

Sunday 22nd October 2023
THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY



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 & Preacher: The Vicar

10.00 am Matins (BCP)

Minister & Preacher: The Vicar

10.00 am Family Service at the Church Centre + Zoom

Lead: Daphne Pilcher, Link: Liz Mankelow

Hymns: The Lord's my shepherd
 Seek ye first the kingdom of God
 Be thou my vision O Lord of my heart
 Great is thy faithfulness

Reading Matthew 22.15 – 22 (NIV page 990)

6.30 pm Parish Eucharist (CW)

President & Preacher: The Vicar



Altar Flowers at the Parish Church

The altar flowers are given today
by Jane Goldsworthy
in loving memory of her parents
Ken and Aneliese Wootton

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY 23rd October

10.00 am Church at the Church Centre open for private prayer

TUESDAY 24th

Parish Office closed

WEDNESDAY 25th *Crispin and Crispinian, Martyrs at Rome, c. 287*

10.00 am Church at the Church Centre open for private prayer

12 noon - 2 pm Charlie's Angels pop-up lunch at the Church Centre

THURSDAY 26th *Alfred the Great, King of the West Saxons, Scholar, 899*

10.00 am Church at the Church Centre open for private prayer

11.30 am Communion to Mount Ephraim House – May Graves

12.30 pm Lunch Club at the Church Centre

FRIDAY 27th

10.00 am Church at the 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 28th *Simon and Jude, Apostles*

8am-10pm Rusthall Bonfire and events, please see full information

NEXT SUNDAY 29th October

The Last Sunday After Trinity

Bible Sunday

8:00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

The Vicar

10.00 am Eucharist (CW)

President & Preacher: Rev. Nicholas Burton

10.00 am Family Service with Holy Communion at the Church Centre + Zoom

President: The Vicar, Link: Susan Powley

6.30 pm Evensong (BCP)

Minister & Preacher: The Vicar

NEWS AND NOTES

From the Vicarage

Greetings to you all and welcome to our services at the Parish Church and Church Centre on this Twentieth Sunday After Trinity. I trust that you would all be encouraged and nourished in our faith as we worship together today. Thank you to those of you who joined with the prayer time for Israel and Palestine on Wednesday. Please continue to pray for the situation, below is the prayer I wrote for the day.

Ronnie

Prayer for Israel and Palestine

Graciously Compassionate God,
You are the God of faithfulness and without injustice.

You know and see the continuing anguish of your people in Israel – Palestine, and aware of the recent attacks – initiated by Hamas which has resulted in immense human suffering, great loss of life and property, and the risk of a regional war.

We pray for your peace which you say nothing can take away, and for your justice which you say will be like an ever-flowing stream to flood the hearts of political leaders, law-makers, law-enforcers and, indeed, the people of Israel and Palestine, that they may acknowledge their common humanity and work for their mutual flourishing.

Help us all to actively promote peace and justice through the all-giving and reconciling love of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Rusthall Bonfire and Fete Group

You are warmly invited to join in with a number of events and activities this Saturday, the 28th October, in conjunction with Rusthall Bonfire and Fete Group, who are collaborating with a number of other local organisations:

- Big Village Clear Up in conjunction with Rusthall Commons and the Parish Council, meeting at the Church Centre from 8 am
- Creative Workshops with Nature Makers at the Church Centre 10 am – 12 noon and 2 pm - 4 pm where you can make rockets out of natural and recycled materials
- There is a planting of a tree in memory of Muriel Reeves at the top of Lower Green Road at 2 pm close to the crossroads
- Rusthall Bonfire and Firework event in the evening with the torchlight procession leaving common view at 7.30 pm

Your Church Needs You!

The Autumn Fayre on November 18th is fast approaching. All Money raised from the Fayre goes to Church Funds.

There are lots of stalls planned and contributions are needed. There are large boxes in both Churches to drop off your donations. We would be grateful for:-

Bottles, alcoholic or otherwise

Secrets room gifts

Bric-a-brac

Toys, games and children's books

Wrapping paper (to wrap gifts in the Secrets Room)

Bathroom gifts

Books and DVDs

Stationary , notebooks, pencils and pens

Items suitable for Raffle prizes

And nearer the day cakes and savouries

Youth Council - Future Meetings

Meetings are held in the Lodge between 6 pm and 7.30 pm.

All years 7 -13 (ages 11 to 18) are very welcome. No doubt there will be many additions to the list below - all led by the Council.

Thursday 2nd November - Ranger Dan joins us.

Thursday 7th December - Celebrating and working with Mount Ephraim House care home.

Easyfundraising

Tesco is working with easyfundraising to give a helping hand to the voluntary groups, charities, and CICs working tirelessly to keep up with spiralling costs and rising demand by pledging £5,000.

For a chance to win one of five £1,000 funding pots for St. Pauls go to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stpaulsrusthall/> and join for free.

As an online fundraising platform, easyfundraising partners with over 8,000 household brands that give free donations whenever anyone shops with them. Giving organisations a free, innovative, and digital way to help bridge their funding gap. Once registered, an online shopper needs to shop with Tesco online to enter your organisation into the prize draw to win £1,000. The more people who shop on your behalf, the more chances your organisation has at winning.

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