



St Paul's Church



Services

SUNDAY 6 SEPTEMBER – 14th Sunday after Trinity

10.30 am – Café Worship – Gwyn

SUNDAY 13 SEPTEMBER – 15th Sunday after Trinity

9.15 am for 9.30 am - Bubble Church

10.30 am – All-Age Service with Communion and Baptism – Rev Claude

Readings: Job 1:21b, 27.2-6; John 1:29-34

SUNDAY 20 SEPTEMBER - 16th Sunday after Trinity

10.30 am – Morning Worship – Gwyn

Readings: Philippians 1.21-30; Matthew 20.1-16

SUNDAY 27 SEPTEMBER – 17th Sunday after Trinity

10.30 am – Holy Communion – Rev Claude

Readings: Philippians 2.1-13; Matthew 21.23-32

Events

THURSDAY 10 SEPTEMBER @ 2.30 pm

Mothers' Union: Packing Shoe Boxes

SATURDAY 12 SEPTEMBER @ 2 pm

Ride and Stride afternoon tea

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

THURSDAY 12 NOVEMBER @ 2 pm

Mothers' Union: Remembrance

THURSDAY 19 NOVEMBER @ 2.30 pm

Fellowship: Crafts

SATURDAY 28 NOVEMBER time tbc

Advent Craft Sale

THURSDAY 10 DECEMBER @ 2 pm

Mothers' Union: Advent

THURSDAY 17 DECEMBER @ 12 noon

Fellowship: Christmas Lunch

Food Bank

The next delivery will be on 11 September.

Prayer Diary

week beginning Sunday, 6th September 2026

'Prayer transforms our vision of the world, and makes us see it... in the light of God.' (Thomas Merton)

This week we give thanks for:

- The love of Jesus Christ given unconditionally to us.

Please pray for:

- The safety of shipping in the Gulf of Aden as threats increase and maritime blockades escalate.
- The people of Nepal and Tibet as the death toll continues to rise and hope fades of finding more people still alive, following the devastating flash floods, and the fear of further flood risks.
- Ways to avoid the suffering that comes with climate change by all working together as peace-keepers and earth-keepers.
- The family and friends of the man who died at the 'Big Church Festival' in West Sussex last week, and for those who were injured and traumatised.
- Our young people as universities and colleges prepare to welcome back their students; pray for children as they start a new term at school, for those settling in to somewhere new and for young children going to school for the first time.
- Our Church family, especially all who are struggling; for Edith, Alice, Jill, Sandra, Brenda, Elizabeth, Carol, Di, Ray, Percy, Paul, Jan and Trevor; for Meaghan and Allert's Dad, Jan.
- May we all be 'Christ in this world'.

You may like to use this prayer during the week:

Lord, strengthen my resolve to follow your steps, and keep my heart open to love and joy, as we journey together in hope and peace. Amen.

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/>

Recognised Lay Ministry Courses – Approaching Application Deadlines

A number of recognised lay ministry courses have closing dates in September 2026. Details of these and other courses are below.

Deepening Discipleship

Explore your journey of discipleship and unique calling and gifts, identify key gospel discipleship practices as a basis of service and reflect on the growth and development of Christian communities.

Oct-Dec	Thurs	7pm-8.30pm	Diocesan House, Canterbury	application	17 September
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For more information on Deepening Discipleship [click here](#)

Lay Funeral Ministry – Closing Date 14 September

A course for Licensed Lay Ministers (Readers) and experienced worship leaders on the recommendation of their incumbents and with PCC support. Successful completion will lead to diocesan authorisation with local recognition and support. Applicants will be interviewed prior to acceptance on the course.

24 October	10am-4pm	Diocesan House, Lady Wootton's Green, Canterbury, CT1 1NQ
6 March	10am - 4pm	Diocesan House, Lady Wootton's Green, Canterbury, CT1 1NQ
8 May	10am - 4pm	Diocesan House, Lady Wootton's Green, Canterbury, CT1 1NQ

