

'Not the Parish Magazine' but something a little different! Issue 39



Across Holy Trinity, South Chatham
we want everyone to be safe

St. Alban's
Church,
Blue Bell Hill.

St. David's
Church,
Lordswood.

St. William's
Church,
Walderslade.



Sunday worship for the coming weeks:

Sunday, 10th October (Trinity 19)

10.00am Morning Worship at St. David's, Lordswood

Sunday, 17th October (Harvest Festival/Trinity 20)

10.00am Morning Worship at St. William's, Walderslade

Sunday, 24th October (Last Sunday after Trinity)

10.00am Morning Worship at St. Alban's, Blue Bell Hill

**And live streamed worship every Thursday
morning at 11.00am on  YouTube**

The link is on our FaceBook page every Monday and is also sent out in the weekly Saturday emails. Watch the service live or at another time afterwards.

In our prayers



We remember:

- so many places across the world where lives are overshadowed by war, disasters, injustice and poverty.
- couples preparing for their wedding day
- those preparing for baptisms and for Michael, Logan and Nate recently baptised.
- all involved in education: our local pre-schools, schools and colleges – their staff, pupils and students
- those whose working patterns have been changed by the pandemic.
- all working in essential services.
- those who are in pain or who are anxious.
- those who are troubled but feel unable to seek help.
- those who have lost loved ones, especially the families of the recently departed including Remi Alabi and Iris Farey.

and together - Trinity Prayers

7.30pm, on the first Thursday of the month. In October we return to meeting at The Rectory, 18 Marion Close, Walderslade on Thursday, 7th October.

A time to come together for an hour in prayer

- for our parish and its people
- for the mission of God in this community
- for those who have asked for prayer
- for one another





Bible Focus and Prayers



Here are the readings and collects for the coming weeks.

19th Sunday after Trinity – 10th October

Job 23:1-9, 16-end, Psalm 22:1-15, Hebrews 4:12-end, Mark 10:17-31.

Faithful Lord, whose steadfast love never ceases and whose mercies never come to an end: grant us the grace to trust you and to receive the gifts of your love, new every morning, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Harvest Festival (Trinity 20) – 17th October

Joel 2:21-27, Psalm 126, 1 Timothy 2:1-7 or 6:6-10, Matthew 6:25-33.

Creator God, you made the goodness of the land, the riches of the sea and the rhythm of the seasons; as we thank you for the harvest, may we cherish and respect this planet and its peoples through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Last Sunday after Trinity – 24th October

Job 42:1-6, 10-end, Psalm 34:1-8, Hebrews 7:23--end, Mark 10:46-end.

Merciful God, teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty, that trusting in your word and obeying your will, we may enter the unfailing joy of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Blythswood Shoebox Appeal 2021



Leaflets/Checklists for this year's Blythswood Shoebox Appeal are now being distributed in the churches. If you haven't picked one up and would like to take part then please let David or Elaine know and we can deliver one to you. It seems a long way ahead but we'd like to have all boxes returned by Sunday, 7th November.

Our local hub has some flatpack 'shoe boxes' available for those who need one (50p) so let us know if that's you. Please do follow the instructions carefully, this makes it much simpler for the team of volunteers who check each box before they are packed for their final journey across Europe.

Do remember Blythswood in your prayers and especially all those who work behind the scenes to ensure that our gifts get safely to their destination.

Thank you

Want to come back to church but need a lift?

There are several members of the congregations with spaces in their cars who can help, let David or Elaine know and we'll put you in touch.





October is designated as a Season of Safeguarding and as a Parish we take our safeguarding responsibilities seriously. We are committed to ensuring that our churches are safe places for all. Most

importantly this is *not* the task of our Parish Safeguarding Team (Mark Salter and Dave Bassett) but it is *a priority for everyone*.

There has been much in the press over past months recognising that churches have often failed in their duty to protect both young and old. Nor have they supported the survivors of abuse. This can only be seen as a scandal for communities that profess the Gospel of Christ and we must never be complacent.

Lord Jesus we praise you for calling us to the service of others.

We pray for a generosity of spirit to ensure the vulnerable are protected.

We pray for a compassionate heart so that we will reach out to those who are wounded by abuse.

We pray for courage and determination as we seek the safety of everyone in our parish communities.

