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**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2020**  
**THE THIRTEENTH 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 us and all those who are unwell, worried or lonely.*

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**Collect for the Week**

Almighty God,  
you search us and know us:  
may we rely on you in strength  
and rest on you in weakness,  
now and in all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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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, Preacher: Tim Cripps

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

Lead: Susan Powley

Link: Liz Goddard

Hymns: As we gather in your presence now  
Let us build a house  
Jesus stand among us  
Let all the world in every corner sing

Reading: Matthew 18, 15-20

## THE WEEK AHEAD

**MONDAY 7<sup>th</sup>** *Evurtius, Bishop of Orleans*

Halls at the Church Centre re-open

8.00 pm Worship Committee in the Lodge

**TUESDAY 8<sup>th</sup>** *Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

Parish Office closed

**WEDNESDAY 9<sup>th</sup>** *Charles Fuge Lowder, Priest 1880*

**THURSDAY 10<sup>th</sup>**

**FRIDAY 11<sup>th</sup>**

**SATURDAY 12<sup>th</sup>**

**NEXT SUNDAY 13<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER**

**The Fourteenth 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**

Dear Friends, it is wonderful to be back in Church again this morning at both the Church Centre and Parish Church. I hope that children and teachers have had a happy return to school, thinking particularly Rusthall St Pauls. Good luck to those who begin next week. You may have heard that some churches and cathedrals have resumed choral music. We are very much looking forward to this happening with our Choir here at St Paul's and risk assessments and plans are underway. I wish you every blessing this week as we head into the Autumn season.

## **PCC**

The next PCC meeting will be held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September in the Lodge at 8 pm.

## **Worship Committee**

The next meeting is tomorrow, 7<sup>th</sup> September at 8 pm in the Lodge

## **From David and Christine Fenner**

We would like to thank the family of St. Paul's for their kind wishes on the occasion of their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on 27<sup>th</sup> August.

We are not able to attend services at the moment but are grateful to see and hear them on line. Our special thanks go to Fiona, the virtual choir and their technician for the Purcell anthem last week which was sung during the signing of the register after our marriage in 1960 at a church in Surrey where we had both been choristers from the age of nine. David usually sang the bass part in the trio sections but had to find a deputy while he attended to the paperwork.

The anthem was also sung by St. Mark's choir during our Golden celebrations ten years ago (a reprise for Roland Millar) and so, obviously, it means a great deal to us. The text is taken from one of our patron saint's epistles and exhorts everyone to "Rejoice in the Lord always", and not to be afraid. It also prays for God's peace in our hearts and minds through Jesus Christ our Lord.

So, please continue to rejoice, be courageous and pray for God's peace which is so sorely needed throughout the world today. Thank you all.

## **Junior Church**

We are planning to restart activities from next Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **Family Service Children's Group**

We are pleased to announce that we are able to restart our children's group on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September. We will be following the latest guidelines for keeping the children safe and really look forward to welcoming them back again. Children are of course always welcome when the group isn't running and our services are always prepared with the aim of engaging all ages, so please don't feel you have to wait for our Sunday Group to start again before coming to Family Service.

For further enquiries please contact Mary Holmes 07881 371684  
mary@mandmcreative.co.uk

## Many Happy Returns

On Friday Vivienne celebrated a very special birthday. Our love and best wishes to you Vivienne, from us all at St Paul's.

## 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.

## Ride and Stride 2020

The Friends of Kent Churches ([www.friendsokentchurches.co.uk](http://www.friendsokentchurches.co.uk)) takes place this year on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September.

We still need more 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](mailto:jane_goldsworthy@yahoo.co.uk)

## 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 are **sign-up** lists in both Churches 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.

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