

CHRIST CHURCH NEWS

SEPTEMBER 2026



DIARY

Wednesday 2nd September

10am Holy Communion
5pm Evening Prayer

Sunday 6th September Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

8am Holy Communion
10am Parish Eucharist
(followed by refreshments)
God's Gang meets during the service

Tuesday 8th September

7.30pm Mothers Union
Speaker: The Revd Chris Winter

Wednesday 9th September

10am Holy Communion
2pm First Steps service. If you are a family with pre-school children, please come and join in the fun.
5pm Evening Prayer

Thursday 10th September

1pm Holy Matrimony

Saturday 12th September

Working morning
7pm Last Night of the Proms

Sunday 13th September Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

8am Holy Communion
10am Parish Eucharist (followed by refreshments)
12pm and 1pm Holy Baptism

Wednesday 16th September St Ninian

10am Holy Communion
5pm Evening Prayer
7.45pm Parochial Church Council

Thursday 17th September

10am Holy Communion at Springwood Corner
2.30-4pm Mustard Seed- tea, cake, chat and excellent company

Sunday 20st September Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

8am Holy Communion
10am Parish Eucharist
(followed by refreshments)
God's Gang meets during the service
4pm Deanery Confirmation Service at St George's

Wednesday 23rd September

10am Holy Communion
5pm Evening Prayer

Thursday 24th September

10am Pilgrim Bible Study Reading *Ruth: Chapter 1, From Moab to Bethlehem*

Sunday 27th September Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

8am Holy Communion
10am Parish Eucharist *MU Sunday*
(followed by refreshments)

Wednesday 30th September St Jerome

10am Holy Communion
5pm Evening Prayer

Pilgrim Bible Study Reading Ruth



The book of Ruth is a beautiful story of the love, covenant loyalty, and daring initiative of two impoverished widows. It is amazingly contemporary with themes of identity, migration, faithfulness and empowerment. One of the shorter books of the Bible we will be reading a chapter of the book at each of four sessions.

You may wish to read the whole book in preparation – it will take no more than 15 minutes!

Our first session will be on Thursday 24th September at 10am in the Choir Vestry.



Twilight Walk

Alex will be taking part in the 7.5km Ellenor Twilight Walk on Friday 18th September to raise funds in memory of Ted Barden. There are sponsor forms at the back of the church if you would like to sponsor him.

PROMS

Last Night of the Proms in the Church Hall on the big screen will be on 12th September. £10 per ticket for Fish, Chips or Chicken Strips. Call Angela by 10th September and pay up front on 07900430002. BYO Drinks.

RIDE AND STRIDE 2026



Kent Churches Ride and Stride Saturday 12th September between 10am and 6 pm.

Last year we raised £172 for Christ Church (half of the money raised, the other half goes to Friends of Kent Churches.) The total amount raised last

year for Kent Ride and Stride was £152,674.

Please speak to Pr. Jacqueline if you would like more information and a sponsor form.

Christ Church at Springwood Corner



Services of Holy Communion will be on Thursday 17th September, Tuesday 20th October, Thursday 19th November, Tuesday 22nd December, all at 10am. **Everyone welcome.**

We held our annual fund raising event 'T@3' on 19th August and celebrated 150 years of the Mothers' Union with members, friends, family and special guests Julia Jamieson, Mary Margaret Yates and Rev. Christine Allen.



As part of our celebrations, the branch donated a bench for use of our church community which was blessed by our Vicar the Reverend Canon Dr. Andrew Davey and the ribbon cut by Mary Margaret. Don't forget to try out the bench!

Nearly fifty guests enjoyed a lovely afternoon of tea and cakes, raffles and quizzes. Our MU cake was kindly donated to the branch which helped us raise a total of £500.



At our September 8th meeting we shall be welcoming Father Chris as our guest speaker. We welcome members and non-members and hope you can join us for what should be an interesting evening. Entry £3 to include refreshments.

A big thank you to everyone who came to our T@3 and helped us raise monies to be donated to the Rochester Diocese for their charitable giving.

Mothers' Union 'Take Over Sunday' service will take place on Sunday 27th September when we will be continuing our 150th celebrations.

