



Sunday 13th September 2026

Trinity fifteen

Sunday 13th September Trinity 15 with commissioning of pastoral teams. Season of creation	<i>8.30 am Holy Communion (Traditional language) President: Rev Natalie Bawcutt, Preacher: Claire Birkhead</i> <i>10.00 am Sung Eucharist with commissioning of pastoral teams. President: Rev Edward Jervis, Preacher: Claire Birkhead</i> <i>Readings: Romans 14:1-12, Matthew 18:21-35</i>
Collect	God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Post Communion	Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

***** What's on *****

Monday 14th September	<i>10.30 am – 12.30 pm Uknitty club (church)</i> <i>4.00 pm Monday Rocks (church)</i>
Tuesday 15th September	<i>12.30 pm Noah's Ark (church hall)</i> <i>1.15 pm Miss you group (Highdown garden centre)</i> <i>4.30 pm Bolders (church hall)</i>
Wednesday 16th September	<i>10.00 am Coffee Break (church hall)</i> <i>11.00 am Holy Communion</i> <i>President and preacher: Rev Celia Woodruff</i> <i>1 Corinthians 12:31b-end of 13, Psalm 33:1-12, Luke 7:31-35</i> <i>4.00 – 6.00 pm Pantry with pantry social (church hall)</i> <i>7.00 pm Men's Fellowship (church hall)</i>
Friday 18th September	<i>7.00 pm Choir practice</i>
Saturday 19th September	<i>10.30 am Footsteps walk</i>
Sunday 20th September Trinity 16 Season of creation	<i>8.30 am Holy Communion (Traditional language)</i> <i>President: Rev Natalie Bawcutt; preacher: Martin Auton- Lloyd. CEO of Family Support Work.</i> <i>10.00 am Sung Eucharist</i> <i>President: Rev Natalie Bawcutt; preacher: Martin Auton- Lloyd. CEO of Family Support Work.</i> <i>Readings: Philippians 1:21-end, Matthew 20:1-16</i> <i>3.00 pm Civic service</i>

Morning Prayer: 9.00 am Monday, Wednesday, & Thursday. (Not on Bank Holidays).

Private Prayer: The church will open for private prayer on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday this week between 10.30 am – 12.00 noon.

Parish Prayer Time (PPT) will meet in the Church on Monday mornings at 9.30 am, (following Morning Prayer). Parish Prayer Time lasts about 40 minutes and usually starts with a shared scripture passage or words of encouragement to lead us into prayer for the Parish, the world and individuals who have requested our prayers.

Please remember in your prayers: Rosemary Colwell, Isla, Anne Springham, Keith Worrall, Penny Godwin, Peter Watson, Jenny & John Harris, Jane Hunt, Joan Thomas, Newman, Jim.

If you wish a name to be included, please let Natalie in the office know. The list will be refreshed again soon.

Years Mind: Marilyn Furniss (2013), Margaret Winteridge (2024), Marjorie Warnes (2022), Betty Wiltshire (2013), Babs Keniston (2006), Ada Goldring (2015), Ian Stranack (2013),

The Season of Creation begins – week three - Ezekiel's river grows deeper as it flows, bringing life to places that were damaged and barren. Our waterways also need our care. As a church eco team, we invite everyone to pray for the health of our local rivers and waterways, and for those working to protect them. May God make us part of the healing of creation.

Top tip: As you walk around Rustington or along our local coast, notice the many ways water shapes our community — from rainfall and drainage to streams and the sea. Pause for a moment and pray for the health of our local waters and all the wildlife they support.

If anyone can help clearing the leaves from the church hall car park, please contact Christopher Simmance, 07770 225325

Uknitty Club, our good causes knitting and crochet group, is meeting in the church on Monday morning (14th) from 10:30 am -12:30 pm. If you like to knit, crochet and chat, please come and join us. A big "thank you" to everyone who has already donated unwanted yarn and t-shirts - it helps us to recycle and saves us money. Please continue to donate yarn (of any kind and amount) and t-shirts in the Uknitty Club trug on the pew at the back of the church. We are also now able to accept donations of embroidery floss/threads so please feel free to put these in the trug if you have any spare. Thanks again.

Men's Fellowship -16th September, 7:00 pm. A talk by John Leathes – "How Harrods very nearly NEVER happened." Listen to John's personal experience when the truth can be more interesting than the media hype... £3 entrance fee, £2 optional raffle
info@spsp-mens-fellowship.club
Bill Dodd 07786 914795

Barn Dance with Ploughman's supper – Saturday 3rd October, 7.00 pm. Tickets are £15 each and are now available on ChurchSuite! If you're unable to book via ChurchSuite, please contact the church office to buy your ticket. Please bring your own drinks; there will be a raffle on the night, and a prize for the best dressed barn dancer!
Carrie, Jan, Joanna, Lisa, Sarah

Social & Fundraising Group – at the end of the year, the current group will be standing down, having done three and a half years. It would be good if a new group could form before the end of the year, in order to plan events for 2027. You don't have to be a PCC member, so if you are interested, please have a chat with any of the current members.
Carrie, Jan, Joanna, Lisa, Sarah

Time to switch! Please fill in the online form as we move all our contacts to ChurchSuite. If you have any problems please do ask and we can help you. www.rustingtonparish.church/switch

And have a look at our new website:

www.rustingtonparish.church

A huge thank you to the team who have worked on this.



