

ST PAUL'S NEWS

October 2026



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SERVICES FOR OCTOBER

Thursday 1st October

9.00 am Rusthall St Paul's School Harvest Festival at the Church

Sunday 4th October

Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
President & Preacher: The Vicar

10.00 am **Joint Harvest Festival Parade Service**
Ministers: The Vicar, Nicholas Burton, Tim Harrold

6.30 pm Parish Eucharist (CW)
President & Preacher: Revd Nicholas Burton

Monday 5th October

9.00 am Morning Prayer at the Parish Church
Minister: The Vicar

Wednesday 7th October

9.00 am Morning Prayer at the Church Centre
Minister: Tim Harrold

Thursday 8th October

11.30 am Said Holy Communion at the Church Centre
President: The Vicar

Sunday 11th October

Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
President & Preacher: The Vicar

10.00 am Parish Eucharist (CW)
President & Preacher: The Vicar

10.00 am Family Service at the Church Centre + Zoom
Lead: Tim Harrold
Link: Karen Miller

6.30 pm Choral Evensong (BCP) with St Nicholas' Church, Chislehurst
Minister: The Vicar

Monday 12th October

9.00 am Morning Prayer at the Parish Church
Minister: The Vicar

Wednesday 14th October

9.00 am Morning Prayer at the Church Centre
Minister: Tim Harrold

Thursday 15th October

11.30 am Said Holy Communion at the Church Centre
President: The Vicar

Sunday 18th October

Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
President & Preacher: The Vicar

10.00 am Parish Eucharist (CW)
President: & Preacher: The Vicar
Minister: Tim Harrold

10.00 am Family Service at the Church Centre + Zoom
Lead: Nicholas Burton
Link: Chris Bassett

6.30 pm Evensong (BCP)
Minister & Preacher: The Vicar

Monday 19th October

9.00 am Morning Prayer at the Parish Church
Minister: The Vicar

Wednesday 21st October

9.00 am Morning Prayer at the Church Centre
Minister: Tim Harrold

Thursday 22nd October

11.30 am Said Holy Communion at the Church Centre
President: The Vicar

Sunday 25th October

Twenty-first and Last Sunday after Trinity – Bible Sunday

8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
President & Preacher: The Vicar

10.00 am Matins
Minister & Preacher: Rev. Nicholas Burton

10.00 am Family Service with Communion at the Church Centre + Zoom
President & Preacher: The Vicar
Link: Viv Littlechild

4.00 pm Taizé Service at the Church Centre
Minister: Tim Harrold

6.30 pm Parish Eucharist (CW)
President & Preacher: The Vicar

Monday 26th October

9.00 am Morning Prayer at the Parish Church
Minister: The Vicar

Wednesday 28th October

9.00 am Morning Prayer at the Church Centre
Minister: Tim Harrold

Thursday 29th October

11.30 am Said Holy Communion at the Church Centre
President: The Vicar

Sunday 1st November

All Saints Day

8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
President & Preacher: The Vicar

10.00 am Parish Eucharist (CW)
President: The Vicar
Preacher: TBC

10.00am Family Service at the Church Centre + Zoom
Lead: Liz Goddard
Link: Rosemary Romano

6.30 pm **Commemoration of the Faithful Departed for All Soul's Day**

President & Preacher: The Vicar
Minister: Tim Harrold

DIARY

Thursday 8th October

7.30 pm Living Hope group at the Sanctuary

Wednesday 14th October

3.00 pm Communion to Chamberlain Court
Ginette di Palma

Thursday 15th October

11.00 am Communion to Mt Ephraim House
Ginette di Palma

Tuesday 20th October

10.30 am PCC Strategy Sub-committee meeting

Saturday 24th October

10.00 am PCC Finance Sub-committee meeting

Monday 26th October

8.00 pm PCC Meeting in the Lodge

Wednesdays throughout the month

9.00 – 11.00 am Playtime at St Paul's at the Church Centre

Thursdays throughout the month

12 for 12.30 pm Rusthall Lunch Club
at the Church Centre



Fridays throughout the month

12.30 – 2.00 pm Community Larder
at the Church Centre

Saturdays & Sundays throughout the month

10 am – 4 pm Choristers Café in the Lodge

Future Dates for Your Diary

Future events taking place at St Paul's Church
Details to follow later

Saturday 7th November

Concert for Remembrance

Sunday 29th November

Readings and Music for Advent

Saturday 5th December

Sponsored Sing-a-thon

Sunday 20th December

Nine Lessons and Carols

From the Registers



Baptisms - We welcome as newly baptised members of the church:

Ralph David Leslie Sheehan

Magazine Deadlines

Please submit articles for the 2026 magazines in accordance with the following deadlines.

November 2026 by 11th October

December 2026/January 2027 by 15 November

The time between the deadline and magazine issue is to allow for typing, formatting, proofreading, and compiling the magazine. These all take time and have to be fitted around the volunteer editorial team's other commitments. We would therefore be very grateful if you would keep to the deadlines set. Please send items for publication to magazine@stpaulsrusthall.org.uk.

We endeavour to get Photocopies of the Magazine in church by the Sunday on or before the 1st of the month. Magazines are posted on the Parish website by the 1st of the month. Photocopies of the magazine can be made available to those who cannot access the magazine online. Please contact Helen Reynolds at the Church Office (TW 521447) to arrange production and collection/delivery.

Harvest Gifts for Harvest Festival on 4th October



As usual, gifts of food from the congregation will be collected during the service and donated to local charities, the Community Larder and Nourish. Donations of dried and tinned products are very welcome. Although we don't wish to overwhelm our partners with fresh produce, if you have a surplus of fruit or vegetables from your garden or allotment these would be welcome too. Other household non-perishable goods would also be welcome, eg washing up liquid, cleaning cloths, toothpaste, soap and shower gel.



RUSTHALL'S COMMUNITY LARDER

What is it?

A community larder receives surplus short date food from supermarkets to offer to people in our community.

