Sunday 16th July 2023 THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY MISSIONS TO SEAFARERS



Collect for the Week

Creator God,
you made us all in your image:
may we discern you in all that we see,
and serve you in all that we do;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

10.00 am Parish Eucharist (CW)

President and Preacher: The Vicar

Due to family illness, our speaker from Mission to Sea Farers cannot be with us today. We pray that God will restore them to full health soon.

10.00 am Family Service at the Church Centre + Zoom

Lead: Liz Goddard Link: Viv Littlechild

Hymns: Colours of day

Wide wide as the ocean

What a friend we have in Jesus

As the deer pants

Reading: Matthew 13:1-9,18-23 (NIV page 978)

6.30 pm Evensong (BCP)

Minister & Preacher: The Vicar

Hymn: NEH 137 Come down, O love divine

Psalm: 85

1st Reading: 2 Samuel 7.18-end Debbie Millar

Maanificat: C

2nd Reading: Luke 20. 1-8 Deborah Bruce

Nunc dimittis: C

Anthem: Behold, the tabernacle of God – William Harris

Hymn: NEH 379 In the Cross of Christ I glory

Amen: 19

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY 17th

10.00 am – 12 noon Church at the Church Centre open for private prayer 12 noon Interment of Ashes of Hazel Hollamby at the New Churchyard

TUESDAY 18th Elizabeth Ferard, 1st Deaconess of the Church of England, founder of the Community of St Andrew, 1883

Parish Office closed

8.00 pm Worship Committee meeting in the Lodge

WEDNESDAY 19th Gregory, Bishop of Nyssa, and his sister Macrina, Deaconess, Teachers of the Faith, c. 394 and c. 379

10.00 am – 12 noon Church at the Church Centre open for private prayer 12 noon – 2 pm Charlie's Angels pop-up lunch at the Church Centre

THURSDAY 20th Margaret of Antioch, Martyr, 4th century

10.00 am – 12 noon Church at the Church Centre open for private prayer 12.30 pm Lunch Club at the Church Centre

FRIDAY 21st

10.00 am – 12 noon Church at the Church Centre open for private prayer 12:30 pm Community Larder at the Church Centre

SATURDAY 22nd Mary Magdalene

NEXT SUNDAY 23rd July

The Seventh Sunday after Trinity
10.00 am Matins (BCP)

Minister & Preacher: The Revd Nicholas Burton

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

President: The Vicar Link: Chris Bassett

6.30 pm Parish Eucharist (CW)

Minister & Preacher: The Vicar



Altar Flowers at the Parish Church

The altar flowers in Church today are given by Vivienne Sharp In loving memory of her mother Ursula Sharp and her ministry at Burrswood

NEWS AND NOTES

From the Vicarage

Greetings to you all and a very warm welcome to our services today, the sixth Sunday after Trinity. Special thanks to the young people for leading last Sunday's service at the Church Centre and to Mary for guiding them – and to everyone who attended the Bring-your-own-Picnic afterwards. I pray that the God of all encouragement and comfort will continue to transform and equip us as we worship together and enjoy fellowship with one another so that we may be effective witnesses for, and faithful disciples of, Christ to the praise and glory of Almighty God. Ronnie

Parish Picnic

Thanks to all involved with the Parish Picnic last Sunday. It was a very pleasant time of fellowship despite the weather and all who attended enjoyed a good time. The only disappointment was the lack of attendance from members of the Parish Church congregation.

Family Service Children's Group break for the summer

Sunday July 16th will be our last children's group at Family Service until we restart on Sunday September 9th. As always, all children are of course very welcome to come throughout the summer and drawing materials and books are available for use during the service. If you have any queries please get in touch with Mary Holmes: mary@mandmcreative.co.uk

RIP

Christine Fenner died peacefully on Monday 10th July. Please pray for her soul and her family, especially David and her daughter Deborah Robbins and our server Paul Robbins.

Website

The Parish Website is being updated. Please would all groups check that their information is relevant and possibly consider adding a picture or two. It would also be helpful if people can make sure that this request reaches those who might not be in church to receive the pew leaflet. Information to be forwarded on email please to dpilcher@talktalk.net Many thanks.

Julian Group

Please note, we will NOT be meeting in August.

Rusthall Community Larder

The Friday Larder continues to be hugely popular, welcoming regulars and newcomers alike. It opens at 12.30 pm offering a great range of food and

other items. Please remember that you are most welcome to make donations of food etc, tinned and dried goods are particularly needed.

Milward House is a lovely Christian Care home with 25 residents. They are looking for a volunteer (or group of volunteers) who would be able to take a lead on simple Craft/Art activities twice a month on a Wednesday (day could change). Training, support and DBS would be provided. Contact Susan the Activities and Community Engagement Facilitator on ace.milward@pilgrimsfriend.org or 0300 303 1460.

St Paul's Parish Survey

The Parish Survey has now been launched. This is your opportunity to have your say so please make the effort to have your voice heard. The survey should take no more than 10 minutes to complete and is available online through the church website. Posters have been put up in shops throughout the village which also allow you to access the survey using a QR code, this is also in St Paul's News. If you prefer to fill in the survey manually rather than online, then hardcopies of the survey are also available at the Parish Church, the Church Centre and also at the Rusthall library. If you have any difficulty accessina please send the survey, then an survey@stpaulsrusthall.ora.uk. It's your voice - make sure it's heard.

Nourish Foodbank

Nourish Community Foodbank is reaching out to all places of worship to ask if we 'could think about the families struggling to make ends meet' as we approach the Summer Holidays. The 'Hidden Holiday Hunger Campaign' is a way we can give food items to families who are in need. The charity focuses on items such as sandwich fillers, healthy snacks and quick meals that many of us are lucky enough to be able to afford during the long Summer Holidays. A holiday parcel will include lots of fresh fruit, sandwich fillings, cereal bars, crisps, meatballs and hot dogs and essential items like butter, bread and eggs.' You can also make a monetary donation. Simply text HUNGER to 70560 to give or

www.nourishcommunityfoodbank.org.uk/give-money.

'If you, or someone you know, is struggling and needs food support, the best way to get a referral is through the Citizens Advice Bureau at www.citizensadvicenwk.org.uk'

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