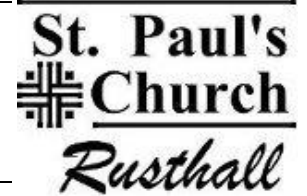


Sunday 7th June 2026
1st SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY



Collect for the Week

God of truth,
Help us to keep your law of love
And to walk in ways of wisdom,
That we may find true life
In Jesus Christ your Son.

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- 8.00 am** **Holy Communion (BCP)**
President and Preacher: The Vicar
- 10.00 am** **Eucharist (CW)**
President: The Vicar
Minister and Preacher: Daphne Pilcher
- 10.00 am** **Family Service at the Church Centre + Zoom**
Lead: Susan Powley Link: Karen Miller

Theme: 'Beyond Hope'
Hymns: At the Name of Jesus
Lord of all Hopefulness
Beauty for Brokenness
I want to walk with Jesus Christ
Reading: Matthew 9. 9 – 13 and 18 – 26 (NIV page 973)

- 6.30 pm** **Evensong (BCP)**
Minister and Preacher: The Vicar
- Hymn: NEH 346 City of God, how broad and far
Psalm: 37 verses 1 – 12
1st Reading: 1 Samuel 18. 1 -16 (page 281) Mione Palmer
Magnificat: A
2nd Reading: Luke 8. 41 -56 (page 75) Rosie Holder
Nunc Dimittis: A
Anthem: Like as the hart - Howells
Hymn: NEH 404 (omit verse 2)
Lord of our life, and God of our salvation
Amen: 2

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY 8th June *Thomas Ken, Bishop of Bath and Wells, nonjuror, hymn writer, 1711*

Parish Office closed - staff training

8.00 pm PCC meeting at the Lodge

TUESDAY 9th *Columba, Abbot of Iona, missionary, 597*

Ephrem, deacon, hymn writer, teacher of the faith, 373

Parish Office Closed

WEDNESDAY 10th

9.00 am Morning prayer at the Church Centre – Tim Harrold

9.00 am Playtime at St Paul's, Church Centre

10.00 am Church Centre open for private prayer

11.30 am Funeral of Cees Fichtmuller at the Kent and Sussex Crematorium

3.00 pm Communion Administration at Chamberlain Court by Elaine Bruce

THURSDAY 11th *Barnabas the Apostle*

10.00 am Church Centre open for private prayer

11.30 am Holy Communion at the Church Centre with the Vicar

12.30 pm Lunch Club at the Church Centre

7.30 pm Living Hope at the Sanctuary with Tim Harrold

FRIDAY 12th

10.00 am 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 13th

10.00 am – 4.00 pm Choristers Café

NEXT SUNDAY 14th June 2026

2nd SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

President and Preacher: The Vicar

10.00 am Parish Eucharist with Baptism (CW)

President and Preacher: Reverend Nicholas Burton

Minister: The Vicar

10.00 am Family Service at the Church Centre with + Zoom

Lead: Tim Harrold Link: Rosemary Romano

10.00 am – 4.00 pm Choristers Café

6.30 pm Choral Evensong (BCP) Minister: The Vicar

NEWS AND NOTES

From the Vicarage

Greetings and a warm welcome to our services today, the First Sunday after Trinity. Today being the first Sunday of the month, we will be having refreshments after the 6:30pm service at the Parish Church. Please join us. As we worship together in our various services today, I pray that we will enjoy divine communion and experience inner peace.

RACE FOR LIFE

Wendy Anderson is walking the Race for Life 3k route with her granddaughter, Elizabeth on 21st June 2026. If you would like to sponsor Wendy, forms are in both churches.

Forthcoming Event

St Andrews Madrigal Group Summer Concert are performing at the Parish Church on Thursday June 18th 2026 at 7.30 pm in aid of the Organ Renovation Fund. Here is just a flavour of what to expect from this very talented Group:-

'Join the St Andrews Madrigal Group for a summer concert of Madrigals, Partsongs and Sacred Classics, featuring works by Weelkes, Elgar, Chesnokov and Finzi. Founded in 1946, we are a student-led choir of 16 singers from the University of St Andrews who perform regularly in the town and further afield. While Madrigals are at the heart of what we do, our repertoire has expanded since our founding to include music from Renaissance Europe right through to the Romantic English Partsong, and we now explore contemporary works too, including new music written for the group. Following on from our successful Winter Tour to Prague and 80th Anniversary Celebrations, we are delighted to soon be embarking on our annual Summer Tour of the UK. This year we will travel the length of the country, giving concerts in 11 churches and cathedrals from Edinburgh and Kirkcudbrightshire down to Kent and East Sussex; we do hope you will be able to join us!'

2026 Pilgrimage Monday 13th July

Planning for this year's pilgrimage is continuing apace. Updated route, agenda, and signing up sheets are now in the Church Centre, Church, and the Lodge. Please make sure your names are on the list if you would like to join us as I need to confirm numbers for our fellowship meal. **The Nuns at the Tyburn Convent**, our starting point, have graciously agreed to pray for us throughout the day. If you would like more information, please contact Tim Harrold on 07413 805814 or at timharrold@duck.com.



The Altar flowers are given today in loving memory of June & Bill Goldsworthy and Anneliese & Kenneth Wootton who are Ian and Jane Goldsworthy's parents.

Living Hope Group

The Living Hope Group has started up again following its Easter break. Over the next few months leading up to Advent we will be exploring Celtic Spirituality which promises to be both interesting and rewarding. Living Hope meets on the second Thursday of every month at 7.30pm in the Sanctuary and all are welcome. If you would like to join us or would like there to be a daytime meeting, please contact Tim Harrold on 07413 805814.

Sermons from several recent services are now available on our website".

YOUR PARISH NEEDS YOU!

We are looking for someone to serve as Secretary of the Parochial Church Council (PCC). The role of the Secretary is to:

1. Take the Minutes at the PCC meetings and circulate them to the PCC.
 2. Prepare the agenda with the Vicar for the PCC meetings.
 3. Prepare and distribute documents for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) and take minutes for the meeting.
 4. Act as the 'official' liaison between the Parish and The Diocese of Rochester.
- The PCC meets for at most two hours on a 6/7 - week cycle. Please speak to Ronnie, Chris Dobson or David Goodwin if you are interested to serve as the PCC Secretary.

Choristers Café

Heartfelt thanks to all those who offered to help last weekend and over the next two weekends. As the holiday season is here, the Café is still looking for extra helpers on the weekends of August 1st/2nd and August 8th/9th. Please consult your diaries and 'book in' an hour or two in the Café! Many thanks Caroline.

EXCITING NEWS - "I am Mark" Production

It is with great excitement and anticipation that we can announce that 2026 will see an inaugural Shirley Barter Memorial Production. On 18th July we will be presenting "I am Mark", a daring new staging of the Gospel of Mark. Re-enacted by one person, "I am Mark" takes us through all the stories and drama in Mark's Gospel and presents it in the same way that the very first Christians would have experienced it. Performed in front of sell out audiences at both Rochester Cathedral and Edinburgh Fringe Festival, this is an event not to be missed. Tickets are now on sale via our website. See posters in The Lodge, Church and Church Centre for details. We expect tickets to sell quickly so please make sure you book yours soon.

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