

Sunday 27th August 2023
THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY



Collect for the Week

God of constant mercy,
who sent your Son to save us:
remind us of your goodness,
increase your grace within us,
that our thankfulness may grow,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

10.00 am Matins (BCP)

Minister & Preacher: Rev. Nicholas Burton

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

President: The Vicar, Link: Rosemary Romano

Hymns: I will offer up my life
Lord, reign in me
Take my life
For I'm building a people of power

Readings: Romans 12.1-8 (NIV page 1139)
Matthew 16.13-20 (NIV page 983)

6.30 pm Eucharist (CW)

President & Preacher: The Vicar

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY 28th *Augustine, Bishop of Hippo, Teacher of the Faith, 430*

BANK HOLIDAY

Parish Office closed

TUESDAY 29th *The Beheading of John the Baptist*

Parish Office closed

WEDNESDAY 30th *John Bunyan, Spiritual Writer, 1688*

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 31st *Aidan, Bishop of Lindisfarne, Missionary, 651*

10.00 am Church at the Church Centre open for private prayer

12.30 pm Lunch Club at the Church Centre

FRIDAY 1st September *Giles of Provence, Hermit, c. 710*

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 2nd *The Martyrs of Papua New Guinea, 1901 and 1942*

10 am-2 pm Youth Council car wash at the Parish Church

NEXT SUNDAY 3rd

The Thirteenth Sunday After Trinity

10.00 am Parish Eucharist with Baptisms (CW)

President: The Vicar, Preacher: Rev Nicholas Burton

10.00 am Family Service at the Church Centre

Lead: Daphne Pilcher, Link: Susan Powley

6.30 pm Evensong (BCP)

Minister & Preacher: The Vicar

NEWS AND NOTES

From the Vicarage

Greetings to you all and a warm welcome to our Matins and Communion services today, the twelfth Sunday after Trinity. A special reminder that we will recommence our 8 'O' Clock BCP Communion on the 3rd to September. I pray that as we worship together today we will all be filled afresh by God's divine presence, and continually show forth the fruits of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

Ronnie

Hospice Run Road Closures

On Sunday 17th 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.

Autumn Fayre

A planning meeting for the Autumn Fayre will be held on Tuesday 5th September at 7.30 pm in The Lodge at the Parish Church. The Fayre is always a wonderful day of fundraising for the church and a very social day too. This year the fayre will again be in both the Church Centre and the URC hall just along the High Street. New ideas for stalls are always welcome. If you have helped before or would like to get involved for the first time please come along to the meeting. If you need any more information please contact Jean Kerr on 07905758799 or email jeak4000@gmail.com

Ride and Stride 2023

This annual event run by Friends of Kent Churches (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. Susan, Wendy and Karen from Family Service would welcome your sponsorship as they are partaking.

Jane Rowe

Jane's funeral will take place at 1.30 pm on Thursday the 31st 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.

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 3rd 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

Youth Council

Cycle Ride

The sun shone and The Forest Way was at its most stunning as we sped along. It was a glorious experience for us all and we are thrilled to report that the total raised to date is circa an amazing £500 towards our bees. Please see Angela or Jean if would like to donate.

Car Wash

The Youth Council will be washing cars on Saturday 2nd September between 10 am and 2 pm up at the Parish Church, £7.50 per car. Please do bring us your muddy cars and enjoy a cup of coffee while they are transformed.

Future Meetings

All meetings are held in the Lodge between 6 and 7.30 pm . All years 7 -13 (ages 11 to 18) are very welcome. I have no doubt there will be many additions to the list below - all led by the Council.

Thursday 7th September - Welcome back & future plans . Talk by Nigel our local archaeologist

Thursday 5th October - Healthy cooking on a budget!

Thursday 2nd November - Ranger Dan joins us.

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

Joint Service Breakfast

An egg and Bacon breakfast will be served at The Church Centre before the Joint Service on the 10th September.

Harvest Festival

This year our Joint Harvest Festival Service will be on Sunday 1st October. We will be having Bring and Share Lunch in the Lodge (and outside weather permitting!) after the service. All very welcome, the more the merrier.

Please see Chris Dobson or one of the Churchwardens for details and to sign up. There is also a sign-up sheet at the Church Centre.

If you or your group would like to decorate a window/s this year, or help with the flowers in general, please speak with Daphne Hodges or Ginette.

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