This week's image - Guatape rock steps, Columbia.

Today's readings - we read in the letter to the Hebrews that "faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen". Let us hold those words in our minds as we meet God today and during this week. Todays image of the Guatape rock steps in Columbia is of something very challenging. At Cafe Church together today we will be exploring more about unity and the challenges we face. I wonder when we might have felt like giving up, especially when faced with all those steps like today's image?! Can we recall what helped us to keep going? In our lectionary readings today Abram trusted God. What are we trusting God for?

Faithful Lord, we pray with confidence, assured that our prayers will be answered even if the answer is not what we hoped for... We pray for the world's leaders and governors; that their focus may be steadfastly on God's kingdom and that their decisions and actions might channel the love and grace of God. We pray for those affected by natural disasters particularly those in southern India in the recent landslide. We continue to pray for Gaza and Ukraine, that a way forward may be found. Have mercy Lord. We pray for our local communities and pray for all involved in planning and putting the Capel Show together, praying for a good experience for everyone, We pray for all those who suffer in body, mind or spirit and especially for Jennifer, Tessa, Philomena, Nicky, Nick, George, Sally, Doreen, Joy, Shirley, Dianne, Hannah and Margaret. We name before you also our own loved ones who are no longer with us but have entered your eternal rest. We pray for all who mourn their loss especially Jessie and family and Shirley and family.

We welcomed the Ayling family to St Margaret's last Sunday afternoon where their daughter Scarlett was baptised and welcomed into the family of the church. We wish Scarlett and her family every blessing as she begins her journey of faith. Congratulations!

<u>Volunteers needed</u> for our Burgers and Hot Dog stall. Help needed between 11 and 4.30pm, flipping burgers, frying onions, slicing tomatoes, shedding lettuce, topping up sauces, serving food and soft drinks, taking cash, cleaning up...and when its over, taking down the tents. We also need able bodied volunteers to help put up our tent and set up tables etc the day before. If you can help on ether day, sign the sheet in the back of church or email Helen on helenmb0909@gmail.com or call/text on 07990597553. Thank you!!

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Parish of Capel and Ockley

Sunday 10th August 2025

Eighth Sunday after Trinity



#### **TODAY**

### **Local Churches Together CAFE CHURCH**

10.30 Cafe Church at Okewood, Ockley and Forest Green Show Marquee

Our 3rd annual event with the parish of Okewood and Forest Green held at Okewood Recreation ground in the big marquee the day after their Summer Show

#### Sunday 17th August - Trinity 9

9.30 Parish Communion BCP - Ockley

St Margaret's newly built 'loos' will be dedicated today - do join us in thanks to all those who made this much

needed facility possible!

## Sunday 24th August - Trinity 10

10.30 Parish Morning Worship - Capel

# Sunday 31st August - Trinity 11

9.30 Parish Communion CW - Ockley

**Every Wednesday** 9 - 12 Pavilion Café in Ockley, Cricket Pavilion with visit from Community Fridge

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Hebrews 11.1

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