St Peter & St Paul RUSTINGTON

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Collect	God of grace, ever creating and restoring, you breathe life into all things and embrace us with an everlasting love; help us to grow in wonder and awe, to embody a spirit of gratitude, and to dream generous dreams; that, in gathering what we have, we may graciously offer ourselves to accomplish what you will, in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**
Post Communion	Loving and righteous God. here at your table we have tasted your goodness and generosity which exceeds all that we can desire or deserve; liberate us from all jealousy and greed, that we may respond cheerfully

	by offering ourselves, and love and serve others to witness to your glory, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**
***** What's on *****	
Monday 28th September	*4.00 pm Monday Rocks (church)*
Tuesday 29th September	*12.30 pm Noah's Ark (church hall)* *4.30 pm Bolders (church hall)*
Wednesday 30th September	*8.30 – 10.30 am Pantry (church hall)* *10.00 am Coffee Break (church hall)* *11.00 am Family Support Work service and AGM* *President and Preacher: Bishop Ruth Bushyager* *Job 9:1-12, 14-16, Psalm 88:1-6, 11, Luke 9:57-end*
Friday 2nd October	*7.00 pm Music & choir practice*
Saturday 3rd October	*7.00 – 10.00 pm Barn dance with ploughman's supper (ticketed event; please bring your own drinks).*
Sunday 4th October Trinity 18 **Harvest Festival and Pantry 5th Birthday celebrations.**	*8.30 am Holy Communion (Traditional language)* *President: Rev Natalie Bawcutt, preacher: Gill Renny* *10.00 am All Age Eucharist* *President and preacher: Rev Natalie Bawcutt* *Readings: 2 Corinthians 9:6-10, Luke 12:16-30* *12.15 pm Friendship Lunch* *3 pm Eco Pilgrimage (meet at the bottom of Sea Lane)*

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, Newman, Penny Godwin, Peter Watson, Jenny & John Harris, Jane Hunt, Joan Thomas, Jim.

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

RIP: Mary Bond

Years Mind: Lillian Hammond (2006), Brenda Thorn (2013), John Yates (2001), Ronald Waterman (2024), Bert Menage (2005), Mary Ash (2017), Daphne Brownlow (2025), Anthony Carter (2025).

The **Book of Remembrance** is with the calligrapher for updating and will be back soon.

The Season of Creation – Week 5 — Water for All
Water is essential for every living thing, yet clean and safe water is not equally available to everyone. During this Season of Creation, we remember communities facing drought, pollution, flooding and water scarcity. Let us pray for a world where clean water is protected as a gift for all creation, not treated simply as a commodity.
Top tip: Support a charity or organisation working to provide clean water or learn more about global water justice issues.

Eco Pilgrimage- meet at the bus shelter at the end of sea lane: Sunday 4th October at 3.00pm. See poster for details.

Barn Dance with Ploughman's Supper – Saturday 3rd October, 7.00 pm. Last chance to get your tickets! Tickets are £15 each and are now available on ChurchSuite or from the website. https://rustingtonparishchurch.churchsuite.com/events/xozybygp or contact the church office to buy your ticket or speak with one of the group at coffee, who will be able to assist you. 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

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**
This is the last notice sheet via the old distribution List.

And have a look at our new website:
www.rustingtonparish.church
A huge thank you to the team who have worked on this.

Home Group get together – on Sunday 25th October at 3pm in church, there will be a get together for all those in home groups or anyone who would like to explore what a home group is. Please could each group bring a cake or biscuits.

People's Emergency Broadcast – on Tuesday 20th October at 7pm in church we will be hosting a viewing of the People's Emergency Broadcast with a discussion about the climate emergency. This event is in collaboration with the Parish council. We have Tony Whitbread President of the Sussex Wildlife Trust coming to facilitate. Booking information to follow.

Seasight – the church magazine - is a chronicle of the life of our church, notice of upcoming events and communication details for newcomers and visitors. It also provides an essential part of our contact with members of the congregation who are unable to attend church. The magazine is distributed to these people via a willing (and occasionally hardy) group of volunteers. We are currently seeking to expand this distribution team. If

you like to walk a little and perhaps get to know more of the church family please contact Fran Tuppen via e-mail, ChurchSuite, or the Church Office.

Shoe Box Appeal. There are leaflets and a few empty boxes at the back of church. If you prefer not to fill a whole box but still would like to donate, then just leave a few things or even an empty shoe box on the table. All donations will be gratefully appreciated. (Sorry, no trainer shoe boxes as they are too big). We did 48 boxes last year and are setting a target of 60 this year. Let's go for it!!!
If you require any help please let me know.
Caroline

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

Family Support Work - we are looking to recruit some new volunteers to help with the After School Club which takes place on the first Wednesday of the month (2.30 - 5.30 pm). If you are interested in joining us, please contact Philippa Dabin. philippadabin@btinternet.com

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

Pantry: At this week's Church Pantry, we arranged for Carina from the West Sussex Council's Prevention Awareness Team (PAT) to bring an NHS nurse along for health screening. Nurse Sian was amazing and managed to spend time with 16 people, taking blood pressure readings and discussing health concerns. Sian will be with us again next week and we are hoping to make this service available every three months or so in the future. It's an early start next week and if you can help us to stock up, we are very low on cereals, milk, pasta sauce, biscuits and toilet rolls. Thank you for helping us to help those in need.
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: 07958271925. pantrymanager@rustingtonparish.church

The Children's Society - thank you all so much on behalf of TCS for supporting us last Sunday. Our bakes and preserves sold out (a big thank you to all our bakers and marmalade and Chutney makers and to everyone who helped on the day) as did the herb plants so generously gifted to us by Culberry Nursery in Angmering. We hope you enjoyed the eclectic choice of CDs and DVD's. With your donations and purchases we raised the wonderful sum of £367.70.
Julie and Dot for TCS

Big Top Holiday Club
Booking is open now for three mornings of circus-themed fun! We will enjoy stories, songs, games, crafts and snacks. All primary age children welcome. The club will run on:

Monday 26th October 10.00 am – 12.00 noon
Tuesday 27th October 10.00 am – 12.00 noon
Wednesday 28th October 10.00 am – 12.00 noon

The cost is just £5 for all three sessions, and your children will be very welcome. Flyers are available in church so please share with friends and neighbours. Booking via the website or ChurchSuite.
https://rustingtonparishchurch.churchsuite.com/events/kqfdnsmh

Looking forward to lots of fun.
Gill Renny

Our visit to Burundi, October 14th - 25th. Thank you to those who are knitting bootees. Please pray for Jeremy applying for our visas on **Monday, 28th September** in London. In Burundi we will attend church and visit various Literacy and Savings groups and meet M.U. members at their microenterprises. After the main group has left, Jeremy and I will move to a Christian Conference Centre for 3 days where we hope friends from Pat and my retirement visits will come to see us - four are now bishops! Please pray for some good reunions and safety for all of us.
Pam Brooks

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
PLEASE PRAY FOR SOUTH SUDAN AS ELECTIONS ARE HELD
Extract from a special update from Nicci:

"Please can I ask you to pray for South Sudan, especially in the coming week but also for the run up to the election. I'm praying for PEACE and PROTECTION for every person in South Sudan and that God will do something miraculous in this country! I'm safe and feeling well. I will go to work as normal in the week ahead unless the team at ACROSS advise otherwise. Please don't worry about me!" 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.

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 4th October 2026** should reach the church office by **10.00 am Wednesday 30th September 2026** and be sent to sarahlouisegc@gmail.com

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