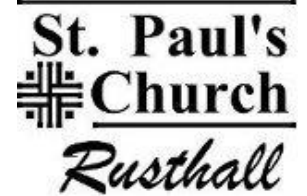


Sunday 26th July 2026

The EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY



Collect for the Week

Lord God,
your Son left the riches of heaven
and became poor for our sake:
when we prosper save us from pride,
when we are needy save us from despair,
that we may trust in you alone;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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- 8.00 am** **Holy Communion (BCP)**
President and Preacher: The Vicar
- 10.00 am** **Joint Parish Eucharist Service at the Church Centre**
President and Preacher: The Vicar Link: Viv Littlechild
- See Separate Booklet**
- 4.30 pm** **Taizé Service, Church Centre**
Minister: Tim Harrold
- 6.30 pm** **Compline (BCP)**



The altar flowers today are
in loving memory of Tony Bourne, a
dearly loved husband, dad and
grandad and for many years a faithful
member of the choir.

Sermons from several recent services are now available on our website

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY 27th July

Brooke Foss Westcott, Bishop of Durham, teacher of the faith, 1901

- 9.00 am **Morning Prayer at the Parish Church with the Vicar**
10.00 am **Church Centre open for private prayer**

TUESDAY 28th July

Parish Office Closed

WEDNESDAY 29th July

Mary, Martha and Lazarus, companions of Our Lord.

- 9.00 am **Morning prayer at the Church Centre – Tim Harrold**
9.00 am Playtime at St Paul's, Church Centre
10.00 am Church Centre open for private prayer
11.00 am Organ inspection Parish Church closed all day

THURSDAY 30th

William Wilberforce, social reformer, Olaudah Equiano and Thomas Clarkson, anti-slavery campaigners 1833, 1797 and 1846

- 10.00 am Church Centre open for private prayer
11.30 am **Holy Communion at the Church Centre with the Vicar**
12.30 pm Lunch Club at the Church Centre

FRIDAY 31st July

Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Society of Jesus, 1556

- 10.00 am Church Centre open for private prayer
12.30 pm Community Larder at the Church Centre
6.30 pm Junior Choir Practice
7.30 pm Full Choir Practice

SATURDAY 1st August 2026

- 10.00 am – 4.00 pm Choristers Café

NEXT SUNDAY 2nd August 2026

THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

- 8.00 am **Holy Communion (BCP)**
President and Preacher: The Vicar
10.00 am **Parish Eucharist**
10.00 am **Family Service at the Church Centre**
Lead: Liz Goddard Link: Chris Bassett
10.00 am – 4.00 pm Choristers Café

6.30 pm Evensong

Monday 3rd August 2026

- 12.30 pm Marriage Ceremony of Khloe Prosser and James Donovan at the Parish Church

NEWS AND NOTES

From the Vicarage

Greetings to you all and a very warm welcome to our services today, the Eighth Sunday after Trinity. A special welcome to our 10 am Joint Service at the Church Centre, to our monthly 4 pm Taizé Service at the Church Centre and our 6.30 pm Compline at the Parish Church. As we continue to worship together, may we also continue to grow in grace so that in all things and at all times, our lives may increasingly reflect God's amazing love.

Taizé Service

In our Taizé service today, we hear about the parable of the Pearl Merchant. You may wonder why pearls and not gold, sapphires or emeralds. This is a consequence of Roman rule with that empire valuing pearls above all others. They were the symbol of purity and perfection. It speaks volumes about the importance and value of the Kingdom of Heaven and encourages us to reflect on our own priorities. Many thanks. Tim Harrold

Flower Team

A big thank you to everyone who so kindly sponsored August's flowers. Also, to everyone who signed up during the year. This helps us to make our lovely Church even more beautiful.

Now a rather strange request! Please may we have your empty tins of salmon and tuna for harvest. That would be fantastic.

Many thanks. Jill McAllister

Thames River Trust Public Consultation

Please see the posters that have been put up in the Church Centre, Parish Church and Lodge from the Thames River Trust. Their consultation, "Bring Back the Eel," is asking people across the catchment area (in which we sit) to share their knowledge, memories and sightings of eels in local waterways. Every response helps them understand where eels remain and what's needed to support their recovery.

The European Eel is one of our most endangered species with numbers having fallen by 95% since the 1980's.

Autumn Fayre

During the PCC Meeting on Monday 20th July 2026 it was decided that there will be no Autumn Fair in 2026.

Family Service 9th August 2026

Unfortunately, due to lack of personnel to run Family Service on 9th August 2026, it has proved necessary to cancel the service. There is still a service available at 10am at the Parish Church and transport could be available if that is required. Please contact the Parish Office for further details.

Flowers at the Church Centre

Some of the flowers at the Church Centre this week are placed by members of Family Service in loving memory of Len Evans, a long-term member of this parish, who would have been 103 this week.

Youth Council Autumn Project

We are delighted to be welcoming new families to church each Sunday and with Ronnie's fantastically enthusiastic blessing we will be looking at re- designing the children's corner to make it a special place for the children to enjoy. We would be grateful for any ideas you may have to add to ours. Please share with Angela or Jean (culley.angela@yahoo.com) (jeankerr@stpaulsrusthall.org.uk) and we will ensure CYC gets them. I have no doubt we will be making further requests as the project develops!

CAFÉ HELPERS - Help during August

The next tricky weekends for staffing the café are:

August 1st & 2nd (no specific team)

August 8th & 9th (no specific team)

August 29th & 30th (5th weekend)

If you can give even just an hour's help on any of these weekends. PLEASE LET ME KNOW. Caroline Johnson (caroline18sg@gmail.com).

2026 Events Survey

As many of you will have already seen, on each pew in the Church is a QR code which takes you to a survey about our 2026 events. Completing the survey takes only a couple of minutes and we are grateful for every response. Please complete the survey if you can.

If you haven't visited the Church in the last week or so, the QR code can also be accessed here. Any questions please contact Tim Harrold on 07413 805814 or tim.harrold@outlook.com.



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