When and where is it?

Our community larder will be in the St Paul's Church Centre every Friday between 12:30pm and 2:15pm.

Who can use it?

Anyone can come and visit the community larder. There are no restrictions, no booking necessary, just turn up with a carrier bag to fill.

How much does it cost?

We suggest a small cash donation of £2, or as much as you can afford. For this, you can take away a bag full of quality food.

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From the Vicarage

October 2026

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your continued prayers, support and hard work. Special thanks to Jane Goldsworthy, her team of volunteers and everyone who was involved in the Ride and Stride - for sponsoring the riders, providing a welcoming presence at the churches and to those cycling or walking to raise money for Friends of Kent Churches. A big thank you to Fiona and the choir for the concert on the 12th of September. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend due to family commitment. I know that I missed a very amazing evening.

As most of you already know, we will be having a joint Harvest Parade Service at the Parish Church on the 4th of October. Special thanks to the Scout group for their involvement in planning the service, and to Bradley Johnson who will be speaking. A very special thank you to the Flower Team, and everyone who planned, designed and decorated the church for this our Harvest service. Unfortunately, Rusthall St Paul's school will miss seeing the church so elegantly decorated this year as they will be having their Harvest Thanksgiving Service on Thursday 1st October.

Please remember Phil Vernon who will be confirming his Christian faith at 4pm at King Charles the Martyr Church, together with candidates from KCM and other local churches. The service will be led by Revd Laurence Powell and the Right Revd Simon Burton-Jones, Bishop of Tonbridge. Please join us if you can.

Apart from the Bible, I have several books that I return to every now and again for challenge, inspiration and encouragement. One of these books is '*Seven Spiritual Gifts of Waiting*' by Holly W. Whitcomb. One of the gifts of waiting is gratitude. According to Whitcomb, waiting "can give us unexpected moments to be grateful for everything that is peaceful, or lovely or running smoothly, the small things we may not have noticed before" (p.61). Most of us don't like waiting but waiting is an important aspect of life. We all have to wait for something at various points in our lives, some becoming more frequent as time passes. I wonder though, how we wait and how we use the waiting time. I suppose that may depend on what it is that we are waiting for. We can wait patiently or reluctantly, expectantly or with trepidation. And as Christians we may do well to develop thankful hearts because there is always something for or about which we could be grateful.

May God continue to enable us to show gratitude in all things and at all times, so that God may continually be glorified in and through us. Amen.

Ronnie



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Editorial for October 2026

Here I am sitting all alone in the office while my fellow editor is enjoying the tropical weather on Gran Canaria. We have had a few late days of summer in Rusthall too though. My apologies in advance if there are more typos than usual – Sue is by far the better proof reader of the two of us. You will also notice that the magazine is a little lighter than usual as Daphne Pilcher is unwell and has taken a break from writing her usual articles. We hope she will be feeling better very soon. We have also just heard the sad news that Clare Williams' mother has died; we wish Clare and Ronnie, their family and friends our deepest condolences.

In October the church finally sees out the end of all the numbered weeks after Trinity, but services are enlivened by Harvest Festival at the beginning of the month (4th) and Bible Sunday at the end (25th). In the middle (11th) we are looking forward to a very special Choral Evensong when we will be joined by members of the choir and congregation of St Nicholas Church, Chislehurst. We hope you will be able to come too, there will be refreshments after the service. Sunday 18th October celebrates the life of Luke the Evangelist and physician. His fellow disciples Simon and Jude are remembered on 28th October.

The whole of October is designated Black History Month, to remember and recognise the contribution made to society by black people. When a BBC poll to establish the 100 greatest Britons was organised in 2002 not a single candidate was black (and only 13 were women). In order to redress this a 100 Greatest Black Britons poll was organised in 2003. It drew attention to the fact that black people had been present in the UK for centuries, not just since Windrush in 1948. Charles Ignatius Sancho was born around 1729 on a slave ship crossing the Atlantic. He was sold into slavery in the Spanish Colony of New Granada and when he was two his owner took him to Britain and gave him to three sisters living in Greenwich. Later he joined the household of the Duke and Duchess of Montagu in Blackheath. He taught himself to read and write and wrote poetry and music while working as the Duchess' butler, and on her death in 1751 received a small annuity from her. Already married with children, with his wife he set themselves up in a grocery shop. His shop front became known as a meeting place for abolitionists. Because he owned the property, he was able to vote, which he did in 1774 and 1780, becoming only the second black voter in England.

October 5th is James Bond Day – the anniversary of the first Bond film, Dr No starring Sean Connery. Released in 1962 it was the start of over 60 years of action. Will it be the day that the next actor to take on the role will be announced? World Singing Day is 17th October, and appropriately this year it is also Fiona Johnson's birthday. There is always room in the choir for another one, so if you'd like to give it a try have a word with our Director of Music after a service.

At St Paul's we have Harvest Festival, but for many years Southwark Cathedral celebrated Apple Day (this year on 21st October). After morning Eucharist, they processed to the 1000-year-old Borough Market to sing further hymns there in celebration of the harvest produce and especially the diversity of apple varieties and the many uses they can be put to. Apples were introduced to Britain by the Romans, so that's something else we can thank them for. That date is also Trafalgar Day, celebrating Nelson's victory over the combined French and Spanish fleets in the Battle of Trafalgar. It is also the night to get out and watch for the Orionid meteor shower, produced by particles from the tail of Halley's Comet. The moon is quite bright at this time, but on the other hand most people find Orion easy to spot so you'll be looking in the right place.

Summer Time ends on 25th October. At 2am the clocks return to 1am so we get an extra hour in bed, a joy for me but my son dreads it as his boys are still too young to tell the time and will probably be up at 5am. It also provides an interesting puzzle for maternity hospitals, when the arrival time of twin 2 can appear to have been earlier than twin 1. Careful notation of BST and GMT is required! The following night is a full moon – the Hunter's Moon – so called because it is a good time to hunt because the animals and birds are nice and plump after a summer eating the best that nature has to offer.

