

Sunday 7th September 2025

THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Feast Day of the Blessed Virgin Mary



Collect for the Week

God of constant mercy,
who sent your Son to save us:
remind us of your goodness,
increase your grace within us,
that our thankfulness may grow,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.



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: Wendy Anderson, Links: Karen Miller

Hymns: Oh Jesus I Have Promised
When I Feel the Touch
God Forgave My Sins
Ye Servants of God

Reading: Philemon: 1-21 (Good News)

6.30 pm Evensong (BCP) followed by refreshments

Minister & Preacher: The Vicar

Hymn:	NEH 480(†15) In Christ there is no East or West	
Psalm:	Psalm 37 vs 1-12 (BCP page 389)	
1 st Reading:	Isaiah 43.14-44.5 (NRSV page 699)	Paul Barter
Magnificat:	C	
2 nd Reading:	John 5.30-end (NRSV page 103)	May Graves
Nunc Dimittis:	C	
Anthem:	If ye love me - Tallis	
Hymn:	NEH 427 O Praise ye the Lord!	
Amen:	19	

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY 8th Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Accession of King Charles III, 2022

TUESDAY 9th *Charles Fuge Lowder, priest, 1880*

Parish Office closed

WEDNESDAY 10th

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

THURSDAY 11th

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

FRIDAY 12th

10.00 am Church at the Church Centre open for private prayer

12.30 pm Community Larder at the Church Centre

SATURDAY 13th John Chrysostom, Bishop of Constantinople, teacher of the faith, 407

10 am-4 pm Choristers Café in the Lodge

10am-6pm Ride and Stride

6.30 pm Son et Lumiere at the Parish Church

NEXT SUNDAY 14th September

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

President & Preacher: The Vicar

10.00 am Parish Eucharist (CW)

President & Preacher: Rev Nicholas Burton, Minister: The Vicar

10.00 am Family Service at the Church Centre + Zoom

Lead: Tim Harrold, Link: Liz Goddard

10 am-4 pm Choristers Café in the Lodge

6.30 pm Evensong (BCP)

Minister & Preacher: Tim Harrold

NEWS AND NOTES

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

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.

HONEY SUNDAY

The raffle will be drawn today, after the service in The Lodge and then the long awaited Churchyard Honey will be on sale! £6.50 for a small pot and £10 for a large pot . Drizzle Stick £1.

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 today. Please get in touch with Mary Holmes mary@mandmcrative.co.uk or 07881371684 with any queries and more importantly if you are interested in helping lead the group!

Harvest

... is nearly upon us and the flower team are a little concerned, what will be left to decorate the church? As mother nature appears to be in a bit of a rush this year, berries, acorns, beech nuts, etc. are all in abundance in our hedgerows now and as we have only a month to go, what will remain? The Harvest pedestal as yet does not have a sponsor. Rather than just one person bearing the cost, perhaps a group would be interested. Jill McAllister

Son et Lumiere

An exciting concert by our choir blending choral music with an immersive theatrical light show. Come and see our church in a way never seen before. This Saturday at 6.30pm.

Family Service meeting.

The next Family Service meeting will now be held on 17th September at 8pm in The Church Centre. All are welcome to attend.

National Emergency Alarm Test.

The government is running a test for the National Emergency Alarm system on 7th September at 3pm. This means that all mobile phones and tablets should make a siren noise even if they are in silent mode. A message should also appear confirming that it is only a test.

Autumn Fayre - !5th November

Please could we have donations of bottle, toiletries and cakes for the stalls at the fayre. Collection boxes will be in both churches. Also volunteers to set up on Friday 14th evening, and to help on the day. Please let Chris or Jean know if you are able to help.

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