We dedicate ourselves to this work of service and pray that you will help us to do your will at all times and in all places.

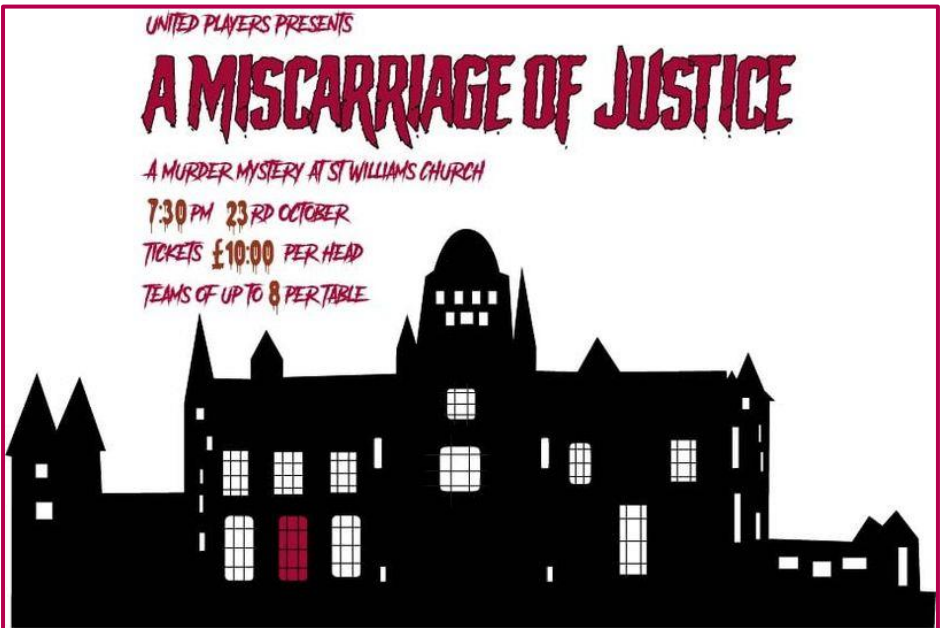
Amen

Murder Mystery Evening: 23rd Oct

Red Herrings, Unsavoury Characters, and MURDER!
Can you use your powers of deduction to unravel the lies and deceit and find the truth?

If you're a bit of a Sherlock Holmes, or maybe a "Sheer Luck" Holmes, or just like a bit of great entertainment, then this is for you!

No need to book, come as a team on the evening or join with others – feel free to bring your own refreshments and have a good time. Will you be this year's super sleuths?



This is a joint fundraising event for the parish and United Players, do book the date and invite your friends. Please bring along your own drinks and refreshments.



Sunday Worship ongoing protocols: Covid Responsible Venue Policy September 2021

- Continue the current rotating pattern of services around the three churches at least until the end of November 2021 – promote the safe offering of lifts
- Hand sanitiser to be used by all entering the buildings
- Encourage all attending to wear face coverings and to adopt track & trace
- Discourage movement around the worship space – the Peace to continue to be exchanged without physical contact
- Ensure ventilation is maximised and seating suitably spaced
- Holy Communion – continue with current practice of receiving in one kind and the use of wafers

*The above protocols are in accordance with Guidance from The Church of England and the Methodist Church and with Government advice regarding Covid Responsible Venues,
Agreed by Holy Trinity Combined Ecumenical Council (CEC) 21st September 2021.*

Harvest Festival: Sunday 17th October

It is still not practical to leave occasional donations in the churches but if you can support the Foodbank before or after Harvest, then Pat Long is happy to collect your donations if you get in touch with her (01634 309170 or 07792 277 739)

St. Luke: physician, evangelist

October 18th is the day that the Church celebrates St. Luke. As a former curate at one St. Luke's church and vicar of another I am particularly fond of this multi-gifted saint. His gospel seems to have a particular focus upon Jesus' ministry to outsiders, especially women – it is Luke who tells us of the angel Gabriel visiting Mary and gives us the challenging words of the Magnificat. There is even a legend that he was an artist and once painted a picture of Mary.



Unlike the other Gospel writers (Evangelists) Luke continues to share with us the moving of God's Spirit in the life of the early church (Book of Acts.) St. Paul speaks of him as 'the beloved physician' and mentions that Luke was with him in prison.



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