Of course, the month ends with Halloween, the eve of All Hallows or All Saints Day. American customs of trick or treating are now commonplace and shops are awash with orange, green and black decorations. It isn't foolproof but modern etiquette says that children should only knock on doors where there are decorations and/or a porch light is on, so if you want to be left alone eat the pumpkin rather than carving it into a lantern and keep the outside lights off – or go out for the evening.

The deadline for the November magazine is Sunday 11th October, however, please also start to think ahead because the following edition is the one that covers both December and January 2027. The wonderful Harvest display on the cover was at Salisbury Cathedral.

Deborah Bruce and Sue Hare (working remotely from a sun-bed)



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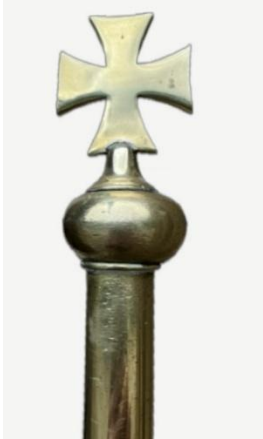
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Churchwardens' Notes



Dear Parishioners,

Autumn is here, and we enjoy God's splendid change of season as the trees turn golden and nature starts to close down or huddles up for the winter ahead.

October is a joyous time in the garden and hedgerow for spotting wildlife, as wintering birds start to return from their summer breeding grounds and find sustenance on our birdfeeders, among the berries on the trees and in the seedheads throughout our flowerbeds. How blessed we are in our area of Kent to be surrounded by outstanding natural habitats that attract such a wonderful range of winter fauna.

While wintering birds may rely on our gardens to help provide the extra food and warmth needed to face the colder weather, let us not also forget our own human neighbours who may be in need. Those who are less fortunate than us or struggling with age or infirmity may also benefit from that extra little bit of help from a neighbour as winter arrives.

Lunch Club at the Church Centre on Thursdays at 12:30 pm will be going strong throughout the Autumn and Winter. Well attended each week, it provides a lovely meeting place for our older residents and an opportunity for many to have a good 'home cooked' lunch and to socialise. Do encourage our older parishioners to attend if you feel they would benefit from that. Likewise, for those with families or those on their own who need a little support with their weekly food bill, then our Community Larder at the Church Centre, open on Friday's between 12:30pm and 2:00pm, is there to support them.

For those in need of more spiritual food, we have at least seven church services taking place each week, either at the Church Centre or the Parish Church. These are in addition to the church's weekly visits to local care homes, and the times when both the Church Centre and Parish Church are open for

private prayer. Again, do encourage neighbours and friends to keep spiritually sustained at one of our church services over the colder months, when loneliness and isolation can be particularly affecting.

We have been delighted to see our Parish Church congregation growing at our 10:00 am and 6:30 pm services and have really enjoyed meeting new members of the congregation. We remain committed to our inclusiveness at the church and as such the PCC continues to make plans, in consultation with the congregation, to move forward to better accommodate those with access challenges and those with young children in their family. We all strongly believe that God's house should make every effort to meet the needs of all its congregation whatever their individuality or uniqueness. If you have a need that you feel is not being served while you are attending a church service then do let either Chris at dgrusthall@gmail.com or David at dgoodwin1990@yahoo.com know.

Wishing you a blessed October.

Chris Dobson and David Goodwin



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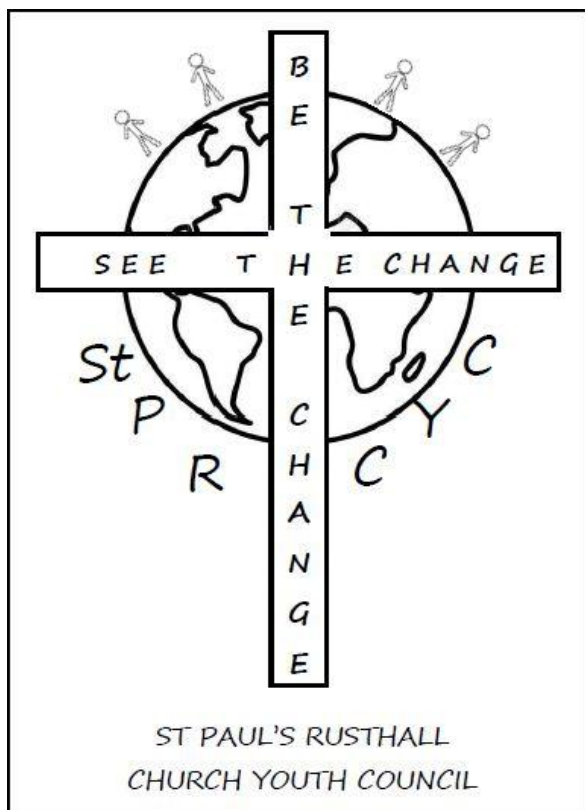
The Youth Council is open to all children in years 7-13 (aged 11-18) and is entirely free. They meet in The Lodge, next to the Parish Church, between 6pm and 7.30pm on the first Thursday of each month.

Broadening horizons through community, fun and friendship

First meeting of the 2026/2027 academic year is Thursday 3rd September.

**Please contact Angela Culley @ culley.angela@yahoo.com,
Jean Kerr @ stpauls.cyc@gmail.com or the Church Office
on 01892 521447.**





It was lovely to welcome the CYC back for a new year of fun and projects. They all seem to have grown enormously and looked very smart in new uniforms!

Our focus was the proposed Children's area in the Norman Mantel Chapel. The teenagers were inspired and inspirational. They were hugely respectful of the chapel and wanted to know about Norman Mantel. Luckily Jean Kerr knew him well! We were also delighted to hear them discussing the church services both in participation and the need for the children to have fun but quiet activities. Health and Safety was at the forefront of their discussions and an H&S executive was appointed who proved to be highly impressive in the role! We are delighted that the PCC have agreed to the plans and next month's meeting will hopefully see us bringing them to life.



