

Sunday 18th October 2026

The Twentieth Sunday After Trinity

Luke The Evangelist



Collect for the Week

God, our light and our salvation:
illuminate our lives,
that we may see your goodness in the land of the living,
and looking on your beauty
may be changed into the likeness of Jesus Christ our Lord.

8.00 am

Holy Communion (BCP)

President and Preacher: The Vicar

10.00 am

Parish Eucharist (CW)

President and Preacher: The Vicar

Minister: Tim Harrold

10.00 am

Family Service at the Church Centre + Zoom

Lead: Reverend Nicholas Burton Link: Chris Bassett

Hymns: Come now is the time to worship
 Be thou my vision
 Meekness and Majesty
 How great thou art

Reading: Acts 16. 6 – 12a (NIV page 1123)

6.30 pm

Evensong (BCP)

Minister and Preacher: The Vicar

Hymn: NEH 377 Immortal, invisible, God only wise
Psalm: 6
1st Reading: Isaiah 61.1 – 6 (NRSV page 718) Paul Barter
Magnificat: D
2nd Reading: Colossians 4. 7 to end (NRSV page 216) Brad Collins
Nunc Dimittis: D
Anthem: King of glory, King of peace – Bach arr. Harris
Hymn: NEP Christ triumphant, ever reigning
Amen: 14

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY 19th October 2026

*Henry Martyn, translator of the Scriptures, missionary in India
And Persia, 1812*

9.00 am Morning prayer at the Parish Church with the Vicar

TUESDAY 20th October

Parish Office Closed

10.30 am PCC Strategy Sub-Committee Meeting at the Lodge

WEDNESDAY 21st 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

12.00 noon Funeral Service of the Late David Evans at the Parish Church

THURSDAY 22nd October

10.00 am Church Centre open for private prayer

11.30 am Holy Communion at the Church Centre

12.30 pm Lunch Club at the Church Centre

FRIDAY 23rd October

10.00 pm 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 24th October 2026

10.00 am – 4.00 pm Choristers Café

10.00 am Finance Meeting at the Church Centre

NEXT SUNDAY 25th October 2026 THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Bible Sunday

8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

President & Preacher: The Vicar

10.00 am Matins

Minister and Preacher: Reverend Nicholas Burton

10.00 am Family Communion Service at the Church Centre + Zoom

Lead: The Vicar Link: Viv Littlechild

10.00 am – 4.00 pm Choristers Café

6.30 pm Parish Eucharist (CW)

President and Preacher: The Vicar

Monday 26th October 2026

8.00 pm PCC Meeting at the Lodge

NEWS AND NOTES

From the Vicarage

Greetings and a warm welcome to our services today, the Twentieth Sunday after Trinity when we also give thanks for and reflect on the ministry of St Luke, the evangelist and physician. May almighty God who has called us fill us afresh with the Holy Spirit that we may be thoroughly equipped to serve him and one another.

Notice

Tim the older was lunching with a friend in THE HARE when he spotted an old friend of St. Paul's, Jennifer Jenkins lunching with her husband, Windsor. After catching up and Jennifer reporting that she is very happy in Mayfield, she asked that she be remembered to all who knew her at St. Paul's.

Altar flowers at The Church Centre

The altar flowers at The Church Centre this week are placed by Wendy and Graeme Anderson to mark their Sapphire (45th) Wedding Anniversary on 17th October 2026.

2026 Advent Groups

This year's Advent book will be "Walking with Angels" which is the Archbishop of York's Advent book for 2026. I am so looking forward to the discussions it will create. There will be two Advent Groups available this year for people to join. The **Daytime Group** will meet at the Church Centre on **Tuesdays at 11pm** starting from **Tuesday 24th November**.

The **Evening Group** will meet at the Sanctuary on **Thursdays at 7.30pm** starting from **Thursday 19th November**. Sign-up sheets are available in the Church Centre, the Parish Church and in the Lodge. Tim Harrold

SAVE THE DATE - for the CHOIR'S CAROL SING-A-THON

Preparations are underway for the choir's ambitious all day Carols Sing-a-thon, which will take place in the church on **SATURDAY the 5th of December**. Please add the date to your diary.

SILENT AUCTION DURING THE SING-A-THON

Whilst the choir are singing all those carols, there will be an exciting "Silent Auction" taking place. All proceeds will go to the Organ Renovation Fund. The auction can be accessed online from anywhere in the world, so friends and family will be able to bid on the items they are interested in from wherever they happen to be. With Christmas just round the corner, this is the perfect opportunity to buy those unique gifts or experiences for your loved ones.



The Altar Flowers today
are in loving memory of parents,
grandparents and friends
from Gill McAllister

To make the auction as diverse as possible we are asking companies to donate attractive items. But we are also reaching out to you for any donations that you think would make great auction lots. All donations will be gratefully received. Little luxuries, beautiful gifts, Christmas hampers, unique experiences; or maybe you have a skill you are happy to be auctioned - like baking the winner a celebration cake, or giving your time to help with someone's garden. Do you have contacts in local businesses who might donate bigger items such as a restaurant lunch, spa day, or a gift voucher? If you have any donations or ideas for things you would like to see auctioned, please **contact the Church Office or Tim Harrold**, who will be happy to answer any questions. Thank you for your support. More information about how the Silent Auction will work will be coming out over the next few weeks.

Do you have skills in website design?

The Organ Renovation Fund Committee need help for our Organ Renovation website page. Could you, or someone you know, help us to enable donors to quickly and easily donate to our Sponsor A Pipe Scheme? Please speak to one of us in church, or send me an email via the church office office@stpaulsrusthall.org.uk. Thank you, Lois Woodhouse.

Choristers Café

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

Dates for your diaries 2026

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 Christingle service 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 Nativity/ Crib Service at the Parish Church

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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