

Sunday 25th October 2026

The Last Sunday After Trinity

Bible Sunday

Collect for the Week

Merciful God,
Teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty,
That trusting in your word
And obeying your will
We may enter the unfailing joy of Jesus Christ our Lord.

8.00 am

Holy Communion (BCP)

President and Preacher: The Vicar

10.00 am

Matins (BCP)

Minister and Preacher: Reverend Nicholas Burton

10.00 am

Family Communion Service at the Church Centre + Zoom

Lead: The Vicar Link: Viv Littlechild

Hymns: Amazing Grace (My chains are gone)
 Abba Father
 Bind us together Lord
 We are marching in the light God

Reading: Colossians 3. 12 – 17 (NIV page 216)
 Matthew 24. 30 – 35 (NIV page 29)

6.30 pm

Parish Eucharist (CW)

Minister and Preacher: The Vicar



The Altar Flowers today
are in loving memory of all
parents of whom each of us has
our own memories.
From Ted Stone

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY 26th October 2026

Alfred The Great, King of the West Saxons, scholar 899

Cedd, Abbot of Lastingham, Bishop of the East Saxons, 664

9.00 am Morning prayer at the Parish Church with the Vicar

8.00 pm PCC Meeting at the Lodge

TUESDAY 27th October

Parish Office Closed

WEDNESDAY 28th October

Simon and Jude, Apostles

9.00 am Morning prayer at the Church Centre – Tim Harro

9.00 am Playtime at St Paul's, Church Centre

10.00 am Church Centre open for private prayer

THURSDAY 29th October

James Hannington, Bishop of Easter Equatorial Africa, martyr in Uganda 1885

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 30th 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 31st October 2026

Martin Luther, reformer, 1546

10.00 am – 4.00 pm Choristers Café

NEXT SUNDAY 1st November 2026 ALL SAINTS DAY

8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

President & Preacher: The Vicar

10.00 am Parish Eucharist (CW)

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10.00 am Family Service at the Church Centre + Zoom

Lead: Liz Littlechild Link: Rosemary Romano

10.00 am – 4.00 pm Choristers Café

6.30 pm Commemoration of the Faithful Departed (CW)

President and Preacher: The Vicar

NEWS AND NOTES

From the Vicarage

Greetings and a warm welcome to our services today, the last Sunday after Trinity, when we celebrate Bible Sunday.

As we worship together and continue to follow Christ, may God's word continue to dwell richly in our hearts and, through the Holy Spirit, continually transform our lives that we may grow to the full stature of Christ.

Announcement

The Trustees of the Molyneux Almshouses, Rusthall, are seeking to recruit a Clerk to the Trustees to provide professional administrative support to the board of trustees. This is a part-time position of an average of 21 hours (flexible) per week at an hourly rate of £20, subject to experience. Flexibility as to times worked is essential, as the work undertaken will vary according to the specific demands of the Charity. Some evening work including attendance at Trustees meetings will be required.

For full details of the role and duties please contact Gill Prater, Chair of the Trustees, gill.prater@molyneux-almshouses.co.uk or 07563 245 315

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 11am** 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

St Paul's Youth Council (CYC)

Our next meeting is Bonfire Night, Thursday November 5th at 6 pm in the Lodge. The only bangers however will be sausages! We look forward to welcoming new members as we begin to prepare for our 'Christmas Surprise'. Current CYC know what I am talking about but shhhhhh! All children aged 11 to 17 very welcome. If interested please see Angela Culley 07779098026, Jean Kerr, Ronnie or the church office.

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.

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.

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.

Choristers Café

The café is still short of volunteers during the weekends towards the end of November and beginning of December. 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

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