The CYC will monitor the area but hope that families and most importantly children will feel welcomed at St Paul's and enjoy being in church.



We have written a letter to Tonbridge and Malling Council following our summer outing to Tonbridge which happened to fall on the hottest day of the year. We were shocked to find there were NO water facilities in Tonbridge Park. We could buy bottled water but could not fill water bottles. The park was full of children of all ages and dehydration was a real risk, CYC would like to see access to available water for everyone.



Finally, a huge thank you to those members who manned The Chorister's Cafe for two Sundays despite the start of school term. We were exceptionally busy and they were terrific.



Angela Culley

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Thank you for your continued support of our campaign to renovate our pipe organ.



We are grateful to everyone who attended *A Night At The Musicals*. The total raised through your extremely generous donations came to an outstanding £1400.

Please also support St Paul's Church Choir's
Concert for Remembrance
on Saturday 7th November at 6.30pm.

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Please visit the Organ Renovation page on our website: www.stpaulsrusthall.org.uk

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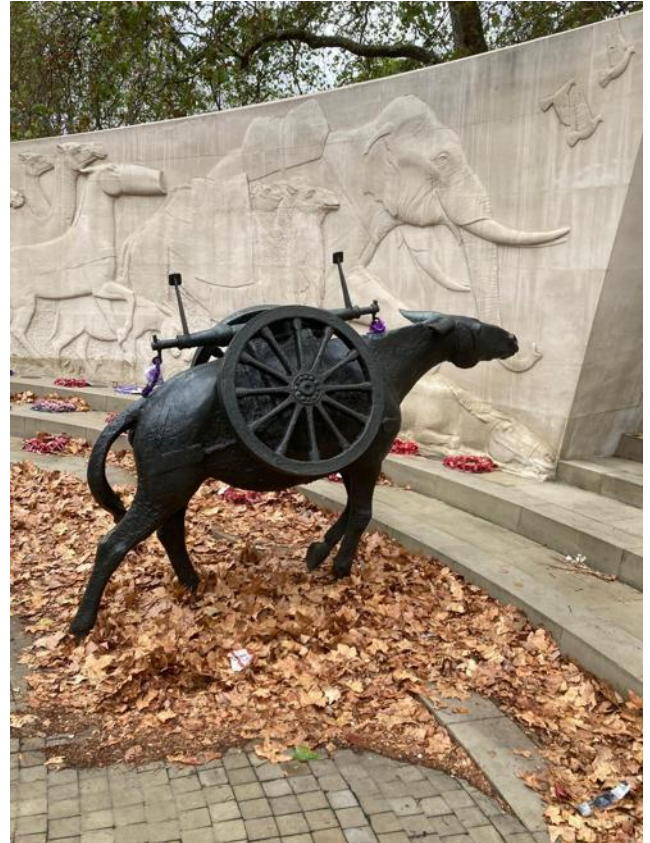
Monday 14th September 2026

As we all gathered at Tunbridge Wells Station at 9 am there was a distinct air of anticipation and even, dare I say, a sense of adventure! The day was glorious, warm but not too hot, the skies blue and whilst there was disappointment that some of our original pilgrims could not make the new date, a feeling of relief that we were not walking in the high heat of this summer. The move was certainly a wise decision taken by Tim.

In true pilgrimage fashion, there were obstacles on route, the first being the train was late and then the Charing Cross bus stop was out of action! Undeterred we set off and albeit arriving at Tyburn, our starting point, later than planned we managed to keep to the planned route. One of the many special aspects of Pilgrimage is the opportunity to walk and talk with so many different people. We are not stuck with one partner but move seamlessly between each other. As time passes we relax and indeed time itself does not matter as we walk and talk and enter so many incredible places of worship, each with an individual history and story and every one of them oozing and radiating a spiritual welcome. As we passed through them, one cannot help but think of the Canterbury Tales so brilliantly described by Chaucer all those centuries ago. We were indeed walking in footsteps of all those who had gone before.



Our first stop was The Animals in War Memorial. A comparatively new memorial unveiled by Princess Anne in 2004, this was highly moving with the inscription of 'They had no choice'. Think of War Horse and Rob the Para Dog who parachuted behind enemy lines and served with the SAS. We found the site of the Tyburn Tree and remembered the many thousands who died there including those who suffered religious persecution.



We ambled through three London Boroughs, each very different. Mayfair led us to Grosvenor Chapel, used for the film Love Actually. It is hard to conceive this was once an area of field and woods scattered with outlying farms and hamlets. Luckily today there was the most fabulous farm shop opposite which served delicious coffee and shared their super facilities!

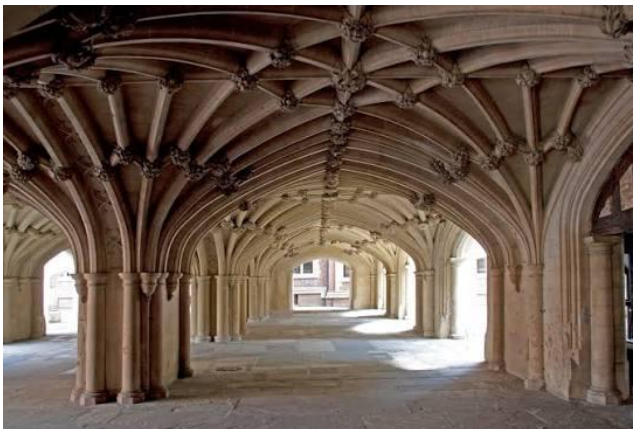


London is full of beautiful and secluded little parks; a real treasure trove and Farm Street Church backed onto one of these. This is home to a modern triptic 'In Memoriam' by Andrew White. It was wonderful to see people reading and chatting and enjoying this special place. We passed through St James Spanish Place, stopped at the Epstein Madonna and child, commissioned by the nuns of The Convent of the Holy Child of Jesus who gave its approval without knowing that the sculptor was Jewish! All Soul's Langham Place was closed

despite both Ronnie and Tim having written requesting their doors be open. Sadly neither received a response.



