

SUNDAY 30th August – 13th Sunday after TRINITY

8am Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30am Songs of Praise
Baptism – Margot Suttie at 12.15pm

COLLECT for 13th Sunday after TRINITY

Almighty God, you search us and know us: may we rely on you in strength and rest on you in weakness, now and in all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

HYMNS: Songs of Praise

READINGS: Exodus 3: 1-15 (p.51), Matthew 16: 21 to 28 (p.17)

When [Jesus] went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. (Matthew 14: 14)



Gracious God - As we step into the month of August, bless all of St Mary's parish, wherever we are, at home, at work, or travelling. Keep all who journey safe, refresh those who rest, and lift our spirits with the gifts of summer. Strengthen all who serve our church and community during these holiday weeks, and guide those preparing for the busy season ahead. Amen.

In this heavy summer warmth, bring cool relief to all who are sick or struggling. Shelter them from exhaustion, surround them with calm, and let Your healing Spirit refresh their bodies and hearts Knowing that You are ever present to help in time of trouble. By name we think of: **JO WALL - MARGARET DRUMMOND - DENISE HALEY - ALAN WOOLSTON - ELEANOR BROOKS - HILARY ABRAHAMS - DIANA HEATHER - ANN BARTLETT - BARBARA JARVIS - SARAH WILLIS - MARK MARKCOONS - JO WATKINS - MARTYN DILLEY - SUZANNE MILLER - SUE & EMMA KINKEAD. Amen.**

May Your peace rest upon every home, may sunshine, friendship, and quiet moments draw us closer to you, and may you guard our days always. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



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St. Mary the Virgin - PEW SHEET – August 2026

During August the following activities will take place:
(all other activities will restart in September):

Morning Prayers: Tue-Wed 9.15am on Zoom, and in church
Mon-Fri 9.15am, Sat 10am but please check with Rev Amanda, if attending. **(No morning prayer – Mon 10th, Thurs 20th & 27th Aug).**

Church open for **Quiet Space** Mon – Sat 10am-12pm

Wednesdays **Welcome Space** 12.30-3pm (weekly)

Thu 13 & 27 Aug **Craft Group** 10.30am- 12.30pm

Tues 11 & 25 Aug **Prayer Group** 10am-11am

Wed 5th Aug **Coffee Morning 10.30am** for the Bereaved
and those living alone

Sun 9th Aug **Mothers' Union** – Evensong at Rochester Cath.

Fri 14th Aug **Twinkles** 10am -11am Meeting Room

Sat 22nd Aug **Pittsmead Grange Summer Service** 2.30pm

Sun 23rd Aug **Summer Soirée Concert** 4.30pm – Tickets are
£8 in advance or £10 on the door (under 18s
free) to book tickets contact Stuart on 07917
024481/stuart.spence2@outlook.com

Sun 6th Sept **Festival of 'Care for Creation in Christ'**

Mon 7th Sept **Mothers' Union** Coffee Morning at 'The George'

(Hymns with* are not in hymn books)

SUNDAY 2nd August – 9th Sunday after TRINITY

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30am Morning Praise Service

10.30am Sunbeams Session for children aged 3-6

Children's song: *Wide wide as the ocean**

HYMNS: Hymn 825 Faithful One*, Hymn 1126 When I survey*,
Hymn 987 Here is love* (Offertory), Hymn He will hold me fast*.

COLLECT 9th Sunday after TRINITY

Gracious Father, revive your Church in our day,
and make her holy, strong and faithful,
for your glory's sake, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

READINGS: Isaiah 55: 1-5 (p. 696), Matthew 14: 13-21 (p.15)

SUNDAY 9th August – 10th Sunday after TRINITY

8am Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30am Parish Communion
Sunbeams Session for children aged 3-6

HYMNS: Hymn 128 – Father God, I wonder, Hymn 111 Dear Lord and Father of mankind (vs 1-2,5-6), Hymn 122 Eternal Father strong to save (Offertory), Hymn 16 All my hope on God is founded.

COLLECT for 10th Sunday after TRINITY

Lord of heaven and earth,
as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer,
give us patience and courage never to lose hope, but always to
bring our prayers before you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

READINGS: Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28 (p.34) Matthew 14:22-33 (p.15)

Psalms 105: 1-6, 16-22

O give thanks to the LORD, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples.

² Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works.

³ Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

⁴ Seek the LORD and his strength;
seek his presence continually.

⁵ Remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles, and the judgements he has uttered,

⁶ O offspring of his servant Abraham, children of Jacob, his chosen ones.

¹⁶ When he summoned famine against the land, and broke every staff of bread,

¹⁷ he had sent a man ahead of them,

Joseph, who was sold as a slave.

¹⁸ His feet were hurt with fetters,
his neck was put in a collar of iron;

¹⁹ until what he had said came to pass, the word of the Lord kept testing him.

²⁰ The king sent and released him; the ruler of the peoples set him free.

²¹ He made him lord of his house,
and ruler of all his possessions,
²² to instruct his officials at his pleasure, and to teach his elders wisdom.

^{45b} Praise the Lord!

SUNDAY 16th August – 11th Sunday after TRINITY

8am Holy Communion (BCP)
9.15am Fresh Start & 10.30am Morning Praise Service

HYMNS: Hymn 998 Jesus what a beautiful name*, Hymn 1343 O God you search me*, Hymn 241 Holy Spirit, we welcome you (Offertory), Hymn 1003 My Jesus My Saviour*.

COLLECT for 11th Sunday after TRINITY

God of glory, the end of our searching,
help us to lay aside all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom,
and to give all that we have to gain the pearl beyond all price,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

READINGS: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32 (p. 156) Matthew 15 [10-20], 21-28 (p.16)

SUNDAY 23rd August – 12th Sunday after TRINITY

8am Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30am All Age Holy Communion Service

COLLECT for 12th Sunday after TRINITY

God of constant mercy, who sent your Son to save us:
remind us of your goodness, increase your grace within us,
that our thankfulness may grow, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

HYMNS: Hymn 467 Morning has broken, Hymn 7 All creatures of our God and King, Hymn 415 Let us with a gladsome mind (Offertory), Hymn 254 I am a new creation.

READINGS: Romans 12: 1-8, (p.157) Matthew 16: 13-20 (p.17)

Psalm 124

¹ If it had not been the Lord who was on our side —let Israel now say—

² if it had not been the Lord who was on our side,

when our enemies attacked us,

³ then they would have swallowed us up alive, when their anger was kindled against us;

⁴ then the flood would have swept us away, the torrent would have gone over us;

⁵ then over us would have gone the raging waters.

⁶ Blessed be the Lord,
who has not given us as prey to their teeth.

⁷ We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowlers; the snare is broken, and we have escaped.

⁸ Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.