

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Colossians

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him— provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.

I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

Colossians 1:15-28

GOSPEL

Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.' But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.'

Luke 10:38-42

Royston Parish Church

Sunday 20th / 27th July 2025 - 4th / 5th Sunday after Trinity

The diocese's Living God's Love Prayer

**Living God, draw us deeper into your love;
Jesus our Lord, send us to care and serve;
Holy Spirit, make us heralds of good news.
Stir us, strengthen us, teach and inspire us
To live your love with generosity and joy,
Imagination and courage; for the sake of
your world and in the name of Jesus, Amen.**

If you wish to make a donation to the church, then please hold your phone's camera over this image then touch the link that appears:



Please note: this is a 2 weeks newsletter

The Parish Office email address is admin@roystonparishchurch.org.uk.

If you would like regular copies of the Notice Sheet emailed to you please email this account.

Sunday 20th July

9 am Said Communion Service
10.30 am Sung Communion with Church Choir followed by refreshments

Tuesday 22nd

9 am Morning Prayer
7.15 pm Churches Together meeting

Wednesday 23rd

11 am Said Communion Service followed by refreshments
1 pm Knit and Natter
4.30 pm Choristers Practice
6.30 pm Choir Practice

Thursday 24th

7 pm **Julian Prayer meeting at Middle Drift**

Friday 25th

1.30 pm Ministry Leadership Team meeting at the Vicarage
6.30 pm Sustainable Living Committee meeting at 11 Middle Drift

Saturday 26th

10 – 11.30 am Church Café
10.15 am Event Committee meeting

Sunday 27th July

9 am Said Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion Service
10.30 am Sung Communion with Church Choir followed by refreshments

Monday 28th
 7 pm PCC meeting in Church
 Tuesday 29th
 9 am Morning Prayer
 Wednesday 30th
 11 am Said Communion Service followed by refreshments
 1 pm Knit and Natter
 6.30 pm Choir Practice
 Thursday 31st
10 am - 4 pm Church Clear out day
 Saturday 2nd August
 10 – 11.30 am Church Café
 Sunday 3rd
 9 am Said Communion Service
 10.30 am Sung Communion with Church Choir, Children's Activities followed by refreshments

We pray for all Christians worldwide:

For all Christians in **Somalia**

For all who are worship at Therfield Chapel: Leader Paul Dutton

For the work of our mission partners: Global Care

We pray for the community of Royston:

For our local health centres

For all who Volunteer and make use of Royston Community Transport

We pray for our world and ECO projects:

As the campaign "Plastic Free July" continues, we pray that we can move to world without single use plastics and have cleaner streets, oceans and communities.

We pray for the sick and suffering:

6 th July	13 th July	20 th July	27 th July
Jenny Burchell	Chris Christou	Val Brown	Peter Coates
Carey & Pat Pritchard	Paul & Pat Tidey	Angi and Ken Rushall	Emma and Phil Heath
David Gower	Mike Brown	Paula Walker	Peter Foster

We pray for those who have died in the faith of Christ:

Deceased

Gerald Rowe
 Matthew Davies

Bereaved

Sandra, family and friends
 Jason, family and friends

We pray for those whose anniversaries fall at this time:

20th July Peter Dawes
 29th Tony Hall
 1st Aug Ken Law

NOTICES

CHILDREN'S CHURCH IS TAKING A BREAK DURING THE SCHOOL SUMMER HOLIDAYS

FROM 20TH JULY However, 10.30am each Sunday, on the red tables in the side aisle near the creche, there will be activity sheets, materials etc which parents/ carers are welcome to use with their children.

31st August will be an all-age celebration at the close of our Summer Holiday Club.

7 September - Children's Church restarts - all school-age children most welcome.

BEDS & HERTS HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST - SPONSORED BIKE 'N HIKE - SATURDAY

13TH SEPTEMBER 2025 Last year we in Royston raised £ 1,700 which was divided equally between BHHCT and our own parish funds. We need both participants and sponsors this year to help us achieve another successful Bike 'n Hike. Select your own route for cycling or hiking between the churches – there are over 600 churches to choose from so make it as long or as short as you wish. Most churches will be open on the day. The Sponsorship Packs are now available and if you would like a pack, please contact Mike Maze (245606 or mikefmaze@aol.com)

A BIG THANK YOU: I would like to take the opportunity to say thank you to all of you for the warm welcome myself, Joe and the girls have received as we have joined you here in Royston. I am especially thankful for the generous gifts we have been given, both the oil stocks I was presented with last Sunday and the hamper that was waiting for us as we moved into the house a few short weeks ago.

The lunch last week was a lovely opportunity to begin meeting you all and I look forward to getting to know you all over the next few weeks and months. Please do continue to pray for me as I begin my curacy as I will continue to pray for you all. Jaime.

ST JOHN the BAPTIST CHURCH ROYSTON, HOLIDAY CLUB 'SEASIDE ADVENTURES

TRUSTING IN GOD'. This is for children 0 to 11 years with their parent/carer with sessions on August 5th, 14th and 28th from 10am to 12 am. It is £2.50 per child. Booking link on the website under Youth and Children or call 01763 448063

CHURCH CLEAROUT DAY:Thursday 31st July 10 am – 4 pm.

We are having a big clear out at church during this day to create and to streamline what we have in storage. Please contact Richard if you can offer part or all of the day to help.

UPCOMING EVENTS

There are a number of events coming up over the next few months to look forward to.

26th September - Organ recital
 4th October - Harvest Supper
 8th November - Remembrance themed lunch time concert. Ruth Savage