All Saints Margaret Street proved to be a joy. This is where Jenny and Ray Beaumont met, married and had their children christened, so we sent them a group photo as evidence of our visit! We were welcomed by the most delightful and charming elderly priest who showed us where Princess Margaret and the Queen Mother often snuck in to worship! They didn't want to upset the Queen apparently, who was well known for being low church.



Lincoln's Inn Chapel, one of my personal favourites, was also closed due to window repair, but we managed to enjoy the Undercroft.

Albeit sad that so many of our churches were closed, it gave us an opportunity to reflect on the reasons behind this. There is much Outreach work

to be considered. So after about five miles we reached our destination - the incredible, legendary and unique St. Paul's Cathedral. We enjoyed our own front row seats under the extraordinary dome as we prepared for the Sung Eucharist on Holy Cross Day with presentation of candles by the Worshipful Company of Wax Chandlers. There could surely be no more fitting end to our pilgrimage and we were thrilled Deborah joined us for this.



With still so much to talk about we made our way to Watling Street and Ye Olde Watling, an ancient pub, built by Christopher Wren for the St. Pauls craftsmen, for a scrumptious and well-earned fellowship meal before heading home to Tunbridge Wells. What a day and what an

experience, certainly one none of us will forget thus making lasting memories.



Thank you Tim from us all for the hours of thought, planning and prayer which went into making the day so right. Where are we going next year?

Angela Culley



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A Musical Note



A very big thank you to everyone who came along to support our recent concert, A Night at the Musicals. I will write more about the concert in my next article, but for now I wanted to look ahead to what promises to be an especially busy and exciting few months for music at St Paul's.

Our first event is on Sunday 11th October at 6.30pm, when we will be joined by the choir of St Nicholas, Chislehurst, for a special Joint Choral Evensong. This will be a lovely opportunity for our two choirs to sing together and, importantly, to get to know some of the other singers who share our love of choral music and who are doing very much what we do every week. The plan is that this will be the first of two joint Evensongs, with our choir travelling to Chislehurst next summer to sing with them in their own church. We are hoping that a good number of their congregation will come to Rusthall for this first service, so it would be wonderful to have plenty of our own parishioners there to give them a really warm welcome. Following the service, there will be refreshments in church, giving us all an opportunity to spend some time together and enjoy a little fellowship after the singing.

Then, on Saturday 7th November at 6.30pm, we will have a very special Remembrance Concert. The second half of the concert will be Maurice Duruflé's beautiful Requiem. This is one of the great masterpieces of twentieth century choral music, and we are incredibly excited to have the opportunity to perform it. Alongside the Requiem, we will also be singing other choral music connected with remembrance and reflection. We hope that this will be a very special evening, so please put the date in your diaries and bring your friends and family along.

Our Advent Carol Service follows on Sunday 29th November at 6.30pm. This is always one of the most atmospheric and beautiful services of the year, as we begin the journey towards Christmas.

And then comes what may be our biggest musical challenge of the year! Yes, even more so than the Messiah! On Saturday 5th December, the choir will be taking on another Sing-a-thon, and this time our challenge is to sing all 100 carols from 100 Carols

for Choirs! We will begin at 10.30am, with a short break for lunch and another for supper, and, if all goes according to plan, we should finish at around 9pm. We are hoping to turn the whole day into a really festive occasion, with refreshments available in church throughout the day and, assuming we make it to the end, most certainly a party afterwards!

100 Carols for Choirs contains some surprisingly challenging music, and around half of the carols are ones that we have never sung before. As a result, we started singing Christmas carols in July this year! Even with all that preparation, we know that there simply will not be enough rehearsal time to properly learn all 100 carols. We are therefore going to have to rely heavily on our sight-reading skills! Even if you don't want to join in with more than one or two of the well-known carols, an audience would be lovely, so come along and listen to as much of the day as you would like to.

Finally, on Sunday 20th December at 6.30pm, we will have our traditional Service of Nine Lessons and Carols. I suspect that several of the carols from our Sing-a-thon will make an appearance!

We hope that you will be able to join us for as many of these services and concerts as possible.

Fiona Johnson

Chorister's News



Having progressed from the Under 21 team, ex chorister Thomas Craig-Fleming has been selected for the British under 25 rifle shooting team competing in Brisbane, Australia this month. We wish him the very best of luck.

Ed

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Of, for and with communities



What is a community? Simple question but complex answers. The basic definition is people sharing a common interest or within a geographic area. Thus, an individual who enjoys jazz shares a common interest with other jazz lovers, even if they do not know others with the same interest. Individuals living on housing estates, or within the boundaries of a church or secular parish may be described as being part of communities of geography.

An individual may be a member of several communities of interest: work, leisure activities, hobbies, race, sexuality, economic. A geographic community will not be homogenous but very diverse. Take for example a housing estate comprising properties formerly rented out by a local authority. There will be individuals who rent from a housing association, owner-occupiers and owners who rent on the private market. There will be old people, young people, those in employment, unemployed, sofa surfers, those with addictions, a multi-racial estate etc. All with different interests, hopes and concerns.

So, when people speak of community engagement what does that mean, particularly in a church context? Is it a 'one size fits all' approach or is the plan to target specific groups? Does a church attempt a go it alone approach or seek to collaborate with other faith organisations, secular charities, businesses or the statutory sector?

More importantly, what is the motivation or purpose behind churches becoming involved with community engagement? It is a long-held opinion of this author that the belief system as encapsulated in the Nicene Creed is far removed from the teaching of Jesus found in the Synoptic Gospels with its emphasis on loving your neighbour, kindness, helping those in need and justice.