Voluntary role – the Finance Group are looking for a Data Administrator to take over from Sue Clark who wishes to stand down at the end of the year. Sue will be happy to have someone shadow her whilst learning the role. The successful person needs to be competent with numbers, computers and inputting; and will be safely recruited. If you are interested or wish to find out more about it, please speak to Sue or a member of the Finance Group.

Sarah Grieg, Carrie, Graeme, Jackie, Lisa, Sue

Pantry: We had a nice steady arrival of Church Pantry users this week, not the usual early rush. We were well stocked and had a great range of products available as well as two big racks of clothing to offer. Sarah from Energy Efficiency has secured grants to install central heating for a couple of our regulars and was with us this week to see how she could help others. Next week Hazel from Citizens Advice will be available while we run our Pantry Social. Schools are back and we are going to ensure that they are well stocked. If you can please help we need milk, tuna, hotdogs, sweetcorn and custard. Thank you for your help and your prayers.

The Pantry Team

Could you spare a little time to support local families. We are looking to recruit a couple of volunteers to join our friendly Pantry teams at Rustington Community Primary School (Tuesdays, 8.30am to 9.00am), Georgian Gardens Primary School (Thursdays, 8.30am to 9.30am) and Summerlea Primary School (Thursdays, 2.15pm to 2.45pm) during term time. Whether you can help at one, two or all three pantries, or volunteer weekly, fortnightly, monthly or simply provide occasional cover, we would love to hear from you. Volunteers help set up, welcome families, organise food and household essentials, and create a warm, friendly atmosphere where relationships can grow. It's a rewarding way to serve our community, meet new people and make a real difference to local families. Please speak to Charlie Sims, Pantry Manager, for more information: 07958 271925. pantrymanager@rustingtonparish.church

A group visit to Burundi - Bootees needed! Jeremy and I are joining 13 others going with 'Five Talents' (Matthew 25:14) to Burundi, October 14th–24th. May I ask some of you to knit some **brightly coloured bootees - NOT white** for the Mothers' Union ladies babies in the Literacy and Savings Groups whom we will visit. Thank you. *Pam Brooks*

“Hope Blooms Here.” This is a Children’s Society initiative supported by Fothergills seeds. Please join us for coffee in the hall after the 10.00 am service on Sunday 20th September when you will be able to purchase delicious homemade preserves and chutneys, cakes, biscuits, scones, and plants and “Rustington” seeds. Please pop in to see us. Cash and Card accepted.

Julie and Dot

Footsteps Walk – every third Saturday of the month at 10.30 am.

Generosity A huge thank you to everyone who supports the church by using the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS); it relieves the finance team of a lot of work claiming back the gift aid and ensures the church has a regular income for all its vital work and daily expenses. If you would like to give to the church regularly, details of the **Parish Giving Scheme** which enables the church to budget for the future are below: Ring PGS confidentially on 0333 002 1271 or go to <https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/home/> to activate regular giving. There are also forms at the back of the church or ask in the office for further information. Our parish code is 101010024.



“Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.” 1 Timothy 6:18-19

Mission Matters

Good news - after spending a time in the UK for medical investigation, Nicci is now back in Juba South Sudan. Please continue to pray for her work in the hospital, refugee camp and orphanage.

“So that’s it! Me, back where I belong and doing all my normal busyness! More next week after a week back at work...”

Read her weekly blog niccimaxwell.wordpress.com)

Please continue to encourage Nicci and pray for the tense political situation in South Sudan. If you would like to donate personally to some of the basic needs in the hospital, you can send money to Nicci via Links, a registered Christian charity based in Littlehampton, that enables gifts to be sent directly to Nicci to be used according to needs at her discretion. Search for www.links.charity

Using Links (Act 4 You) (Project), gifts can be made to the account 'Supporting Child Health in South Sudan', account number 3209

If you have any problems you can contact Links for assistance by phone 01903 778515 or hello@links.charity

If you would like to sponsor the Church Notice sheet, to remember or recognise a special event or anniversary please contact the church office.

***The seven-day candle has been sponsored this week:
“Always loved, never forgotten.”***

If you would like to sponsor the seven-day candle that is in the chancel next to the Reserved Sacrament, in memory of someone, or for a special event or anniversary, please contact the Church office.

Material for **Sunday 20th September 2026** should reach the church office by **10.00 am Wednesday 16th September 2026** and be sent to sarahlouisegc@gmail.com

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