

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2023**  
**THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**



**Collect for the Week**

God of glory,  
the end of our searching,  
help us to lay aside  
all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom,  
and to give all that we have  
to gain the pearl beyond all price,  
through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

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**10.00 am Parish Eucharist (CW)**

President & Preacher: The Vicar

**10.00 am Family Service at the Church Centre**

Lead: Susan Powley, Link: Daphne Pilcher

Hymns: When I needed a neighbour were you there  
Christ's is the world in which we move  
In Christ alone my hope is found  
Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine

Reading: Matthew 15.10 - 28 (NIV page 982)

**6.30 pm Evensong (BCP)**

Minister & Preacher: The Vicar

Hymn:	NEH 379 In the Cross of Christ I glory	
Psalm:	122 (BCP page 514 )	
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading:	2 Kings 4.1-37	Cherry Mead
Magnificat:	A	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading:	Acts 16.1-15	Mimi Hope
Nunc dimittis:	A	
Anthem:	A Clare Benediction - Rutter	
Hymn:	NEH 357	
Amen:	3	

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### **MONDAY 21<sup>st</sup>**

10.00 am Church at the Church Centre open for private prayer

### **TUESDAY 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Parish Office closed

11.00 am Youth Council sponsored bike ride beginning at Ham Farm

### **WEDNESDAY 23<sup>rd</sup>**

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

2.00 pm Funeral of Mark Rees at the Parish Church with the Choir

### **THURSDAY 24<sup>th</sup>**

10.00 am Church at the Church Centre open for private prayer

11.30 am Holy Communion to Mount Ephraim House – May Graves

12.30 pm Lunch Club at the Church Centre

### **FRIDAY 25<sup>th</sup>**

10.00 am Church at the Church Centre open for private prayer

12:30 pm Community Larder at the Church Centre

7.30 pm Choir Practice

### **SATURDAY 26<sup>th</sup>**

### **NEXT SUNDAY 27<sup>th</sup>**

#### **The Twelfth Sunday After Trinity**

#### **10.00 am Matins (BCP)**


Minister & Preacher: Rev. Nicholas Burton

#### **10.00 am Family Service with Holy Communion at the Church Centre**

President: The Vicar, Link: Liz Goddard

#### **6.30 pm Eucharist (CW)**

President & Preacher: The Vicar

	<p><b>Altar Flowers at the Parish Church</b></p> <p>The altar flowers are given today in loving memory Pam Munro who dedicated the flowers at this time each year to Joyce &amp; Vera Piggford</p>
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## **NEWS AND NOTES**

### **From the Vicarage**

Greetings to you all and a very warm welcome to our services today, the Eleventh Sunday after Trinity. I pray that as we continue to worship together and share fellowship with one another, so would the fruits of the Holy Spirit flourish in our lives.

*Ronnie*

### **Junior Choir Concert**

An enormous thank you and congratulations to all involved in the amazing concert last Sunday evening, it was a real treat. We are indeed very blessed to have so many talented musicians and performers at St Paul's.

### **Mark Rees**

Mark's funeral will be held at the Parish Church this coming Wednesday, the 23<sup>rd</sup> August at 2 pm followed by a reception at the Church Centre.

### **Jane Rowe**

Jane's funeral will take place at 1:30 on Thursday the 31<sup>st</sup> of August at King Charles the Martyr. There will be a family only committal at the Crematorium, followed by a gathering for everyone at 1 Warwick Park.

### **Hospice Run Road Closures**

On Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September the annual Hospice in the Weald run is taking place. Unfortunately the start time has been brought forward to 9.15 with road closures from 9 am. The stewards have been instructed to allow access to the Parish Church up to a prompt 9.15 am if drivers explain that they are going directly to St Paul's. Coffee and croissants will be available in the Lodge before the 10 am service.

### **Ramblers Wellbeing Walks**

The Tuesday walks, starting at the Church Centre, are continuing through the summer on alternate weeks. The next one is on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> August from 10 am. We welcome any walkers to stay for a coffee and chat at the Church Centre afterwards. For information contact [health@tunbridgewells.gov.uk](mailto:health@tunbridgewells.gov.uk) or call 01892 554411.

### **Family Service Children's Group September Restart**

We will now be restarting our children's group a week earlier than previously advised on Sunday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of September and look forward to welcoming you back. If you have any queries please get in touch with Mary Holmes: [mary@mandmcreative.co.uk](mailto:mary@mandmcreative.co.uk)

## **Ride and Stride 2023**

This annual event run by Friends of Kent Churches ([www.friendsofkentchurches.co.uk](http://www.friendsofkentchurches.co.uk)) will take place this year on Saturday 9th September. For those of you who have not come across it before, the idea is to get sponsorship to visit as many churches in Kent as possible either by walking or cycling between 10 am and 6 pm. The money raised goes towards paying for repairs and renovations of churches in Kent. It is split equally between the Diocese (to go towards larger projects) and our own church St. Pauls. There are sponsor forms and Tunbridge Wells maps showing the location of all the churches, as well as Friends of Kent Churches leaflets available at the back of the church. There will be a group cycling around the Romney Marsh churches where it is very flat and the roads are less busy. They will be meeting at Appledore village hall car park at 9.45 am. We will also need volunteers to sit for an hour at a time in each church recording the walkers and cyclists as they come through and providing simple refreshments. There is a sign-up board at the back of the church for those who are able to help with this. At the moment we do not have any volunteers from the main church to have a go at Riding or Striding, as I am unable to take part this year. It would be a shame to miss out on the money we usually raise. If you would like to volunteer as a walker or cyclist or to sit in church, please contact Jane Goldsworthy on 07846 266085 or [jane\\_goldsworthy@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jane_goldsworthy@yahoo.co.uk)

## **Youth Council New**

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> August: Sponsored Cycle Ride along the Forest Way between Groombridge and Forest Row in aid of 'The Bees'. Please let Angela or Jean know if you would like to join us (refreshments at half way pit stop!) Sponsor forms are now available so please contact us if you would like one or are happy to sponsor us. Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September: car wash at the Church Centre 10 am - 1 pm, Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September: first meeting of the new academic year. All 10 to 18 year olds very welcome (year 6 to Year 13), 6 pm in the Lodge. We really look forward to welcoming new members. Talk by archaeologist Nigel who is investigating that the original Pantiles came from The Dell opposite the war memorial. We will be serving a bacon and egg breakfast with tea and coffee before the next joint service at The Church Centre on the 10<sup>th</sup> September.

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