Carl Krieg (author, professor and pastor) wrote:

"Change the message, returning it to what Jesus actually taught and did. That change is basic, and it conforms to what people need and want to hear because everyone understands love. The current images of what the church represents- sacrifice on a cross, walking on water, even hell- must be replaced by images of love and community, images that represent who God is and who we are. A non-dogmatic approach is mandatory and would open the doors to people who come from different backgrounds and are at differing stages of life and faith formation. There must be no room for a fundamentalist attitude of "here it is, take it or leave it". It is that attitude, masquerading as faith, that made the pews empty in the first place. The purpose of the church is not to convert, not to get people to join. The purpose of the congregation is to continually grow in awareness and fellowship within itself, while also providing for society at large a welcoming place where spirituality, love, and justice are practiced. Should those efforts prove successful, growth will come naturally."

Do you, or your church, engage in social action, action in the world outside your church as a means to an end, namely to evangelise? Or does it engage on the basis that it is the teaching attributed to Jesus in the synoptic gospels to get alongside and support the poor, the needy, the outcast, the marginalised in their hour of need and also to seek justice?

Going into communities is to leave the comfort zone of the church and enter a world that has a range of values, expectations, worries and concerns. How to relate? Certainly not by pushing solely a gospel message rooted in the creeds. Motivated by the core principle of love your neighbour it is essential to display care, concern, compassion, connection, consideration, but as equals, not by being patronising or paternalistic. The key is to get alongside individuals, to show by words and actions that you are there with them as an integral part of the community. No 'us' and 'them'. You are with them and they are with you. Seek to dismantle barriers. By a process of osmosis, the particular community(ies) you are connected with will imperceptibly come to understand and share your message of love.

Unlike mixed ecology it is not about numerical increase in church attendance. It is about showing the love of Jesus to a disbelieving world, to show the church is not an inward-looking private club but a body for, of and with those it serves.

John Hopkinson



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The Norman Mantle Chapel Children's 'wiggly' Space



We learn from and respect the past, live and thrive in the present, plan for the future.

The PCC have approved the proposal for resourcing the Norman Mantle Chapel for our youngest worshippers and their families and we look forward to welcoming them to church and hope they enjoy exploring this special space while their parents participate in the service. We are very grateful for some wonderful donations including a tepee, bookcase and a road rug!



We are still looking for the following:

Book Box for infant books

A small children's table and chairs where children can do colouring, crafting etc

Beanbag

Good quality books for children aged 6 months to 10 yrs, particularly Bible stories

Toy cars, magnetic tiles/construction set

Toddler Busy Books

Brio

Any other ideas which are quiet!!

Angela Culley

New Role for Alex Robson



It was lovely to see that one of our ex-choristers (and a regular organist) has got a new post as Assistant Director of Music at Worcester Cathedral. Alex was formally admitted to the music department at the Sung Eucharist on Sunday 13th September.

Upon his arrival at Worcester Cathedral, Alex commented: "I am delighted to be joining the team here at Worcester Cathedral. I have been struck by the warm welcome I have received, and I am excited to get to know the choirs and wider community. I am especially looking forward to working with Samuel Hudson [*Musical Director of Worcester Cathedral and also Artistic Director of the Three Choirs Festival, which will be held at Worcester Cathedral next year. Ed*] and to support the music and worship at the Cathedral services."

We wish him well in his new job.

Ed

Problems at the Shops

Shoplifting has sadly been in the news lately but perhaps the late great Ken Dodd had a solution.

"I have kleptomania. but when it gets bad, I take something for it."

I must admit that when I see someone with a clipboard I try and stay clear but Jimmy Carr has a novel approach.

"A lady with a clipboard stopped me in the street the other day. She said, 'Can you spare a few minutes for cancer research?' I said, 'Alright, but we won't get much done.'"

Tim Cripps

Sermon for October

RSVP and dress code – doing what we believe.

Many invitations will indicate a process and date for replying to an invitation alongside the appropriate attire which is expected of guests. This information is invaluable and essential for the avoidance of embarrassment or difficulties.

I have long been a suit and tie man, having being suitably attired for work in the City of London since I was seventeen years old. I dress accordingly on Sunday, if for no other reason that I am comfortable in such attire. My Senior Partner once amused his Partners by asking what exactly is 'smart casual?' It was he who during the last really hot summer of 1976 issued a directive that gentlemen may remove their jackets but not their ties.

In my working days it was not unusual to don a dinner jacket for evening events but I actually disliked "white tie" if only as it meant a trip to a hire shop to be suitably attired. A recent invitation to a wedding specified lounge suit with a floral-patterned tie. No problem with that although it did remind me that way back in 1965 on one Saturday morning, I was sent home from the Bank in my pre-accountancy days for wearing a very fetching floral kipper tie. Not what was expected from a young aspiring bank official.

Then there were the accountancy firm's Christmas parties at the Savoy or at the Grosvenor when we became too big for the Savoy. DJ for me but Pat had to hunt for a suitable evening gown. I don't think we miss those days. When you think that these days nobody seems to wear a suit let alone a tie. Times change and it is hard to keep up.

In the reading from Matthew's Gospel there is an invitation and expectation about the implications of acceptance and correct clothing. It is a situation which we can all understand to be awkward for anyone caught out, just like me all those years ago. This, however, is a parable. It is a complicated, distinctive version of a parable told differently by Luke. The commentators argue that Matthew makes several additions, including violent complicating features, and presents much of the parable's content as if it were allegorical.

The background of the parable, in the previous chapter, is the rejection of the message of John the Baptist, Jesus and his ministry, and the way the Jewish authorities have rejected the Christian missionaries who proclaim the risen Jesus.

Matthew was writing to a mainly Jewish congregation of Christians, which included some Gentiles. The Gospel was written after the Fall of

Jerusalem and its cataclysmic impact on the nation of Israel and Matthew's church. Matthew was speaking to a community which had to expect changes in behaviour and attitudes from their past. It is a two-part parable, describing first the inclusive nature of the invitation and then the expectations demanded of the guests who accept it.

