

Sunday 23rd August 2026

The TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY



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 and Preacher: The Vicar

10.00 am

Matins

Minister and Preacher: Reverend Nicholas Burton

10.00 am

Family Service at the Church Centre + Zoom

Leader: The Vicar Link: Jean Kerr

Hymns: Jesus Christ, I think upon your sacrifice
 There is a Redeemer
 I will offer up my life
 10000 reasons

Reading: Romans 2. 1 – 8 (page 1129)
 Matthew 16. 13 – 20 page 983)

4.00 pm

Taizé at the Church Centre with Tim Harrold

6.30 pm

Parish Eucharist Service (CW)

President and Preacher: The Vicar



The altar flowers today are
in loving memory of our
friends and family.
Pat and Tim Cripps

Sermons from several recent services are now available on our website

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY 24th August 2026

Bartholomew the Apostle

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

TUESDAY 25th August

Parish Office Closed

WEDNESDAY 26th August

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

THURSDAY 27th August

Monica, mother of Augustine of Hippo, 387

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 28th August

Augustine, Bishop of Hippo, teacher of the faith, 430

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 29th August 2026

The Beheading of John the Baptist

10.00 am – 4.00 pm Choristers Café

NEXT SUNDAY 30th August 2026

THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8.00 am **Holy Communion (BCP)**
Minister and Preacher: The Vicar
10.00 am **Parish Eucharist**
President and Preacher: The Vicar
10.00 am **Family Communion Service at the Church Centre**
Lead: Wendy Anderson Link: Viv Littlechild
10.00 am – 4.00 pm Choristers Café
6.30 pm **Compline**
Minister: Tim Harrold

Monday 31st August 2026

Bank Holiday – Office closed

NEWS AND NOTES

From the Vicarage

Greetings and a warm welcome to our services today, the Twelfth Sunday after Trinity. As we worship together and continue our journey together, I pray that we may be thankful for and supportive of our companions along the way.

Taizé Service Sunday 23rd August - 4pm Church Centre

This month's reading from Matthew 16:13-16 is the foundation of Christian belief. It confirms Jesus's identity as the Messiah and Son of God; it illustrates the **process of discipleship**, where followers move from observation of public opinion to personal conviction and commitment; it sets the stage for Jesus' teaching about the **church and His future suffering**, linking recognition of His identity with the mission of His followers. The title **"Son of Man"** connects Jesus to Daniel's prophecy, highlighting His role in God's redemptive plan. All from 4 short verses. All are very welcome.

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.

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.

Ride and Stride

This year's Ride and Stride is on Saturday 12th September. The Goldsworthys and Powleys 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 the 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.

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

Road Closures - Hospice in the Weald Run 20th September 2026

On Sunday 20th September 2026, Hospice in the Weald will be hosting their annual Hospice Run in Tunbridge Wells.

As the event will take place near Rusthall, they have contacted us in advance to make us aware of the planned road closures and help minimise any disruption for members of our congregation. The event is primarily held on closed roads, with temporary closures in place to ensure the safety of all participants. The affected roads will be closed from **9:00am to 12:30pm** and includes Castle Road, Hillswood Road, Church Road, Hungershall Park, Broom Lane, Major Yorks Road, Mount Ephraim, Nevil Park, Holmewood Ridge (East and West) Bishops Down, Langton Road, High Rocks Lane and Tea Garden Lane.

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