘Surely the Lord’s anointed stands here before the Lord.’<sup>7</sup> But the Lord said to Samuel, ‘Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.’<sup>8</sup> Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass in front of Samuel. But Samuel said, ‘The Lord has not chosen this one either.’<sup>9</sup> Jesse then made Shammah pass by, but Samuel said, ‘Nor has the Lord chosen this one.’<sup>10</sup> Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, but Samuel said to him, ‘The Lord has not chosen these.’<sup>11</sup> So he asked Jesse, ‘Are these all the sons you have?’ ‘There is still the youngest,’ Jesse answered. ‘He is tending the sheep.’ Samuel said, ‘Send for him; we will not sit down until he arrives.’<sup>12</sup> So he sent for him and had him brought in. He was glowing with health and had a fine appearance and handsome features. Then the Lord said, ‘Rise and anoint him; this is the one.’<sup>13</sup> So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the Lord came powerfully upon David. Samuel then went to Ramah.

**Tea, Coffee and Biscuits** are served in the Church Hall after this service. Our thanks to Liz Crisp for serving this week.

**Flowers List** The 2026 list for those signing up to provide flowers (or pay for flowers) is now at the back of the church. Our thanks to Frances Dixon for the flowers in church this week, in memory of Doris Dow.

**Easter Coffee Morning.** Everyone is invited to our Easter Coffee morning on 28 March from 10.30 to 12 noon in the church hall. Enjoy Hot Cross Buns and other Easter goodies with your tea or coffee whilst chatting to friends. There will be Easter goods on sale and home-made marmalade and cakes. Friends and family will be very welcome and all money raised will go to Naomi House, a hospice for children and young people. The Social Committee look forward to seeing you there.

**Stamps** If you have been collecting used stamps, Elspeth Russell will be pleased to receive them and pass them on to raise money for charity.

**Gift Aid Envelopes** – There are Gift Aid envelopes at the back of the church that allow you to Gift Aid individual weekly offerings.

**For Weddings, Baptisms, Funerals or to Otherwise Contact the Church, please use the address, telephone number or email below:**

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