The interpretation of this story may be debated, but it might be argued that the details included were to ensure that the members of the church realised that it was by grace, not by right, or merit, that they were welcomed. Similarly, it also indicates that the church includes both good and bad. In reminding them of their good fortune to be included in God's community, Matthew stresses the need for those who have been called, and have accepted the invitation, to act and behave properly.

If we focus attention on the individual condemned for his lack of a wedding garment (which logically is odd, but this is a parable, not a narrative of actual events), we might grasp Matthew's key point. Membership grants privileges and those privileges lead to immense responsibilities in the way we live and conduct ourselves. It is not a case of 'works' righteousness', but a clear message that being part of God's community of faith means living according to the standards of behaviour expected. All invited and included have obligations to act in a way congruent with the teaching of Jesus.

God wants everyone to be at the party, but not everyone wants to come, or knows how to behave once they get there. Being part of the Christian community should make a discernible difference to who we are and how we live.

Presence at the feast of Jesus is not the only criterion for Christians. How we act ('dress') is important. This is a call to action through demonstration of compassion and creative care of others. There is no room for complacency, nor smug self-satisfaction. The point is to be applied not to others, but to ourselves.

The intention of this parable is to encourage self-criticism, analysis, and living without pretence, taking the grace of God seriously. Acceptance of the invitation to the wedding means we respect its implications for our lives. One way of understanding the message is that to accept the invitation means we must clean up our act, dress up and rejoice in a new identity. Being present at the party means adopting the discipline of discipleship, with all the implications for daily life.

Matthew wanted Christians to never forget who we are and what that means for the way we live. The danger that every Church faces is that it can become a pleasant fellowship of the like-minded, or a vaguely spiritual club for people who are culturally

comfortable with each other. A church is always liable to lapse into a weekly liturgical cult, enjoying fine music, relishing a short oration, and becoming an exercise in escapism from the world. I am not sure myself there is anything terribly wrong with that if we remember the purpose for being there.

The challenge for every person who accepts the invitation of Jesus is to guard and strengthen the connection, the continuity, the integrity between what we believe and what we do. The invitation comes with a wish for us not only to reply, and accept, but to dress and act accordingly. Here we are reminded to do what we believe. Are we ready and willing to follow this instruction? Will we RSVP and dress accordingly?

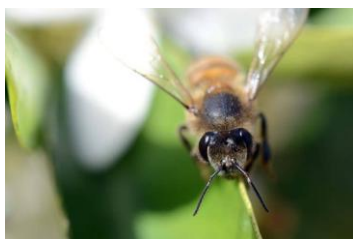


Recommended Reading:

Matthew 22:1-14

Tim Cripps

Sniffer Bees



Honeybee workers are being trained to detect substances like explosives and narcotics at airports and landmines in landscapes affected by war. In the field their flight patterns are monitored using advance radar technology. The benefits of sniffer bee technology include their low cost and the ease of training, which takes only a few minutes compared to the several months to train a dog. Who would have thought it! I promise it is not April 1st.

Tim Harrold

St Denys, Bishop of Paris

On 9th October we remember Denys (also known as Denis or Dionysus) who was the first Bishop of Paris and is a patron saint of France. He died, along with his companion martyrs, around 250AD.

Denys was born in Italy and sent with 6 other bishops to evangelise Gaul (modern France). He established a Christian community on an island in the River Seine, in Paris (then known as Lutetia), the Île de la Cité where the Cathedral of Notre Dame now stands.

The success of his preaching and evangelising earned the wrath of local Roman authorities and also local pagans upset by the number of converts. Denys and his companions Rusticus and Eleutherius were arrested, tortured and sentenced to death. They were beheaded on the highest hill in Paris, which became known as Montmartre, which means the Mountain of Martyrs. It was said that as soon as he was beheaded Denys stood up, picked up his head and walked a distance of about 6 miles, accompanied by angels, as his head delivered a final sermon on repentance and faith. He collapsed at a site north of the city where a pious Christian woman buried him.

King Dagobert I, last king of the Merovingian dynasty, founded a Benedictine Abbey at the site during the 7th century, which has evolved into the Basilica of Saint-Denis, which was used as the final resting place for nearly all French monarchs from the 10th to 19th centuries. French kings from Clovis I, first king of the Franks from 496AD, were nearly all crowned at Reims. However, a lady marrying the King of France after his coronation was usually given a separate coronation at the Basilica Saint-Denis.



Because of the legend of St Denys carrying his head, he is the first and most famous cephalophore – a saint depicted carrying his own severed head!

Deborah Bruce

Poems for October

By October, Autumn is either well underway or just round the corner. These poems remind us that, hard as it sometimes is, letting go can be a beautiful part of life.

Susan Barber

Sabbaths 2015 XV

Again the air is full
of falling: the fall of the leaves
in the weighty season that brings
all home again to the lowly
miracle from which they came.

Nature, the mother and maker,
requires that life take form,
enflesh itself in the shapes
and habits of the world's unnumbered
kinds. And then she requires
each one at last to shed
its guise, giving up
its matter to the life to come.

Think of a world of no fall,
no gravity calling downward,
homeward, bringing all
by the light uprisen down
to rest in resting land
- a world, instead, where all
that dies would fly upward
and outward, nameless and alone.
How sterile then would be
the earth, seasonless the year.

The year is the showing forth
of the heavenly love that is
the being of the present world.
The leaves, opening and at last
falling, hold a while
the beauty of God who made them
by the work and care of Nature,
His vicar and our mother.
His only is the light
of which all things are made,
the beauty that they are,
the delight that is our prayer.

Wendell Berry



Autumn

The leaves fall, fall as from far,
Like distance gardens withered the heavens;
They fall with slow and lingering descent.

And in the nights the heavy Earth, too, falls
From out the stars into the Solitude.

