



St Paul's Church



Dear all

This Sunday we have our experimental worship which will be a more interactive service full of lively songs and activities. Children are very welcome, and we hope that both children and adults enjoy taking part in our Treasure Hunt around the church.

The theme this week is Generosity and Giving. Of course, there are many ways that we can give, including giving our time and our talents, but on Sunday we'll be thinking particularly of the ways in which some of us are able to support our church financially. We'll be explaining in very simple terms where St. Paul's gets its money from, what it does with it, what happens if it doesn't get enough, and more importantly, how all of this impacts on our ability to join in with the mission of God in our part of Maidstone.

I'll be interviewing our treasurer Sue Wilmott, and between us we'll be debunking a few myths, explaining some of the jargon you might hear in church, and generally aiming for more transparency about the way St. Paul's works. We all want to see our community thriving and growing so that people can come to know God and see their lives transformed. We all have a part to play in that, whether it's giving money or giving something else. We want to ensure that our church can flourish both now and in the future, and we hope that our worship on Sunday will inspire us to even greater creativity and generosity in our giving.

I'll be volunteering at the LIGHT TRAIL that St. Luke's will be running on 31st October, and this looks as though it'll be a lot of fun for children! If you'd like to come to this event with children or grandchildren, please see details below. You can book using this link: [Light Trail \(31-Oct-2022\) · ChurchSuite Events](#)

If you fancy joining me as a volunteer, you'd be very welcome. Do let me know in person or contact St. Luke's directly by emailing charlotteball@stlukesmaidstone.church.



I heard this week of the death of one of our long standing-members Joan Dickerson who I'm sure many of you will remember. She and her husband Bruce were part of our congregation for many years, and I have very fond memories of Joan; she was especially kind to me when I joined the St. Paul's family over 12 years ago now. I shall be taking her funeral at Vinters Park Crematorium at 1.15pm on Monday 31st October. Please speak to me if you would like to attend so I can let her daughter Elizabeth know how many to expect.

Rev Anthea

FORTHCOMING SERVICES

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

SUNDAY 16th OCTOBER – TRINITY 18 (slides attached)

10 am Experimental Sunday – Rev Anthea (Zoom)

SUNDAY 23rd OCTOBER – TRINITY 19

10 am Holy Communion – Rev Anthea (Zoom)

SUNDAY 30th OCTOBER – LAST AFTER TRINITY

10 am Holy Communion – Rev Anthea (Zoom)

SUNDAY 6th NOVEMBER – 4th SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

10 am Café Service – Gwyn

SUNDAY 13th NOVEMBER – 3rd SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

10 am Holy Communion – Rev Chris (Zoom)

EVENTS

THURSDAY 13th OCTOBER

12 noon for 12.30 pm - MOTHERS' UNION - Harvest Lunch @ 'The Bull'

THURSDAY 20th OCTOBER

12.30 pm - FELLOWSHIP - Making gift boxes - Sue Pamphlet

FRIDAY 28th OCTOBER

7-9 pm Craft Group – church

FRIDAY 4TH NOVEMBER

St Paul's Baby & Toddler Group

FRIENDS OF KENT CHURCHES

We raised £423 for Friends of Kent Churches. Thank you so much to: Sandy Vale, Ann Lewis, Sue Willmott, Chris Kirrage and Ollie Williams who did the sponsored walk/cycle. We will receive half the amount in December the rest goes to support other churches. Thank you to everyone who took part. **Margaret Hawkes**

FOOD BANK

The next delivery will be on 28th October.

PRAYER RESOURCE

week beginning Sunday, 16th October 2022

'Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path' (Psalm 119:105)

This week we give thanks for:

- The life of Joan and pray for her family at this sad time.
- God's blessing on each one of us from first light of day to when day is done, in our smiles and in our tears, through each day of our lives.

Please pray for:

- The people of Ukraine forced, once again, to take to the shelters as the war escalates with further Russian attacks on cities.
- The people of East Africa, facing the worst drought in a generation and, compounded by the effects of the pandemic, climate change, flash flooding and conflict, is causing a widespread hunger crisis and misery.
- Those grieving loved ones following the mass killings in a Thailand nursery and in surrounding streets.
- The continuing supply of covid and flu booster jabs for the most vulnerable to help protection over the Winter, and for people who are unwell to abide by the advice to stay at home to help prevent infections spreading.
- Our Church family, especially all who are struggling; and for Gilly, Hazel, Edith, Pat, Alice, Jill, Trevor, Tony, Maureen, Carol and Margaret; and for Ruth, Helen, Meaghan, Libby and Richard.
- Energy and boldness to share God's love and peace with all those you meet.

You may like to use this prayer during the week:

Lord, when the darkness and pain of my circumstances tempt me to doubt Your goodness and love, draw close so that I may feel the comfort of Your embrace and know the peace that passes understanding. Amen.