

Sunday 30th August 2020
THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY



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

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.

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

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

President & Preacher: The Vicar
Minister: Tim Cripps

10.00 am Family Service at the Church Centre

Lead: Wendy Anderson
Link: Graeme Anderson

Music: In Christ alone
10,000 Reasons
How sweet the name of Jesus
This is amazing grace

Reading: Romans 12. 9-21

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY 31st *Aiden, Bishop of Lindisfarne, Missionary, 651*
Bank holiday – office closed

TUESDAY 1st SEPTEMBER *Giles of Provence, Hermit c.710*

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

THURSDAY 3rd *Gregory the Great, Bishop of Rome, Teacher of the Faith, 604*

FRIDAY 4th *Birinius, Bishop of Dorchester (Oxon.) Apostle of Wessex 650*

SATURDAY 5th

NEXT SUNDAY 6th SEPTEMBER

The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

10.00 am Said Communion at the Parish Church

President: The Vicar

Minister & Preacher: 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. As children go back to schools this week I pray that God will give us courage to go out and face the "new normal" with optimism and enable us to support and encourage those who need our help. Amen.

Junior Church

We are planning to restart activities from next Sunday, 6th September, (in the form of a Junior Church) for those youngsters between approximately six years and thirteen years in the Lodge during the service time at St. Paul's. To make sure we comply with social distancing and other requirements for Covid-19 safety, please could the youngsters be brought to the Lodge before the Service begins. Daphne will be there from 9:45 am and then please will you collect them after the service is over.

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 7th 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.

Ride and Stride 2020

It is confirmed that this annual event run by the Friends of Kent Churches (www.friendsofkentchurches.co.uk) will definitely take place this year on Saturday 12th 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:

Jane Goldsworthy on 07846 266085 or jane_goldsworthy@yahoo.co.uk

Harvest Festival – 4th 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 4th 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 3-4 weeks ago the lodge key was mislaid. Please can everyone check in their pockets and bags in case it got taken home inadvertently.

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