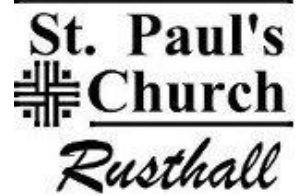


Sunday 31st August 2025

THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY



Collect for the Week

God of glory,
the end of our searching,
help us to lay aside
all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom,
and to give all that we have
to gain the pearl beyond all price,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

8:00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

President & Preacher: The Vicar

10.00 am Parish Eucharist (CW)

President & Preacher: The Vicar

10.00 am Family Service at the Church Centre + Zoom

Lead: Susan Powley, Links: Wendy & Graeme Anderson

Hymns: Christ is the World
The Servant King
Lord Jesus Christ, you have come to us
Just as I am

Reading: Hebrews 13:1-8 (NIV page 1212)

6.30 pm Evensong (BCP)

Minister & Preacher: Tim Harrold

Hymn:	NEH 335 All praise to thee, for thou, O King divine	
Psalm:	Psalm 149 (BCP page 536)	
1 st Reading:	Isaiah 33.13-22 (NRSV page 688)	Emma Hope
Magnificat:	B	
2 nd Reading:	John 3.22-36 (NRSV page 101)	Mione Palmer
Nunc Dimittis:	B	
Anthem:	Come down, O love divine - Harris	
Hymn:	NEH 331 Abide with me; fast falls the eventide	
Amen:	18	

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY 1st September *Giles of Provence, hermit, c.710*

8.00 pm PCC meeting in the Lodge

TUESDAY 2nd *The Martyrs of Papua New Guinea, 1901 and c1942*

Parish Office closed

10.30 am Strategy meeting at Churchside

WEDNESDAY 3rd *Gregory the Great, bishop of Rome, teacher of the fith, 604*

9.00 am Morning Prayer at the Church Centre – The Vicar

9.00 am Playtime at St Paul's

10.00 am Church at the Church Centre open for private prayer

7.30 pm Autumn Fayre Planning Meeting in The Lodge

THURSDAY 4th *Birinius, Bishop of Dorchester, apostle of Wessex, 650*

10.00 am Church at the Church Centre open for private prayer

11.30 am Holy Communion at the Church Centre – The Vicar

12.30 pm Lunch Club at the Church Centre

6.00 pm Wedding Rehearsal at the Parish Church

FRIDAY 5th

10.00 am Church at the Church Centre open for private prayer

12.30 pm Community Larder at the Church Centre

SATURDAY 6th *Allen Gardiner, missionary, founder of the South American Missionary Society, 1851*

10 am-4 pm Choristers Café in the Lodge

3:30 pm Wedding of Harry Barden and Saskia Carter

NEXT SUNDAY 7th September

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

President & Preacher: The Vicar

10.00 am Parish Eucharist (CW)

President : The Vicar

Minister & Preacher: Daphne Pilcher

10.00 am Family Service at the Church Centre + Zoom

Lead: Susan Powley, Links: Wendy & Graeme Anderson

10 am-4 pm Choristers Café in the Lodge

6.30 pm Evensong (BCP)

Minister & Preacher: The Vicar



Altar Flowers at the Parish Church

The altar flowers are given today
by Jenny and Ray Beaumont in loving
memory of their parents
Bill & Florence and John & Delia

NEWS AND NOTES

From The Vicarage

Greetings to you all and a warm welcome to our services today, the Eleventh Sunday after Trinity. As we worship and share fellowship together may I take this opportunity to say farewell to members who are returning to or starting University. You go with our blessings and you remain in our thoughts and prayers, wishing you a time of great adventure and personal growth.

I hope some of you will be able to join in the Global Week of 24-7 Prayer which is from the 1st - 7th September. There is a week-long prayer programme organised by Churches for Tunbridge Wells (CfTW) at the Gatehouse in Market Square, TN1 2SW. I will be there for some of the time. The full details are at the back of each church.

Ronnie

The Molyneux Almshouses

The Molyneux Almshouses in the High Street have provided affordable accommodation in Rusthall for over 100 years. We are looking for new trustees, to replace people who have recently retired or are soon to retire from the Board of Trustees. We are particularly interested in people with ICT and building/maintenance knowledge, but other skillsets are of course always welcome. Prior trustee experience is not required. It's a very rewarding role. To find out more, please contact Gill Prater, at gill.prater@molyneux-almshouses.co.uk or on 07563 245 315. The Vicar and Phil Vernon are currently trustees, so you can also approach them for information.

Ride and Stride 2025 Saturday 13th September – Friends of Kent Churches

For those of you who have not come across it before, the idea is to get sponsorship to visit as many churches in Kent as possible either by walking or cycling between 10 am and 6 pm on the day. It is great fun and there are delicious refreshments provided by many of the churches on the way!!! The money raised goes towards paying for repairs and renovations of churches in Kent. It is split equally between the Diocese (to go towards larger projects) and our own church St. Paul's. Last year St Paul's partakers raised £755. A record amount of £151,018 was raised across the whole of Kent!

There are sponsor forms and Tunbridge Wells maps showing the location of all the churches, as well as Friends of Kent Churches information available at the back of both Churches.

A group will be cycling around the Romney Marsh churches where it is very flat and the roads are less busy. They will meet at Appledore village hall car park at 9.45 am on the day. We also need volunteers to sit for an hour at a time in each church recording the walkers and cyclists as they come through and providing simple refreshments. There is a sign-up board at the back of the church for those who are able to help with this. If you would like to take part as a walker or cyclist and want to know more about the routes please contact Jane Goldsworthy on 07846 266085 or jane_goldsworthy@yahoo.co.uk

From Ginette

As many of you already know I am stepping down from my role as Parish Administrator, in fact taking early retirement, at the end of September. Sweety will also retire from her job as 'meeter and greeter' in the office. We have both thoroughly enjoyed over eleven years of being the first point of contact for St Paul's and will have lots of tales to tell and memories to treasure.

Stationery for Sierra Leone

The stationery for Freetown has been collected for shipping and we look forward to hearing that it has arrived to be distributed for the beginning of term in September. We have currently raised £1,050 which is amazing. Thank you all for your generosity. It is not too late to make a donation – hopefully we can raise the full amount of £1,260.

First Honey - Raffle

Tickets are £1 a strip and are still available from the Parish Church, The Church Centre, The Parish Office, Angela or Jean. The draw will take place on the next Sunday.

Parish Churchyard

We now have a map/plan dividing the churchyard (at the Parish Church) into various zones, allowing for spring & summer meadows, wildlife corridors and mown areas. If you would like to help you would be very welcome – open to the whole community. Speak to Ronnie, Ginette or May if you are interested. When I return from annual leave I will be in touch to organise our first session.

Family Service Children's Group

The Children's Group will restart on 7th September. Children are of course very welcome to attend Family Service throughout the summer. Please get in touch with Mary Holmes mary@mandmcreative.co.uk or 07881371684 with any queries and more importantly if you are interested in helping lead the group!

Autumn Fayre Planning Meeting

The Autumn Fayre on November 15th is rapidly approaching. To help with the organisation, a planning meeting will be held this Wednesday 3rd September in The Lodge at 7.30 pm. If you would like to be part of the team to help with this event or you have any suggestions for new stalls or activities, please come along to the meeting or get in touch with me jeankerr@stpaulsrusthall.org.uk or via the Parish Office. Thank you.

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