



St Paul's Church



Dear all

What a week it has been. I have begun sharing my story of how I became a Christian and been led by God to both St Paul's and St Nicholas' churches. The final talk will be Monday 6th October at St Nicholas church, 7-8:30pm. All are welcome.

Historically Sarah Mullally becomes the first female archbishop of the Church of England. We hold her in prayer.

Hatred and violence against Jewish people continues as two worshippers were killed on the most holiest of days in the Jewish calendar - Yom Kippur. We offer our prayers for all the victims, their families and the Manchester community at this time. Wounds that existed already will only have been reopened.

The Bubble Church team from St Paul's were invited to take the puppets in to be a part of their Harvest festival assembly. And I had the opportunity to retell the story of the feeding of the five thousand at North Borough school.

In all of this we have to hold strong to the message of the cross, that we know ends in love. We may not always be able to see that; so it may be time to cut back the ivy that has become wildly overgrown.

Rev Claude

SERVICES

SUNDAY 5 OCTOBER – Harvest

10.30 am - Café Church – Café Church Team

SUNDAY 12 OCTOBER – Trinity 17

10.30 am - All-Age Communion Baptism – Rev Claude

SUNDAY 19 OCTOBER – Trinity 18

9.15 am for 9.30 am - Bubble Church

10.30 am – Morning Worship – Gwyn

SUNDAY 26 OCTOBER – Bible Sunday

10.30 am - Holy Communion – Rev Claude

EVENTS

FRIDAY 3 OCTOBER @ 9.30 am

Baby & Toddler Group

THURSDAY 9 OCTOBER @ 12:30 pm

Mothers' Union: Harvest Lunch at 'The Bull'

THURSDAY 16 OCTOBER @ 2.30 pm

Fellowship: Roy Peachey - Mary's Meals

SATURDAY 1 NOVEMBER @ 4 - 5 pm

A Time to Remember @ St Nic's

SUNDAY 2 NOVEMBER @ 4 – 5 pm

A Time to Remember @ St Paul's

THURSDAY 13 NOVEMBER @ 2 pm

Mothers' Union: Quiz

THURSDAY 20 NOVEMBER @ 2.30 pm

Craft Afternoon

THURSDAY 11 DECEMBER @ 2 pm

Mothers' Union: Advent

THURSDAY 18 DECEMBER @ 12 Noon

Fellowship: Christmas Lunch -Venue To Be Decided

DONATIONS

Please bring any donations of food to the Harvest Café Worship service on Sunday 5 October. There is a box at the back of the church. Many thanks

FOOD BANK

The next collection will be on Friday 24 October.

PRAYER RESOURCE

week beginning Sunday, 5th October 2025

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

This week we give thanks for:

- All you have given us and all that is safely gathered in – for harvested grain, ripe fruit and vegetables, for tins, packets and all good nutritious food. And as we look up to the heavens, out across the seas and at the grass and flowers in fields and parks, let us marvel at God's hand at work.
- Our homes, friends and family; give us generous hearts to share all you have abundantly given us with those who do not enjoy a rich Harvest.

Please pray for:

- An end to world hunger, and for those working to overcome global poverty and hardship.
- All who are finding themselves without a job this Autumn, and for those who have been searching for months for employment without success; pray that they will soon find suitable work.

- All around the country who help with the running of food banks, and those who faithfully listen to and support people who are on their own and yearn for company.
- Those who are organising the Winter Shelter project this year, and for all who are signing up to help in whatever way.
- 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.
- God's light to shine in the darkness of hatred, evil, sorrow and suffering; give all nations a brighter future.

You may like to use this prayer during this Harvest week:

Gracious God, I pray for everyone in this world who is hungry or thirsty. Please show me ways, however small, in which I can join with you in your mission to end all injustices. Amen.



The poster features a background image of a river and a bridge in Maidstone. The text 'WORSHIP.WORKS' is at the top left. The main title 'IGNITE!' is in large, bold, yellow letters, with 'Maidstone' in a white script font below it. A subtitle reads: 'A meet-up for Christians who want to serve God through their everyday work.' On the right side, a dark blue curved banner contains the event details: 'Theme: Praying with Watchfulness', 'Wednesday 15th October', '6:00-7:30pm', 'Maidstone House (The Mall)', and '£3.60pp worship.works/ignite'.