



St Paul's Church



A picture speaks 1000 words

Sunday the 6th of July, Bishop Rose attended St Nicholas to kick off the 50th birthday celebrations. Fifty years since St Nicholas Allington was built, consecrated and opened. Much has happened in the church's life since that time and there were some in attendance at that very first church service and were at church that day.

As we all reflect, perhaps on the last 5 years, I wonder if we plan for the future and if we do, how far in the future do we plan? Teachers use to be able to take early retirement and I had planned to open up a non-profit business with two other parents who had additional needs children, in order that our children, when they finished in education at the age of 25, would have somewhere to go and something to do.

In 2015 at Spring Harvest a lady in the prayer ministry prayed over me. Up until this day, I have no idea what she said as it was too loud in the arena. Like the invisible thread in a string of pearls, something shifted in my life. Christ became more visible to the single pearls that were my plans. My aim is to let go and to let God, in my personal life, my life as a minister and in the life of the church.

I wonder if you will allow Christ to be that invisible thread in your life? If you do, know that in the stresses and strains, joy and happiness, dark and anxious moments, laughter and peace, He holds the invisible thread. It's up to us if we choose to hang our pearls on it.

Rev Claude

SERVICES

SUNDAY 20 JULY – Trinity 5

9.15 am for 9.30 am - Bubble Church
10.30 am – Morning Worship – Gwyn

SUNDAY 27 JULY – Trinity 6

10.30 am - Holy Communion – Rev Robin Williamson

SUNDAY 3 AUGUST – Trinity 7

10.30 am - Café Church – Café Church Team

SUNDAY 10 AUGUST – Trinity 8

10.30 am - All-Age Communion – Rev Claude

SUNDAY 17 AUGUST – Trinity 9

9.15 am for 9.30 am - Bubble Church
10.30 am – Morning Worship – Gwyn

SUNDAY 24 AUGUST – Trinity 10

10.30 am - Holy Communion – Canon Liz Walker

SUNDAY 31 AUGUST – Trinity 11

10.30 am – Celtic Service – Jenny Clifton

SUNDAY 7 SEPTEMBER – Trinity 12

10.30 am - Café Church – Café Church Team

EVENTS

FRIDAY 25 JULY @ 7 pm

Crafts

SATURDAY 16 AUGUST @ 2.30 pm

Summer Afternoon Tea

THURSDAY 21 AUGUST @ 2.30 pm

Fellowship: Quiz

FRIDAY 29 AUGUST @ 7 pm

Crafts

FRIDAY 5 SEPTEMBER @ 9.30 am

Baby & Toddler Group

MONDAY 8 SEPTEMBER @ 7 pm

Prayer Meeting – St Paul's

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES

Cherishing God's creation is an integral part of our worship, and this year an opportunity to celebrate and learn about this will be right on our doorstep. The Canterbury and Rochester joint Eco Conference on **Saturday 4th October will be at St. Luke's Church, from 9am–12:30pm**. Open to all those interested in environmental stewardship.

FOOD BANK

The next delivery will be on Friday 25th July

PRAYER RESOURCE

week beginning Sunday, 20th July 2025

'Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.' (1 Thessalonians 5: 16-18)

This week we give thanks for:

- All who care for God's creation and are striving to safeguard all living things, focussing on ecological justice and promoting peace in our relationship with God, ourselves, each other and the rest of creation.

Please pray for:

- Yet more people grieving for loved ones as daily killings and injuries in Gaza and Ukraine are reported in the news; pray for peace in our world.
- People around the world facing major challenges: extreme poverty, conflict, climate change, food insecurity and lack of livelihood opportunities.
- All in Britain who are struggling to make ends meet with the rising prices of food and other essentials brought on by the steep increase in inflation.
- Summer camps and youth activities which allow young people to relax, make new friends and enjoy themselves in a safe and supported environment.
- Our Church family, especially all who are struggling; and for Edith, Pat, Alice, Jill, Sandra, Brenda, Elizabeth, Carol, Di, Ray, Percy, Paul and Brian W; and for Meaghan, Alan and Alison.
- Signs of hope in all these things, and in so many more – may we all be seeds of hope.

You may like to use these words at the beginning of your prayer-time:

Lord, as I pray, I welcome your presence with me, your Word in my midst and your Spirit in my heart and life.