

Sunday 20th September 2026

THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY



Collect for the Week

Lord of creation,
whose glory is around and within us:
open our eyes to your wonders,
that we may serve you with reverence
and know your peace at our lives' end,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

8.00 am

Holy Communion (BCP)

President and Preacher: The Vicar

10.00 am

Parish Eucharist and Baptism (CW)

President and Preacher: The Vicar

Minister: Tim Harrold

10.00 am

Family Service at the Church Centre + Zoom

Leader: Wendy Anderson Link: Rosemary Romano

Hymns: Give Thanks

Come Christians

Father, we Love You

A New Commandment

Reading Psalm 105: 1 – 6 and 37 - 45 (NIV page 607)

6.30 pm

Choral Evensong (BCP)

Minister: The Vicar

Introit: A Hymn for St Cecilia – Howells

Responses: Sanders

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

Psalm: Psalm 3

1st Reading: Ezekiel 33. 23, 30 – 34. 10 (page 833) May Graves

Magnificat: Brewer in D

2nd Reading: Acts 26. 9 – 25 (NRVS page 157) Emma Hope

Nunc Dimittis: Brewer in D

Anthem: Lord, thou hast been our refuge - Bairstow

Hymn: NEH 619 Lord, for the years

Amen: Belfast - Stopford

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY 21st September 2026

Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

9.00 am Morning prayer at the Parish Church with the Vicar

TUESDAY 22nd September

Parish Office Closed

WEDNESDAY 23rd September

Ember Day

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 24th September

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 25th September

Lancelot Andrewes, Bishop of Winchester, spiritual writer, 1626

Sergei of Radonezh, Russian monastic reformer,

Teacher of the faith, 1392

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 26th September

Wilson Carlile, founder of the Church Army, 1942

Cyprian, Archbishop of Carthage, martyr, 258 (BCP)

10.00 am – 4.00 pm Choristers Café

NEXT SUNDAY 27th SEPTEMBER 2026

THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

Minister and Preacher: The Vicar

10.00 am Matins

Preacher and Minister: Reverend Nicholas Burton

10.00 am Family Communion at the Church Centre + Zoom

Lead: The Vicar Link: Liz Goddard

10.00 am – 4.00 pm Choristers Café

4.00 pm Taizé Minister: Tim Harrold

6.30 pm Parish Eucharist (CW)

President and Preacher: Reverend Nicholas Burton

NEWS AND NOTES

From the Vicarage

Greetings and a warm welcome to our services today, the Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity, and the third Sunday in Creationtide. A special welcome to Ralph who is being baptised at the 10 am service at the Parish Church, and to his family. As we worship together, I pray that we may all experience the transforming power of the Holy Spirit and show forth the fruits in our lives.

'A Night at the Musicals' Concert

Heartfelt and sincere thanks to Fiona, the Choir and Nic Farman for providing us with an exceptional evening of entertainment displaying their countless and extraordinary talents! Their hard-work and commitment certainly reaped the benefits, as they raised an outstanding amount of £1,500. Thank you to everyone who came along to support and contributed to the evening's success.

The Norman Mantle Children's Space

We are delighted the PCC have agreed to the CYC's proposal to resource the Canon Mantle Chapel as a flexible 'pack away' children's space. We are also extremely grateful for some very generous and thoughtful contributions and support from our congregation. We are looking for the following:

A small children's table and chairs

Small bookcase (preferably a children's one)

Book Box for infant books

Good quality books for children aged 6 months to 10years, particularly Bible Stories

Beanbag

Toy cars, magnetic tiles/construction set, Busy Books etc

Please speak to Angela or Jean with any other suggestions. Gifts can be left at the back of the church. Thank you very much

Pilgrimage 2026

A massive thank you to all those who came on this year's pilgrimage. It was wonderful to see members of the Church and the Family Service journeying together as the one body of Christ. I will start thinking about next year's pilgrimage so if anyone has any suggestions, please let me know. Tim Harrold



The altar flowers today are in
loving memory of all family members
who have gone before.
With thanks and love for all they gave us.
Angela Culley

Choristers Café

Volunteers are urgently required to staff the Café on the weekends of 3rd & 4th and 10th & 11th October 2026. Currently both weekends are a blank slate! If you are able to lend a hand, please contact Caroline Johnson caroline18sg@gmail.com

Organ Renovation Newsletter

You can now subscribe to the Organ Renovation Newsletter through our website - www.stpaulsrusthall.org.uk

Go to the Organ Renovation page and you will find a box to input your details. If you would like to be kept informed on all the developments around our Organ Renovation Fund, including latest developments, progress on the fundraising, and news about our future events along with unique opportunities, then the newsletter is for you.

Alternatively, scan the QR code and provide your contact details which will be added to our distribution list. If you would prefer to use hardcopy forms, these are available in the Church, the Church Centre and from the office. Please return the forms to either the Churchwardens or to Helen in the office.

Tim Harrold



Dates for your diaries 2026

Sunday 4th October 2026 Joint Harvest Parade Service 10.00 am

Sunday 11th October 2026 A Joint Service of Choral Evensong at 6.30 pm with the Choir of St Nicholas, Chislehurst

Saturday 7th November 2026 Concert for Remembrance 6.30 pm

Sunday 8th November 2026 Remembrance Sunday 10 am

Sunday 29th November 2026 Readings and Music for Advent 6.30 pm

Saturday 5th December 2026 Sponsored Sing-a-thon of 100 Carols for Choirs

Sunday 20th December 2026 Nine Lessons and Carols 6.30 pm

Sunday 27th December 2026 Readings and Carols for Christmas with 'The Band' at the Church Centre 10.00 am

SERMONS FROM RECENT SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE

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