

St Paul's Church

Dear all,

Wimbledon is well underway and to be perfectly honest it is a little difficult to get any work done! I have the coverage on in the background and keep getting absorbed in the current match when I should be doing something else.

Nevertheless, we have other important things going on at present and, in particular, this is the time of year for ordinations to take place at Canterbury Cathedral as candidates, who have been preparing to take this significant step, are presented to the Bishop.

Rev. Anthea, curate at St Paul's, and who is under my supervision, is to take this step – she received her first ordination last year and became a 'deacon'. This second ordination is to the priesthood which means that, amongst her duties (primarily as a Minister in the Workplace at the hairdressing salon that she runs), she will now be able to preside at Holy Communion.



I consider it a great privilege to have played a significant part in her journey to this moment, and indeed beyond. Please pray for her, and the other ordination candidates, as they prepare for all that take place on Saturday at the Cathedral.

On the world stage the events unfolding in Ukraine continue to be of great concern and none of us can fail to be repulsed by the tragic situation that took place with a missile hitting a crowded shopping centre in Kremenchuk. We pray for those directly affected and for a peaceful solution to this conflict as we recognise that the impact of all that is going on stretches across the globe.

Rev Chris

FORTHCOMING SERVICES

All services are in church, zoom is available for some services.

SUNDAY 3rd JULY – TRINITY 3

10 am Café Service – Gwyn

SUNDAY 10th JULY – TRINITY 4

10 am All-Age Communion – Rev Chris (Zoom)

SUNDAY 17th JULY – TRINITY 5

10 am Experimental Sunday – Rev Anthea (Zoom)

SUNDAY 24th JULY – TRINITY 6

10 am Holy Communion – Rev Chris (Zoom)

SUNDAY 31st JULY – TRINITY 7

10 am Holy Communion – Rev Robin/Rev Anthea (Zoom)

EVENTS

SUNDAY 3rd JULY

11.45 am Rev Anthea's Celebration

THURSDAY 14th JULY

2.30 pm MOTHERS' UNION – Maidstone & Me (Rev. Robin Williamson)

THURSDAY 21st JULY

2.30 pm FELLOWSHIP – Education Team – Kent Fire and Rescue Service

FRIDAY 5th AUGUST

9.30 am BABY & TODDLER GROUP - (large hall)



PRAYER RESOURCE

week beginning Sunday, 3rd July 2022

'Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.' (Romans 12: 12)

This week we give thanks for:

- The new Deacons and Priests who were ordained at Canterbury Cathedral on Saturday; we give thanks for Anthea and pray for her as she serves God at St Paul's, in her place of work and in Maidstone Deanery.

Please pray for:

- Peace in our world, remembering all caught up in the missile attack on a shopping mall in the Ukrainian city of Kremenchuk, and the people living in other war-torn countries.
- The people of Bangladesh experiencing severe monsoon storms, lightning strikes and landslides, with their livelihoods destroyed and homes and loved ones washed away.
- All affected by the earthquake in Afghanistan where whole villages have been reduced to rubble and people have been killed and injured; we pray that aid agencies can find a way to reach these remote locations with essential provisions and help.
- Our church, that it may always be a place of safety and that, as the church family, we show others God's love, joy, peace and hope.
- Our Church family, especially all who are struggling; and for Joan, Gilly, Hazel, Edith, Peter, Pat, Alice, Jill, Trevor, Tony, Maureen, Carol and Margaret; and for Ruth, Joan, Helen and Meaghan.
- Your own spiritual walk as a messenger of God.

You may like to use this prayer during the week:

Holy God, faithful and unchanging: enlarge my mind with the knowledge of your truth, and draw me more deeply into the mystery of your love, that I may truly worship you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

FOOD BANK

The next delivery will be Friday 15 July.