

Sunday 24th August 2025

THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Bartholomew the Apostle

St. Paul's
Church
Rusthall



Collect for the Week

Lord of heaven and earth,
as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer,
give us patience and courage never to lose hope,
but always to bring our prayers before you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

8:00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

President & Preacher: The Vicar

10.00 am Matins (BCP)

Minister and Preacher: Rev. Nicholas Burton

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

President: The Vicar, Link: Viv Littlechild

Hymns: Meekness and Majesty
Be still for the presence of the Lord
How lovely are the mountains
Jesus stand among us/here is bread

Readings: Acts 5.12-16 (NIV page 1097)
Luke 22.24-30 (NIV page 1057)

6.30 pm Eucharist (CW)

President: Rev. Nicholas Burton, Preacher: Daphne Pilcher



Altar Flowers at the Parish Church

The altar flowers are given today
by Shirley and Paul Barter
in loving memory of their Mothers
Irene Barter & Millicent Rhodes

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY 25th Bank Holiday

Parish Office closed

11 am-3pm Family Fun Day at the URC – all welcome

TUESDAY 26th

Parish Office closed

10.30 am Strategy meeting at Churchside

WEDNESDAY 27th *Monica, Mother of Augustine of Hippo, 387*

9.00 am Morning Prayer at the Church Centre – The Vicar

9.00 am Playtime at St Paul's

10.00 am Church at the Church Centre open for private prayer

7.30 pm Worship Committee in the Lodge

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

10.00 am Church at the Church Centre open for private prayer

11.30 am Holy Communion at the Church Centre – The Vicar

12.30 pm Lunch Club at the Church Centre

FRIDAY 29th *The Beheading of John the Baptist*

10.00 am Church at the Church Centre open for private prayer

12.30 pm Community Larder at the Church Centre

SATURDAY 30th *John Bunyon, Spiritual Writer, 1688*

10 am-4 pm Choristers Café in the Lodge

NEXT SUNDAY 31st August

ELEVENTH 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: Susan Powley, Links: Wendy & Graeme Anderson

10 am-4 pm Choristers Café in the Lodge

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 services today, the Tenth Sunday after Trinity, when we reflect on the life and ministry of Bartholomew the Apostle. I've just realised that we did not inform you as congregations that Ginette will be stepping down from her role as Parish Administrator at the end of September. The job is being advertised on indeed, an online job advertising company (<https://uk.indeed.com>). Although she is stepping down as Parish Administrator, Ginette will still be worshipping with us. We wish her all the best for the future.

You may be interested in the Global Week of Prayer from the 1st - 7th September. TW Churches Together are joining in with this based at the Gatehouse in Market Square. The full details are at the back of each church.
Ronnie

The Molyneux Almshouses

The Molyneux Almshouses in the High Street have provided affordable accommodation in Rusthall for over 100 years. We are looking for new trustees, to replace people who have recently retired or are soon to retire from the Board of Trustees. We are particularly interested in people with ICT and building/maintenance knowledge, but other skillsets are of course always welcome. Prior trustee experience is not required. It's a very rewarding role. To find out more, please contact Gill Prater, at gill.prater@molyneux-almshouses.co.uk or on 07563 245 315. The Vicar and Phil Vernon are currently trustees, so you can also approach them for information.

Ride and Stride 2025 Saturday 13th September – Friends of Kent Churches

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 on the day. It is great fun and there are delicious refreshments provided by many of the churches on the way!!! 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. Paul's. Last year St Paul's partakers raised £755. A record amount of £151,018 was raised across the whole of Kent!

There are sponsor forms and Tunbridge Wells maps showing the location of all the churches, as well as Friends of Kent Churches information available at the back of both Churches.

A group will be cycling around the Romney Marsh churches where it is very flat and the roads are less busy. They will meet at Appledore village hall car park at 9.45 am on the day. We 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. If you would like to take part as a walker or cyclist and want to know more about the routes please contact Jane Goldsworthy on 07846 266085 or jane_goldsworthy@yahoo.co.uk

From Ginette

As many of you already know I am stepping down from my role as Parish Administrator, in fact taking early retirement, at the end of September. Sweety will also retire from her job as 'meeter and greeter' in the office. We have both thoroughly enjoyed over eleven years of being the first point of contact for St Paul's and will have lots of tales to tell and memories to treasure.

Stationery for Sierra Leone

The stationery for Freetown has been collected for shipping and we look forward to hearing that it has arrived to be distributed for the beginning of term in September. We have currently raised £1,030 which is amazing. Thank you all for your generosity. It is not too late to make a donation – hopefully we can raise the full amount of £1,260.

First Honey - Raffle

Tickets are £1 a strip and are still available from the Parish Church, The Church Centre, The Parish Office, Angela or Jean. The draw will take place on the first Sunday in September.

Parish Churchyard

We now have a map/plan dividing the churchyard (at the Parish Church) into various zones, allowing for spring & summer meadows, wildlife corridors and mown areas. If you would like to help you would be very welcome – open to the whole community. Speak to Ronnie, Ginette or May if you are interested. When I return from annual leave I will be in touch to organise our first session.

Family Service Children's Group

The Children's Group will restart on 7th September. Children are of course very welcome to attend Family Service throughout the summer. Please get in touch with Mary Holmes mary@mandmcreative.co.uk or 07881371684 with any queries and more importantly if you are interested in helping lead the group!

Autumn Fayre Planning Meeting

The Autumn Fayre on November 15th is rapidly approaching. To help with the organisation, a planning meeting will be held on Wednesday 3rd September in The Lodge at 7.30 pm. If you would like to be part of the team to help with this event or you have any suggestions for new stalls or activities, please come along to the meeting or get in touch with me jeankerr@stpaulsrusthall.org.uk or via the Parish Office. Thank you.

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