

HOLY TRINITY SOUTH CHATHAM

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St Alban's, Blue Bell Hill, St David's, Lordswood,
and St William's, Walderslade



Bryan was a colleague in ministry with an inimitable preaching style that always caught us off-guard. Maybe it was because he was retired, but Bryan also brought a non-anxious presence to many potentially stressful situations in ministry. He was a huge support to me pre-Covid in 2018, when the Parish was a far busier place. The former Team Rector had gone on sabbatical, and Bryan led an excellent Advent course based on images of the Nativity from around the world.

It has been a sad, yet poignant summer, and we begin a new season of parish life without dear brothers and sisters. As autumn begins, I want to pay tribute to two of them.

Thank you to all who supported the families of Rev. Bryan Tolhurst and Pat Long at their funeral services in July and August, respectively. We continue to thank God for them both and remember their unique personalities and gifts.

With Pat, the biblical widow, Dorcas, comes to mind (cf. Acts 9.36-39). Like Dorcas, Pat was '... devoted to good works and acts of charity...' She made a profound impact on so many; from her days at Bradfield's Academy, to her work at the Net Café and Medway Foodbank, but it was those individual acts of kindness that meant the most: the timely visit or phone call, the card or, simple gift of flowers and cake that showed you were not forgotten. We were so incredibly blessed to have Pat as a member of our leadership team

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and part of our parish family. Pat, Bryan and others we have loved and lost lately leave us with a special legacy. Nobody will be able to replace them, but like other saints that have gone before, we tread in their faithful footsteps of love and service. I am encouraged by the way folk have responded in this respect, as areas of ministry now continue with new leaders and volunteers.

Our annual *Service of Remembering & Reflection* will take place at St William's this year (p. 6). We will be holding Pat and Bryan, alongside Joyce Sceats, Joyce Paterson, Peter Foord, Charlotte

Dekonor, Jean Goode, Michael Alabi, Rev. Julian Reindorp and many others, together with their families in our prayers.

Before then, however, we have our Harvest Festival on Sunday 4 October with donations to Medway Foodbank. There will also be a Quiz Night at St Alban's on Saturday 17 October (p. 6), alongside all the other regular worship and social events in the Parish. Please read on for more information or get in touch with us (details below).

Rev. David K
Team Rector

Worship in October 2026

Sunday 4 October — Harvest Festival

10am **Holy Communion at St William's, Walderslade**

Wednesday 7 October

10am **Midweek Holy Communion** in the Chapel at St William's

Sunday 11 October (Trinity 19)

10am **Holy Communion** at St David's, Lordswood

Sunday 18 October (Trinity 20)

10am *Family Vibes* at St David's, Lordswood

10am **Holy Communion** at St Alban's, Blue Bell Hill

Sunday 25 October (Bible Sunday/Last Sunday in Trinity)

10am **Morning Worship** at St David's, Lordswood

On the Social side

Coffee & Cake is held at St David's on the second Friday of every month between 10.30am and 12noon. *Hot drinks, cold drinks, lots of cake and good company!*
Next date: **9 October**.

Tea at Three at St William's on the third Monday of every month from 3pm.
Afternoon tea served always with a smile!
Next date: **19 October**.

Holy Communion & Coffee Morning at St Alban's on the third Wednesday of every month. Next date: **21 October** (worship at 10am, refreshments from 10.30am).



(Credit: Rev. Elaine Cranmer)

Cornerstone Coffeeshop at St William's in Walderslade Village is open most days throughout the week serving a range of hot and cold drinks, sandwiches, cakes and other bakes; **Monday - Friday** 10am - 2pm and **Saturdays** from 9am.



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HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE

Sunday 4 October 2026

10am at St William's, Walderslade (ME5 9LR)

Supporting the work of the Medway Foodbank

See church notice boards for shopping lists



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People of the Parish

In our April 2024 Newsletter, we met Tony Small. Now it is the turn of Jean, his wife!

Name: Jean Small **Age:** 80 years

Family: Married to Tony. We have 2 Sons. 3 Grandsons and 2 Granddaughters.

What is your role in the Church?
Church Booking Secretary.

What is your Church background?
I was baptised at St Nicholas Church in Strood in 1946. I grew up in Strood and attended St Francis which was then a wooden building with a separate wooden church hall prior to the Scandinavia style building which was built in 1960. I went to Sunday School in the wooden building and attended morning worship and sung evensong regularly and was Confirmed by the Bishop of Rochester, Christopher Chavasse there in 1958. I was a member of the Church choir for many years. Tony and I were married in the new building in 1967. This Church was a special part of my life as it was such a happy place to be part of.



When we came to live in Lordswood in 1975 we started our church life at St David's and St William's.

Where are you from? I was born in All Saints Hospital, Chatham and grew up in Strood until I was married.

