

Sunday 21st September 2025

THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist



Collect for the Week

Merciful God,
your Son came to save us
and bore our sins on the cross:
may we trust in your mercy
and know your love,
rejoicing in the righteousness
that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord.



8:00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

President & Preacher: The Vicar

10.00 am Parish Eucharist (CW)

President & Preacher: The Vicar, Minister: Daphne Pilcher

10.00 am Family Service at the Church Centre + Zoom

Lead: Daphne Pollard, Link: Rosemary Romano

Hymns: In Christ alone
The Lord's my Shepherd
Beauty for brokenness
Autumn days

Readings: 1 Timothy 2.1-7 (NIV page 1191)
Luke 16.1-13 (NIV page 1049)

6.30 pm Choral Evensong (BCP)

Minister: The Vicar

Introit: Behold the tabernacle of God – Harris
Responses: Tomkins
Hymn: NEH 362 (tune 185) Glorious things of thee are spoken
Psalm: Psalm 106 verses 1-12 (BCP page 483)
1st Reading: Ecclesiastes 5.4-12 (NRSV page 645) Tim Cripps
Magnificat: Stanford in B flat
2nd Reading: Matthew 19.16-end (NRSV page 22) Anthony Hughes
Nunc Dimittis: Stanford in B flat
Anthem: The heavens are telling - Haydn
Hymn: NEH 413 Now thank we all our God
Amen: Belfast amen - Stopford

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY 22nd

10.00 am Church at the Church Centre open for private prayer

TUESDAY 23rd

Parish Office closed

WEDNESDAY 24th

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 25th *Lancelot Andrews, Bishop of Winchester, Spiritual Writer, 1622*

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

1.00 pm Wedding rehearsal at the Parish Church

2.00 pm Wedding rehearsal at the Parish Church

FRIDAY 26th *Wilson Carlile, Founder of the Church Army, 1942*

10.00 am Church at the Church Centre open for private prayer

12.30 pm Community Larder at the Church Centre

1.30 pm Wedding at the Parish Church with the Choir

SATURDAY 27th *Vincent de Paul, Founder of the Congregation of the Mission (Lazarists) 1660*

10 am-4 pm Choristers Café in the Lodge

12.30 pm Wedding at the Parish Church with the Choir

NEXT SUNDAY 28th September

Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

President & Preacher: The Vicar

10.00 am Matins (BCP)

Minister & Preacher: Tim Harrold

10.00 am Family Service with Communion at the Church Centre + Zoom

President: The Vicar, Link: Susan Powley

10 am-4 pm Choristers Café in the Lodge

6.30 pm Parish Eucharist (CW)

President & Preacher: The Vicar

NEWS AND NOTES

From the Vicarage

Greetings and a warm welcome to our services today, the Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity, when we also reflect on the life of Matthew the Apostle and evangelist, and thank God for all that he did through him. As we worship the Almighty God together and share fellowship with one another, I pray that we may avail ourselves afresh to God's guiding presence in and around us and continually yield to the lead of the Holy Spirit.

RIP

As you may already have heard we have received the very sad news that Michael Ball died last Thursday. His funeral and committal will be held at the Parish Church on Thursday 2nd October at 1.30 pm.

A service of Thanksgiving for the life of Leonard John Evans will be held at 2.30 pm at the Kent and Sussex Crematorium in Tunbridge Wells on Wednesday 1st October 2025.

We have also been told of the death of Judy Hanford, who was at Rusthall Lodge.

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.

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 £1,190 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 Office

Unfortunately BT have turned off the land line number to the office (521447). This is taking some time to sort out. In the meantime you can call Ronnie on 07796 655225, the vicarage 52135, Ginette on 07775 801984. Sincere Apologies for the inconvenience. We are still receiving emails, office@stpaulsrusthall.org.uk. We hope to have this resolved by Friday 3rd October.



Altar Flowers at the Parish Church

The altar flowers are given today
In loving memory of Pauline Giles
Mum to Jo Winter
and Grandma to Stella and Marcy

Harvest Service 5th October 2025

Please join us for a special Harvest service. Rusthall Girlguiding wish to celebrate the 175th Anniversary of St Paul's with something special. The Church has only had eight incumbents, (vicars), in that time and it was felt a service that covered the history of the growth of the Church and village during that time would be interesting. We hope to display how Harvest has changed during the church's life. Please remember to bring your Harvest gifts as usual. If you are unable to attend the service you are welcome to leave items at the Parish Office.

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.

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.

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