



St Paul's Church



We would like to make everyone aware that there are currently a number of scam emails circulating that appear to come from members of the clergy and parishioners.

Please be especially cautious if you receive an email claiming to be from Rev Claude that asks you to purchase gift cards, transfer money, share personal information, or carry out any urgent request. Rev Claude would **never** contact anyone personally by email to ask them to do these things.

If you receive an email that seems unusual or suspicious, please do not reply or click on any links. If you are unsure whether a message is genuine, please contact the parish office or speak to Rev Claude directly before taking any action.

Thank you for your vigilance in helping to protect yourself and our parish community.

SERVICES

SUNDAY 2 AUGUST – 9th Sunday after Trinity

10.30 am – Café Worship – Gwyn

SUNDAY 9 AUGUST – 10th Sunday after Trinity

10.30 am – All-Age Service with Communion – Rev Claude/Chris Gillespie

Readings: Romans 10.5-15; Matthew 14: 22-33 ('Jesus walking on the water')

SUNDAY 16 AUGUST – 11th Sunday after Trinity

10.30 am – Morning Worship – Gwyn

Readings: Romans 11.1-2a, 29-32; Matthew 15.[10-20]21-28

SUNDAY 23 AUGUST – 12th Sunday after Trinity

10.30 am – Holy Communion – Rev Claude

Readings: Romans 12.1-8; Matthew 16.13-20

EVENTS

THURSDAY 20 AUGUST @ 2.30 pm

Fellowship: The Leprosy Mission - Wendy Piccinini

SATURDAY 22 AUGUST @ 1 pm

BBQ

THURSDAY 10 SEPTEMBER @ 2.30 pm

Mothers' Union: Packing Shoe Boxes

SATURDAY 12 SEPTEMBER time tbc

Ride and Stride

THURSDAY 17 SEPTEMBER @ 10.30 am

Fellowship: Seaside outing

THURSDAY 8 OCTOBER @ 12.30 pm

Mothers' Union: Harvest Lunch at the Bull

SATURDAY 10 OCTOBER @ 6.15 pm for 6.30 pm

Harvest Supper

THURSDAY 15 OCTOBER @ 10.30 am

Fellowship: Beetle Drive

SATURDAY 24 OCTOBER time tbc

Autumn Fair

Prayer Diary

week beginning Sunday, 2nd August 2026

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

This week we give thanks for:

- Summer holidays and outings, for opportunities to see new places, do new things and the chance to renew acquaintance with familiar ones.

Please pray for:

- Peace – in our world, our communities, our churches, our homes and in our hearts.
- All battling major wildfires in Europe, with further climate-driven disasters predicted as temperatures continue to rise and the world gets rapidly hotter; pray for those who have lost their homes, pets and possessions.
- Those caught up in the earthquake in the Kumamoto area of Japan: the people trapped inside a shopping centre, those missing at a paper factory, and many experiencing power cuts, damaged roads and collapsed bridges and buildings.
- Summer camps and youth activities which allow young people to relax, make friends and enjoy themselves in a safe and supported environment.
- The coastguard and lifeboat crews patrolling our shores helping people who have got into difficulty at sea.
- Our Church family, especially all who are struggling; Edith, Alice, Jill, Sandra, Brenda, Elizabeth, Carol, Di, Ray, Percy, Paul, Jan and Trevor; for Meaghan, and Allert's Dad, Jan, who is undergoing treatment.
- Time to reflect, to renew energies and to peacefully enjoy August.

You may like to use this prayer during the week:

Thank you, Lord, that I can rest easy, secure in your love and peace, knowing that whatever I face, you will be with me, now and always. Amen.

Food Bank

The next delivery will be on Friday 7 August.

Independent Safeguarding Audit

INEQE Safeguarding Group has been commissioned to carry out an Independent Safeguarding Audit of the Church of England, to help ensure dioceses and cathedrals provide safe, valued and respectful environments.

As part of the audit, parishioners and members of St Paul's parish community are invited to complete an anonymous and confidential online survey by Wednesday 9 September 2026. Responses go directly to INEQE's Audit Team and are not shared with the Church of England. To access the survey at <https://ineqe.com/churchofengland/canterbury/>

New Bible Studies

Mondays 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th August

Meaning in the Miracles

led by Rev Canon Liz Walker

These 4 Bible Studies will look more deeply at a Miracle account and then consider what this might suggest about how we practise our faith today.

When: 7.30pm (Coffee from 7.15) **Where:** in St Nicholas Church

Monday 3rd The Gerasene Demoniac *Mark 5 v.1-20*

Monday 10th The Feeding of the 5000 *Mark 6 v. 30-44*

Monday 17th The Stilling of the Storm *Mark 4 v.35-41*

Monday 24th The Healing of the Syrophenician woman's daughter *Mark 7v.24-30*

It would be great to see you there. Please speak to one another about car sharing.