What did you want to be when you were a child? A Police Officer

Are there any childhood memories you would like to share? I always wanted a little sister, and the happiest day of my childhood was the day my Sister was born I was four years old and we still have a very close bond.

What is your day job?
I am retired and volunteer at Medway League of Friends at Medway Maritime Hospital and love every minute of my days there. Much less stressful than my working life as an Insurance Broker and Company Secretary Officer.

Do you have any hobbies?
My main hobby is Ancestry, tracing the history of my family.

What is your favourite food?
I love Sunday Roast

What is your favourite TV programme? I like watching documentaries and travel programs and films.

What is your favourite music?
I like all kinds of music, but especially enjoy musicals; my favourite is *Les Misérables*.

Do you have a favourite Bible reading? I Corinthians 13

Do you have a favourite hymn?

Be Still

Where do you draw your spirituality from? From my daily Bible readings and prayers.

Have you had any profound spiritual experiences? On a holiday in

Wales, whilst up in the mountains and having a big decision to make about my future, a rainbow appeared in the sky, and a total peace came over me and I knew the answer to my problem.

Where do you see yourself in 10 years? I hope I am still able to volunteer at the hospital and enjoying my life with Tony.

In our prayers

We remember before God:

- the gift of creation; the weather and changing seasons, the fruits of earth, and all living creatures
- countries affected by poverty, conflict and environmental disaster
- His Majesty King Charles III and the UK Government
- the churches of the North Kent Methodist Circuit
- Rochester Diocese, our Bishops, and the parishes of this Deanery
- school children and students at the start of this academic year, especially those who have moved away from home to attend university
- the sick in body, mind and spirit, and those receiving medical treatment
- for couples preparing for their wedding day and future life together
- those preparing for baptism and confirmation and ordination
- the families of Bryan Tolhurst, Pat Long, Joyce Paterson, Dot Brown, Joyce Sceats and all those who have lost loved ones recently.

Dates: October 2026

Trinity Prayers in the Chapel at St David's on Thursday 1 October at 7.30pm

Wardens Plus at St David's on Friday 2 October at 9am

Annual Service of Remembering and Reflection

Sunday 1 November at 3pm
St William's Church, Walderslade (ME5 9LR)

During this service the names of loved-ones
will be read out and there will be an opportunity
to light a candle in their memory



Refreshments will be available at the end

Eclectic Avenue Concert at Third Avenue Methodist Church (ME7 2LU) on Saturday 3 October from 7.30pm. *Music for all the family*. Adults: £16; Under 16's: £8.

Midweek Communion at Woodlands Court on Monday 5 October at 6.30pm

Deanery Synod at All Saints with St Paul's on Tuesday 6 October at 7.30pm

Midweek Holy Communion in the Chapel at St William's on Wednesday 7 October at 10am

Woodlands Study Group (Residents only) at Woodlands Court on Mondays 12 & 26 October at 11am

Bible Study Group (for everyone) in the Chapel at St David's on Mondays 12 & 26 October at 2.30pm

Funeral of Mrs Joyce Sceats RIP at Medway Crematorium on Monday 19 October at 1pm

Quiz Night! at St Alban's on Saturday 17 October from 6.45pm. *Bring your own drinks and nibbles. Teams of 6 - 8 welcome. Cost: £5 per person. To book contact Caroline Burford (07879 628315 / c-burford@hotmail.co.uk)*

Building Sub-Committee in the Chapel at St David's on Wednesday 21 October at 7.30pm

Reading & Praying

Harvest Festival - 4 October

Deuteronomy 8.7-18 or 28.1-14
Psalms 65
2 Corinthians 9.6—end &
Luke 12.16-30 or 17.11-19

Eternal God,
you crown the year with your goodness
and you give us the fruits of the earth
in their season:
grant that we may use them to
your glory,
for the relief of those in need and for
own well-being;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Trinity 19 - 11 October

2 Samuel 20.1-3, 14-22,
Psalms 50.14-23,
1 Corinthians 6.1-6 &
Mark 6.1-6

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

Trinity 20 - 18 October

2 Samuel 21.1-14,
Psalms 58
Revelation 6.9-11 &
Luke 6.43-45

God, our light and our salvation:
illuminate our lives,
that we may see your goodness in the
land of the living,
and looking on your beauty
may be changed into the likeness of
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Last Sunday after Trinity - 25 October

1 Kings 1.1-5, 11-18, 29-31,
Psalms 90.1-10, 12,
Colossians 2.9-14 &
John 7.37-44

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.

Keeping in contact

More information about the Parish is available via weekly emails which you can sign-up to receive from our website, achurchnearyou.com/Holy-Trinity-South-Chatham (see QR code below). You can also follow us on Facebook and Instagram.

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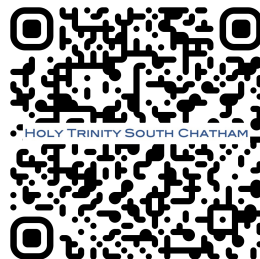
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