

Sunday 14th September 2025

THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (HOLY CROSS DAY)



Collect for the Week

Almighty God,
You search us and know us:
May we rely on you in strength
And rest on you in weakness,
now and in all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.



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

Hymns: I've got joy, joy, joy deep in my heart
I will sing the wonderful story
Make me a channel of your peace
Give thanks with a grateful heart

Reading: Luke 15.1-10 (NIV page 1048)

6.30 pm Evensong (BCP)

Minister: Tim Harrold, Preacher: Daphne Pilcher

Hymn:	NEH 396 Let saints on earth in concert sing	
Psalm:	Psalm 74 vs 1-10 (BCP page 438)	
1 st Reading:	Isaiah 43.14-44.5 (NRSV page 699)	Cherry Mead
Magnificat:	D	
2 nd Reading:	John 5.30-end (NRSV page 103)	Tony Johnson
Nunc Dimittis:	D	
Anthem:	O Saviour of the world - Goss	
Hymn:	NEH 244 Glory to thee, my God, this night	
Amen:	1	

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY 15th *Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage, Martyr, 258*

10.00 am Church at the Church Centre open for private prayer

TUESDAY 16th *Ninian, Bishop of Galloway, apostle of the Picts, 432*

Edward Bouverie Pussey, priest, Tractarian, 1882

Parish Office closed

WEDNESDAY 17th *Hildegard, Abbess of Bingen, visionary, 1179*

Lambert, Bishop of Maastricht, martyr, 709 (BCP)

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

8.00 pm Family Service meeting at the Church Centre

THURSDAY 18th

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 *Theodore of Tarsus, Archbishop of Canterbury, 690*

10.00 am Church at the Church Centre open for private prayer

12.30 pm Community Larder at the Church Centre

SATURDAY 13th *John Coleridge Patteson, first Bishop of Melanesia & Companions, Martyrs, 1871*

10 am-4 pm Choristers Café in the Lodge

NEXT SUNDAY 21st September

Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity - Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist

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President & Preacher: The Vicar

10.00 am Parish Eucharist (CW)

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10.00 am Family Service at the Church Centre + Zoom

Lead: Daphne Pollard, Link Rosemary Romano

10 am-4 pm Choristers Café in the Lodge

6.30 pm Choral Evensong (BCP)

Minister: The Vicar



Altar Flowers at the Parish Church

The altar flowers are given today
by Tim Harrold in loving memory of
his parents Eileen and Alexander Harrold
& his brother David Harrold

NEWS AND NOTES

From the Vicarage

Greetings and a warm welcome to our services today, the Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity, also Holy Cross Day. As we worship and share fellowship with one another, we give thanks and rejoice for all that Jesus did for us, especially what he accomplished through the cross.

A big thank you to the Choir, Nic and everyone else who attended the Choir concert yesterday. The whole experience was sur-real. The singing was angelic and the lighting display was heavenly.

RIP

As you may already have heard we have received the very sad news that Len Evans, one of the Founders of Family Service, died last week at the age of 102. We will keep you informed about the funeral arrangements in due course.

The Living Hope Group

The Living Hope Group will now be meeting on the second Thursday of every month, at 7.30 pm, in the Sanctuary in Tim Harrold's garden. If you would like to join this one or are interested in a day-time group, please contact Tim Harrold.

Planned Giving Scheme

In the coming weeks PGS is launching a new digital giving platform and the PGS website will be taken offline from 3 pm Wednesday 13th October, remaining unavailable until the new system launches on Thursday 30th October. During this time, registering or amending regular or one-off gifts will not be possible. PGS will begin communicating with givers from Tuesday 16th September, so those using the scheme for their giving will be hearing from PGS.

Ride and Stride 2025

A big thank you to everyone who took part in the Ride and Stride yesterday, either as a 'strider', 'rider' or 'church-sitter'. Your involvement and support made it a worthwhile event.

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 £1,120 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.

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. I will be in touch soon to organise our first session. Ginette.

Hospice Run 2025

As you may be aware this year's run will be next Sunday 21st September. The road closures that affect us will be from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm. It should be possible to leave before 12.30 pm with guidance from the stewards though. There is steward briefing this week to try and improve upon last year. Also we welcome today Kerry Berry from Hospice in the Weald who will be available to answer any queries after the service at them Parish Church this morning.

Autumn Fayre 15th November 2025

How can you help? Could you provide a bar of chocolate for the chocolate tombola, or a few sweets for the sweets in a jar stall? Could you bake a cake or make some jam? Have you any books you have read that others might enjoy or toys that are no longer played with? What about that bar of soap from Auntie Mary that is lurking at the back of the bathroom cabinet? Bottles, alcoholic or not, raffle prizes? In short, have you something that someone else would like to buy? If so please leave your donations in the large white box by the Font in the Parish Church or in the pink box at the front of the Church Centre. Volunteers are also needed. If you can spare an hour to help please see Chris Dobson, Jean Kerr or let the Parish Office know. Thank you.

Harvest Festival Sunday 5th October

... is nearly upon us and the flower team are a little concerned about what will be available 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.

Family Service meeting.

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

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