

Sunday 30th August 2026

The THIRTEENTH 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.

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- 8.00 am** **Holy Communion (BCP)**
President and Preacher: The Vicar
- 10.00 am** **Parish Eucharist (CW)**
President and Preacher: The Vicar
- 10.00 am** **Family Service at the Church Centre + Zoom**
Leader: Wendy Anderson Link: Viv Littlechild
- Hymns: You are the King of Glory
 I am the Lord of sea and sky
 One more step along the world I go
 We are marching in the light of God
- Reading: Matthew 16.21-28 (page 983)
- 6.30 pm** **Compline (BCP)**
Minister: Tim Harrold



The altar flowers today are given
by John Bazley in celebration of
his and Christine's
55th wedding anniversary

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY 31st August 2026 Bank Holiday

Aidan, Bishop of Lindisfarne, missionary, 651

Parish Office closed

9.00 am Morning Prayer at the Parish Church with the Vicar

TUESDAY 1st September

Giles of Provence, hermit, c.710

Parish Office Closed

7.30pm Worship Committee in the Lodge

WEDNESDAY 2nd September

The Martyrs of Papua New Guinea, 1901 and 1942

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 3rd September

Gregory the Great, Bishop of Rome, teacher of the faith, 604

10.00 am Church Centre open for private prayer

11.30 am **There will be NO Eucharist service this week**

12.30 pm Lunch Club at the Church Centre

FRIDAY 4th September

Birinius, Bishop of Dorchester, apostle of Wessex, 650

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 5th September

10.00 am – 4.00 pm Choristers Café

NEXT SUNDAY 6th SEPTEMBER 2026

THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

Minister and Preacher: The Vicar

10.00 am Parish Eucharist

Minister: Daphne Pilcher President and Preacher: The Vicar

10.00 am Family Service at the Church Centre

Lead: Susan Powley Link: Karen Miller

10.00 am – 4.00 pm Choristers Café

6.30 pm Evensong

Minister and Preacher: The Vicar

NEWS AND NOTES

From the Vicarage

Greetings and a very warm welcome to our services today, the Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity. As we continue to worship together, I pray that we may experience the grace of God afresh, and be effective channels of his peace.

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 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.

CONTACTS

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