

Please pray for the sick, for those that have recently departed and those whose year's mind falls at this time.

Coming Up

Monday 27 th	PCC Meeting	Ch	19:30
Wednesday 29 th	Holy Communion (1662)	Ch	10:30
Friday 31 st	Funeral Service David Bush RIP	Ch	14:00
Sunday 2 nd	Holy Communion	Ch	08:00
	Eucharist	Ch	09:30
	Evensong	Ch	18:30

SSPP Autumn Fair Sept 5th - We need donations for the gift stall at the Autumn Fair on September 5th. Prizes are also needed for the Tombola please. Any bottles or small items will be gratefully received. There is a storage box in the back pew of the church for any contributions. Thank you for your support!



Each year, more than 700 vulnerable babies receive life-saving care at St Peter's Hospital, supported by the Little Roo Neonatal Fund. This cause is deeply personal to us because Clara was born 13 weeks prematurely and received exceptional care. To give something back and raise funds for vital equipment, family support etc., we are taking on the National Three Peaks Challenge over 3 days at the end of August. If you are able to sponsor us, we would be very grateful. You can also donate online here: www.justgiving.com/page/3peaks-theskinners-2026 Martyn, Kathleen & Clara x



100 club - apologies that the draw did not take place last month. We will draw the June and July draws this Sunday after the 09:30.



ECO TIP OF THE MONTH – It's Plastic Free July and this year we're thinking about laundry, a top source of microplastic pollution. Fibres from synthetic clothes (polyester, nylon, and acrylic for example) shed tiny fibres during washing and drying. These enter the sewage systems and are hard to filter out. Use a microfibre bag or ball to catch the fibres. Learn more about reducing plastic pollution in the laundry process at plasticfreejuly.org/get-involved/what-you-can-do/plastic-free-laundry and more about this year's campaign at plasticfreejuly.org.

Readings for next week – Trinity 8

08:00 & 09:30: Isaiah 55:1-5 ♦ Matthew 14: 13-21
18:30: Ps 73: 23-end ♦ I Samuel 24: 9-17 ♦ Galatians 6: 1-10



Ss Peter & Paul Edenbridge



Trinity VIII
26 July 2026

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Please note – Our services are live streamed and you may be seen on camera. We never intentionally film close ups of the congregation. If you have any concerns please speak to a sidesman or church warden.

SERVICES TODAY

08:00 HOLY COMMUNION

09:30 EUCHARIST

(Setting - A New People's Mass - Murray)

Introit Hymn: HON 225

Reading by Anthony Shipwright

Gradual Hymn: HON 70

Intercessions led by Jenny Smith

The response to 'Lord of all creation' is 'teach us your ways'

Offertory Hymn: HON 375

Motet: Teach me, O Lord - Attwood

Final Hymn: HON 217 (t.428)

18:30 EVENSONG

Responses: Ferial

Psalm: 18: 31-46 Chant as set

First Lesson: I Samuel 17: 37-50 read by Kevin Scully

Office hymn: 246

Magnificat: Set C

Second Lesson: 2 Corinthians 6: 3-10 read by Geoff Hempstead

Nunc Dimittis: Set C

Anthem: The secret of Christ - Shephard

Hymns: 374, 361



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PROPER 12

COLLECT

Almighty Lord and everlasting God,
we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern
both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws
and the works of your commandments;
that through your most mighty protection,
both here and ever,
we may be preserved in body and soul;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

OT READING *1 Kings 3:5-12*

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, 'Ask what I should give you.' And Solomon said, 'You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart towards you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?'

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, 'Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.'

The church is open daily for private prayer:

Monday 10am-3pm, Tuesday - Saturday 9am-3pm,
Sunday - open for Services from 8am
(CLOSED BANK HOLIDAYS)

Thank You!

This week the annual statements and thank you letters went out to all our regular givers who make their donations by standing order or CAF Direct Debit. We value all donations, however they are received, but we have no record of those who give in the collection plate or via the card machine by the door so we can't thank you personally. Nonetheless we extend a heartfelt thank you to all our donors. As stated in those thank you letters the work of keeping church finances on track doesn't get any easier. The PCC continues to find it difficult to balance income and expenditure, despite the decision to reduce the amount we contribute to the diocese. So we are extremely grateful that with the continued support of everyone we have still been able to offer our regular services as well as support the work of our youth worker, BRIDGES and other initiatives in Edenbridge and beyond. We are still a vibrant church with much to offer and are attracting new members on a regular basis despite the long vacancy.

If you would like to find out more about the various methods of giving and how your contribution could mean more through Gift Aid please pick up a leaflet from the back of church or contact me at edenbridge.stewardship@gmail.com or on 01732 865186.

Jane Cain – Stewardship Secretary

GOSPEL *Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52 NRSVA*

He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.'

He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.' 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.'

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.'

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

'Have you understood all this?'

They answered, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'

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Kent Ride & Stride

Friends of Kent Churches Sponsored Ride & Stride takes place on Saturday 12th Sept. Ride & Stride Day is an opportunity to raise money for Kent's churches and chapels by cycling, walking or being a welcomer in a church. Money raised is shared equally between the church nominated by the participant and the Friends of Kent Churches which awards grants to Kent's churches and chapels to help preserve them. Participants in Ride & Stride are sponsored, and visit as many, or as few churches and chapels in Kent as they wish. On the day of the event many of the participating churches and chapels are open from 10-6pm, if a church is not open, participants can log their arrival on a sheet outside the church. Participants can cycle, walk, run or use public transport, or even go by car, horse, – whatever you choose.

Sponsorship forms are available online or from the church office. If you are able to welcome visitors to the church on the day for an hour or more, please let us know.

Prayer for SSPP in Vacancy

Heavenly Father, we hold before you all who live, work, and worship in our parish. Hear our prayers for this time of vacancy. Send us your Holy Spirit, at this time of uncertainty and change, to fill us with vision, energy, and faithfulness in prayer, that we may be true to your call.

Guard and guide us as we seek to discern the next incumbent to be called to serve you here in Edenbridge. Loving Lord, we know that you have plans for us, and we know that those plans are good. In your heavenly wisdom, send us a wise and gentle shepherd of your people, to build us up in faith and to lead us by example in loving obedience to your son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.