Thus all doth fall. this hand fine must fall
And lo! the other one: - it is the law.
But there is One who holds this falling
Infinitely softly in His hands.

Rainer Maria Rilke



Autumn

If I get old
I'll turn to gold
And orange, brown or red.
The wind will blow
And I'll let go
And float out of my bed.
I'll flutter up across the sky
Beyond this world of grief.
Away up high I'm going to fly:
A great big Autumn leaf.

Michael Leunig (Australian cartoonist)

Tales From the Churchyard

While we have many old yew trees in St. Paul's Churchyard, none are as old as the one found at St George's Church, Crowhurst, in East Sussex. St George's was built in the early 14th century, but its ancient yew is thought to be double the church's age. The St. George's tree is rich in tales and folklore. A door was once attached to the tree in 1820, and villagers held tea parties in its hollow trunk. A cannon ball was also found embedded in its trunk, thought to be from the English Civil War. This particular yew has been documented since 1630 and was one of the 50 'Great British Trees' chosen to celebrate the jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II.



Yew trees have become synonymous with churches primarily because many early Christian sites were built on older pagan or Druid sacred grounds where ancient yews already stood. Long before Christianity reached British shores, yews (*Taxus baccata*) were viewed as sacred by Celtic druids and pagan communities who planted them near their temples and burial grounds. Early Christian missionaries and leaders, such as Pope Gregory in 601, advised converting existing pagan sacred sites into Christian places of worship rather than destroying them. It is for this reason that many churchyard yews today significantly predate the stone and timber church buildings beside them.

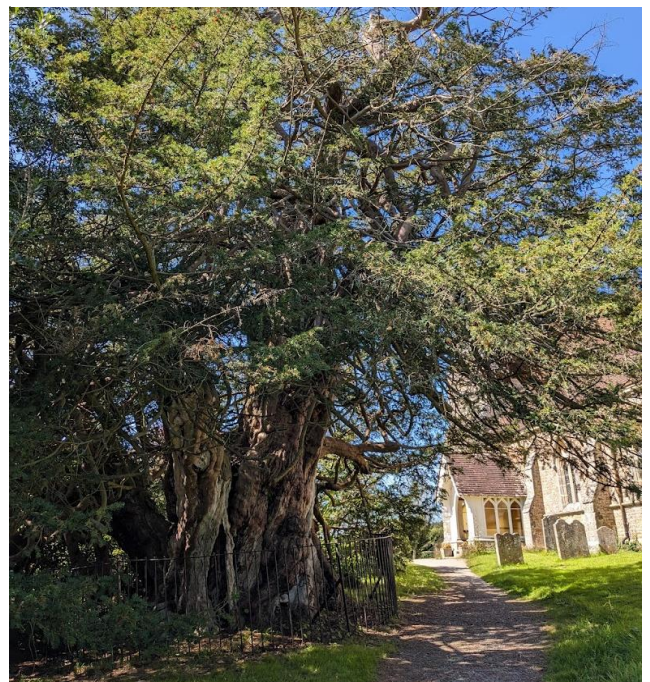
Later churches, such as St. Paul's, would have had yew trees planted on their grounds as symbols of eternity and rebirth. Because yew needles stay green all year, the tree became a natural symbol of everlasting life, resurrection, and the triumph over death. Yews also have an extraordinary capacity to grow new trunks and roots as old wood hollows out or drooping branches touch the ground, making them seem practically immortal. Some Christian medieval writers noted that the yew's contrasting red heartwood and white sap also visually mirrored the blood and body of Christ and thus provoked Christian imagery.

There were also practical reasons why yews were planted in churchyards, which may well have additionally contributed to their arrival at St Paul's, it being next to The Common. Every part of the yew is highly poisonous. Planting them in enclosed churchyards kept grazing livestock from wandering onto sacred ground and damaging graves.

We have a number of wonderful yew trees in our Parish Churchyard, and given their capacity to withstand drought, storm, disease and their inability to be eaten, they are likely to be here for many more years. They will almost certainly outlive us, and maybe even the bricks and mortar of the church itself. They deserve our respect and preservation, as they have the potential to become in the distant (hopefully) future, the remaining legacy of all who have worshipped on this site since the church was built.



David Goodwin





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Our Monday afternoon group have been raising Christmas Trees since 2012. Two hundred young trees spent a year in the Walled Garden whilst we dug holes in the sand and hardcore of the old riding arena, added topsoil and marked out paths. Transplanted and individually named, they were carefully weeded and watered until in the winter of 2018/19 the first batch were ready for sale – many with roots - so they could be replanted after Christmas by their new owners.

Most years we buy young replacements, and our current plantation is home to a mixture of Norway Spruce (NS-lovely scent) ranging from 1 foot (not for sale!) to 13 feet in height – and Nordmann Fir (NF - don't drop their needles) which are slower to grow and are mostly 4 to 6 feet high.

You are invited to our **Choosing Day on Saturday 21st November between 10am and 2 pm** If you plan to come but the weather is very wet and windy, please phone to see if we have rescheduled for the following Saturday.



Norway Spruce Christmas Tree

Having chosen your tree – for example “Jackie”, who is a well-proportioned 6 foot 6 inches tall NS – she will be marked “sold”, you will pay a £10 deposit, decide whether you require “rooted” or “cut”, and **fix your collection date and time.**



Nordmann Fir Christmas Tree

Our trees come in all shapes and sizes, which (we think) gives them character: Caroline, (NS) must go this Christmas – she is about 13 foot tall, and Barbara the NF at 6 foot 6 inches is a splendid tree. A few, who I shan't shame and name here, would look great stood in a corner and given plenty of decorations! Prices range from £25 to £65.

At this event, we will be selling our very popular jams made from SNWG grown fruits. Tree choosers can also enjoy a glass of our mulled apple juice with a mince or fruit pie.

If you would like to find out more about Stone Ness Walled Garden please visit our website or phone Jean : 01892 740305 or 07889 731949 (not after 8pm)

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