

Sunday 4th October 2026

THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Collect for the Week

Eternal God,
you crown the year with your goodness
and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season:
grant that we may use them to your glory,
for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.



8.00 am

Holy Communion (BCP)

President and Preacher: The Vicar

10.00 am

Joint Parade Service for Harvest

Ministers: The Vicar, Reverend Nicholas Burton and
Tim Harrold

Speaker: Bradley Johnson, Young Scout Leader

See Separate Booklet

6.30 pm

Parish Eucharist (CW)

President and Preacher: The Vicar



The altar flowers today are from the Flower Team to thank everyone who has so kindly sponsored us throughout the year. Happy Harvest Festival.

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY 5th October 2026

9.00 am Morning prayer at the Parish Church with the Vicar

TUESDAY 6th October

William Tyndale, translator of the Scriptures, Reformation martyr, 1536

Parish Office Closed

WEDNESDAY 7th October

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

3.00 pm Communion Administration at Chamberlain Court - May Graves

THURSDAY 8th October

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

7.30 pm Living Hope Group at the Sanctuary with Tim Harrold

FRIDAY 9th October

Denys, Bishop of Paris and his companions, martyrs, circa 250

Robert Grosseteste, Bishop of Lincoln, philosopher, scientist, 1253

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 10th October 2026

Pulinus, Bishop of York, missionary, 644

Thomas, Traherne, poet, spiritual writer, 1874

10.00 am – 4.00 pm Choristers Café

NEXT SUNDAY 11th October 2026

THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

President & Preacher: The Vicar

10.00 am Parish Eucharist

President and Preacher: The Vicar

10.00 am Family Service at the Church Centre + Zoom

Lead: Tim Harrold Link: Karen Miller

10.00 am – 4.00 pm Choristers Café

6.30 pm Joint Choral Evensong with St Nicholas, Chislehurst (BCP)

Minister: The Vicar

NEWS AND NOTES

From the Vicarage

Greetings and a very warm welcome to our services today, the Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity and the last Sunday of Creationtide when we give thanks and celebrate Harvest at our 10am joint parade service at the Parish Church. Special thanks to the Flower Team, the various organisations and everyone who helped decorate the church. Please stay and look around after the services today. We will also be having refreshments in the church for the 10 am and 6:30pm services. May the God of all creation enable us to grow in grace that we may live in righteousness and peace.

Confirmation Service at King Charles the Martyr Church, Tunbridge Wells

Our thoughts and prayers are with Phil Vernon and all those who are being confirmed this afternoon.

Living Hope

The next meeting of the Living Hope Group is on Thursday 8th October 2026 at 7.30 pm at the Sanctuary with Tim Harrold. The exploration of Celtic Spirituality will be continued.

Choral Evensong Sunday 11th October 2026 at 6.30 pm

Everyone is warmly invited to enjoy a lovely evening of Choral Evensong with the Choir of St Nicholas, Chislehurst next Sunday. Please join us for refreshments following the service.

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 10 years, particularly Bible Stories, beanbag, toy cars, magnetic tiles/ construction set, busy books etc Please speak to Angela culley.angela@yahoo.com or Jean jeankerr@stpaulsrusthal.org.uk with any other suggestions. Gifts can be left at the back of the church. Thank you very much.

Choristers Café

Heartfelt thanks to everyone who kindly stepped forward to support the Café over the 'blank' weekends in October 2026. Caroline is delighted to confirm that all the spaces are now filled.

However, there are three 'tricky' weekends in a row at the end of November and beginning of December. This includes Saturday 5th December, when the choir will be doing the 'Sponsored Sing-a-thon'; the café will be operating in the church, like the last Sing-a-thon, to hopefully bring in passers-by, but obviously choir members will be busy singing and therefore won't be available to fill cafe

shifts on that day. If you are able to lend a hand, please contact Caroline Johnson caroline18sg@gmail.com

Vintage & Collectables Roadshow

The Church Centre is hosting the Vintage & Collectables Roadshow again on Wednesday 14th October from 12.00 pm to 3.00 pm. If anyone would like further details email hello@vintageandcollectables.co.uk or contact Helen at the Parish Office.

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

Sunday 1st November 2026 Commemoration of the Faithful Departed 6.30 pm

Saturday 7th November 2026 Concert for Remembrance 6.30 pm

Sunday 8th November 2026 Remembrance Sunday 10 am

Wednesday 11th November 2026 10.45 am Armistice Service

Sunday 29th November 2026 10.00 am Christingles at the Church Centre

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 13th December 2026 Joint Crib Service at the Church Centre

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

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