If you would like to know more about becoming a member, please do Speak with Priest Jacqueline.

PARTY IN THE PLEASANCE

Christ Church Summer Party took place in the Pleasance in July. Music came from the exceptional Miss Vintage. A lovely evening of song, food and friendship – a little bit of dancing.





Thanks to those who opened their gardens during July. We raised £696 for church funds, in addition the Sunday the cake sale raised £70.

Thanks everyone who contributed.

Dates for the diary

Sunday 11th October Harvest Festival
Harvest Tea at 4pm followed by evensong.

Saturday 7th November Christmas Fair

Sunday 8th November Remembrance
4pm Memorial Service

Sunday 22nd November Feast of Christ the King
6pm Evensong

Sunday 29th November Advent Sunday
4pm Christingle

Diocesan Eco Conference - Think global, act local

Taking place on Saturday 19 September, at Rochester Cathedral, this joint conference organised by Canterbury and Rochester Dioceses, will offer the chance to gain practical ideas on how to live out our Christian commitment to creation in our own lives and churches. Please let the Vicar know if you would like to attend.



The conference will include:

- Talks on the global impacts of climate change arising from our local actions
- Workshops on topics such as sustainable floristry, church hospitality, and using thermal imaging cameras/data loggers to improve your church's energy efficiency
- Keynote speech from Dr Ruth Valerio, Christian environmentalist, theologian and social activist, and Canon Theologian at Rochester Cathedral
- There will time to network, ask questions, and exchange ideas with passionate people from across the region.

It's Your Calling

Saturday 31st October 2026 9:30 - 15:30 at St John' Centre, Meopham

A day exploring vocation and ministry. The day gives an opportunity to meet others on a similar quest and to take time to think about where God could be calling you. After an It's Your Calling day, there is an opportunity to make contact with one of our Vocations Adviser, for an informal chat.

PRAYER CALENDAR

	THE COMMUNITY	CHURCH
1	The Elderly	Those who use our hall
2	Those with poor mental health	Our preschool
3	The armed services	Our clergy
4	GPs and community health workers	Our Churchwarden Our Parochial Church Council
5	Foodbanks and those who use them The homeless	The children in our church Tots' Group, God's Gang and First Steps
6	Young people at university & college, or in work or apprenticeships	For vocations in the church, and those in training for ordained and lay ministry
7	The unemployed	Street Pastors
8	Our parliament and MP	Churches Together in Gravesend
9	Our emergency services	Our companion dioceses in Estonia, Zimbabwe and Tanzania
10	Social workers	Neighbouring Parishes
11	Children	Our lay ministers
12	Prisoners and prison staff	Prison chaplains
13	The victims of racism and discrimination	Christian Aid
14	Those who support people in the workplace	Our Bishops and Archdeacon
15	Our neighbours of other faiths	Those who are new in our church
16	Our local hospitals	Hospital chaplains
17	All who work with young people Our local Schools School pastors	Inclusive Church and all who work for inclusion and equality
18	Those living with dementia	Our safeguarding team
19	Musicians and artists	Our organist, choir & Semiquavers
20	Family life	Our Mothers Union
21	Our councillors and council	Those who are persecuted for their faith
22	All involved in the production and distribution of food The Foodbank and DailyHub	Mustard Seed Those who are housebound or isolated
23	All who work on the river RNLI	Those preparing for marriage
24	Victims of domestic abuse	Those who care for our buildings
25	Those who care for green spaces	That we may be more aware of our impact on our planet
26	Those who are affected by modern day slavery	Baptism families
27	Those who work in information, journalism and social media	Those who prepare our notice sheet and communications
28	Local businesses Our local funeral directors	The bereaved
29	Those fighting addictions	Uniformed organisations
30	Refugees and asylum seekers	Our Cathedral in Rochester
31	Care homes in our parish SpringwoodCorner, Larchwood and Sheringham	Those preparing for First Communion or Confirmation

MORNING PRAYER Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at 8.30am Join us in Church or on ZOOM. We follow the Daily Prayer app which can be downloaded on your smart phone. Check the weekly sheet for any changes.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82117921556>