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**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2020**  
**THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

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*At this time of great difficulty we hold you all in our prayers and ask God to be with each one of us and all those who are unwell, worried or lonely.*

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**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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***The Parish Church service will be posted on the website today.***

**10.00 am Holy Communion Service at the Parish Church  
(live streamed)**

President: The Vicar, Minister & Preacher: Tim Cripps

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

Lead: Mary Holmes, Link: Susan Powley

Hymns:           Father I place into your hands  
                      Bind us together Lord  
                      I danced in the morning  
                      Lord of all hopefulness

Reading:         Matthew 16. 13 - 20

## THE WEEK AHEAD

**MONDAY 24<sup>th</sup>** *Bartholomew the Apostle*

**TUESDAY 25<sup>th</sup>**

**WEDNESDAY 26<sup>th</sup>**

**THURSDAY 27<sup>th</sup>** *Monica, mother of Augustine of Hippo, 387*

**FRIDAY 28<sup>th</sup>** *Augustine, Bishop of Hippo, Teacher of the Faith, 430*

**SATURDAY 29<sup>th</sup>** *The Beheading of John the Baptist*

**NEXT SUNDAY 30<sup>th</sup> August**

**The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity**

**10.00 am Said Communion at the Parish Church**

President & Preacher: The Vicar, Minister: Tim Cripps,

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

## NEWS and NOTES

### From the Vicarage

Warm greetings to you all. It is really good to see so many of you at our Church services and to welcome parishioners who have returned for the first time since services resumed. I pray that God will continue to strengthen us even as we endeavour to support and encourage one another while adjusting to the “new normal”. Amen.

### Harvest Festival – 4<sup>th</sup> October

This year, due to Covid-19, Harvest will be celebrated at both the Parish Church and at the Church Centre at 10 am on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October. However numbers will be limited to facilitate social distancing and therefore there will be **sign-up** lists in both Churches from mid-September to **pre-book** seats. As usual there will be collections of goods for disadvantaged people – details of what to bring and to whom the donations will be made will follow in due course.

### The lodge key

Approximately 2-3 weeks ago the lodge key was mislaid. Please can everyone check in their pockets and bags in case it got taken home inadvertently.

### Halls at the Church Centre

We are currently putting plans in place to enable the re-opening of our halls for hiring. It is hoped that this can begin on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September. Hopefully many of our regular groups will return but some, of course, will not be able to with the current restrictions. All hirers will receive a protocol letter to ensure that Government guidelines are maintained and everyone is kept safe.

### Diamond Wedding Anniversary

David and Christine Fermer will be celebrating their Diamond wedding anniversary on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> August. We wish them every blessing.

### Ride and Stride 2020

It is confirmed that this annual event run by the Friends of Kent Churches ([www.friendsofkentchurches.co.uk](http://www.friendsofkentchurches.co.uk)) will definitely take place this year on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> 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 St. Pauls, Rusthall.

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 the opportunity to be sponsored for sitting in the church if you feel you could spare the time and are not able to do the walk or cycle. There will be a group cycling around the Romney Marsh churches where it is very flat and the roads are less busy. We will be meeting at Appledore village hall car park at 9:45 am. There is a good route available for anyone who prefers to stay more local and has not tried the event before.

If you would like to volunteer as a walker or cyclist or to sit in church please contact:

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