

Sunday 16th August 2026

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 and Preacher: The Vicar

10.00 am

Parish Eucharist Service (CW)

President, Minister and Preacher: The Vicar

10.00 am

Family Service at the Church Centre + Zoom

Leader: Tim Harrold Link: Rosemary Romano

Hymns: Joy, Joy, Joy down in my heart
God forgave my sin in Jesus name
All I once held dear
Let there be love shared amongst us

Reading: Genesis 45. 1 -15

6.30 pm

Evensong (BCP)

Minister and Preacher: Tim Harrold

Hymn: NEH 439 (2nd tune) (omit verses 3 and 4)
Praise to the Holiest in the height

Psalm: Psalm 85

1st Reading: 2 Kings 4. 1 – 37 (NRVS p. 359)
Deborah Bruce

Magnificat: A

2nd Reading: Acts 16. 1 - 15 (NRVS p. 145) Cherry Mead

Nunc Dimittis: A

Anthem: O Lord, increase our faith - Loosemore

Hymn: NEH 331 Abide with me, falls the eventide

Amen: 9

Sermons from several recent services are now available on our website

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY 17th August 2026

- 9.00 am **Morning Prayer at the Parish Church with the Vicar**
10.00 am Church Centre open for private prayer
3.15 pm Funeral Service of John Rusbridge at the Kent and Sussex Crematorium, Tunbridge Wells

TUESDAY 18th August

Parish Office Closed

WEDNESDAY 19th August

- 9.00 am **Morning prayer at the Church Centre – Tim Harrold**
9.00 am Playtime at St Paul's, Church Centre
10.30 am Zillah Witt, Interment of Ashes at the Parish Church
10.00 am Church Centre open for private prayer

THURSDAY 20th August

- Bernard, Abbot of Clairvaux, teacher of the faith, 1153*
10.00 am Church Centre open for private prayer
11.00 am Communion Administration at Mount Ephraim House, Tim Harrold
11.30 am **Holy Communion at the Church Centre with the Vicar**
12.30 pm Lunch Club at the Church Centre

FRIDAY 21st August

- 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 22nd August 2026

- 10.00 am – 4.00 pm Choristers Café
10.00 am Finance Committee Meeting at the Church Centre

NEXT SUNDAY 23rd August 2026

THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

- 8.00 am **Holy Communion (BCP)**
Minister and Preacher: The Vicar
10.00 am **Matins**
Minister and Preacher: Reverend Nicholas Burton
10.00 am **Family Communion Service at the Church Centre**
Lead: The Vicar Link: Jean Kerr
10.00 am – 4.00 pm Choristers Café
4.00 pm Taizé at the Church Centre with Tim Harrold
6.30 pm Parish Eucharist: President and Preacher: The Vicar

NEWS AND NOTES

From the Vicarage

Greetings and a warm welcome to our services today, the Eleventh Sunday after Trinity. As we worship together, I pray that we may experience, afresh, the warmth of God's divine love and willingly share it with all we encounter.

Funeral Announcement

The funeral of John F Rusbridge will take place on Monday 17th August 2026 at 3.15 pm at the Kent and Sussex Crematorium, Tunbridge Wells.

John was a well-known and lifelong member of the village whose contribution to the football club at Jockey Farm and the village was immense. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends as they mourn his passing. May his soul rest in peace and rise in glory.

Rochester and Canterbury Diocese Eco Conference

This year's conference will take place on the 19th September at Rochester Cathedral. There are a number of informative and practical sessions including sustainable flower arranging demonstrations, hospitality, energy efficient building and more. If you are interested in attending, please scan the QR code on the posters in the Lodge, the Church or the Church Centre or see Tim Harrold.

Night at the Musicals

Please add the Choir's next musical extravaganza called 'Night at the Musicals' into your diary for Saturday 12th September 2026 at 6.30 pm.

PILGRIMAGE REVISED DATE

The revised date for this year's pilgrimage will be Monday 14th September. New sign-up sheets are available in the Church Centre, Parish Church and the Lodge. Please add your names even if you had already registered. You can choose to either sign up for the entire day or join us for just Evensong and our fellowship meal. Please contact Tim Harrold at **07413 805814** or tim.harrold@outlook.com for further information.

The Church Youth Council

Our end of holiday swim/BBQ is on Wednesday 26th August, 5 pm at Churchside.

Our first meeting of the school year is on **Thursday 3rd September 6-7.30 in The Lodge**. All children of secondary school age are very welcome. For further details please contact: culley.angela@yahoo.com or jeankerr@stpaulsrusthall.org.uk



The altar flowers today are
in loving memory of my beloved
husband, Michael Dent and my parents
Dorothy & Jimmy Hole.
Christine Dent

Confirmation

Our first confirmation preparation will be held on Sunday 6th September 2026 at 2.00pm at the Church Centre. There is a sign-up sheet available at both Churches. The Confirmation will be at the Church of King Charles the Martyr, Tunbridge Wells on 4th October 2026 at 4.00 pm.

Ride and Stride

This year's, Ride and Stride is on Saturday 12th September. The Goldsworthy's and Powley's won't be taking part this year but if you would like to, the sponsorship forms will be available at the back of each Church from the end of August. There will also be a timetable for Church Welcomers to sign up for. The aim of the event is to get to as many churches as possible between 10am and 6pm on that day, either by walking or cycling, in aid of raising funds for Friends of Kent churches <https://friendsofkentchurches.co.uk/>
Maps and more information are available from Jane Goldsworthy jane_goldsworthy@yahoo.co.uk

Canon Mantle Chapel

It has come to our attention that there has been a great deal of discussion over the CYC Autumn Project to re-design a section of the Chapel to include a Children's Corner. If you have any ideas or concerns over any future plans, please send them to the office by email office@stpaulsrusthall.org.uk and they will be presented at the next PCC Meeting on 7th September 2026.

CAFÉ HELPERS

We're nearly there! Almost all the slots for the remaining weeks in August are now filled. Help is just needed for volunteers for Saturday (29th) 1 - 2 pm (yes, just the single hour) and Sunday (30th) 2 - 4 pm. If you can give even just an hour's help on this weekend, please contact Caroline Johnson (caroline18sg@gmail.com).

Autumn Fayre

During the PCC Meeting on Monday 20th July 2026 it was decided that there will not be an Autumn Fair in 2026 as no one or group of people have stepped forward to run it. If anyone would like to volunteer to organise the Autumn Fayre in 2027, please contact the Parish Office office@stpaulsrusthall.org.uk where your interest will be warmly welcomed

CONTACTS

The Vicar: The Revd Ronnie Williams 521357 (day off: Friday)

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