

Royston Parish Church

where all are welcome and God's love is shared

Sunday 12th / 19th October 2025 - 17th/18th after Trinity

The Church Office is closed from 12th—18th October.

If you would like regular copies of the Notice Sheet emailed to you please email the parish office at admin@roystonparishchurch.org.uk.

Sunday 12th October

09:00 - 09:45 **Communion Service that is quiet and reflective**

10:30 - 11:40 **Communion Service with music/choir, children's groups/toy area, followed by refreshments**

Monday 13th October

19:00 - 19:30 **Carbon Literacy Course Set up**

19:30 - 21:30 **Carbon Literacy Course**

Tuesday 14th October

09:00 - 09:30 **Morning Prayer (incorporating prayer requests that have been left in church)**

Wednesday 15th October

11:00 - 11:25 **Communion Service that is quiet and reflective, followed by refreshments**

13:00 - 15:30 **Knit and Natter (where all are welcome to meet and chat)**

18:00 - 19:15 **Chorister Practice**

18:30 - 20:00 **Choir Practice**

Thursday 16th October

09:00 - 11:00 **Tots in Church**

13:00 - 15:00 **Church Cleaner**

19:00 - 21:00 **Bell Ringers Practice**

Friday 17th October

19:00 - 21:00 **PCC meeting**

Saturday 18th October

10:00 - 11:30 **Church Café (Tea / Coffee / Hot Chocolate only £2 - Free Biscuits)**

16:00 - 17:00 **Visiting Bell Ringers**

Sunday 19th October

09:00 - 09:45 **Communion Service that is quiet and reflective**

10:30 - 11:40 **Communion Service with music/choir, children's groups/toy area, followed by refreshments**

12:30 - 13:15 **Baptism Service**

18:30 - 19:30 **Taize Service**

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

8th November - Remembrance themed lunch time concert. Ruth Savage

Monday 20th October

11:00 - 12:00	Funeral Service for the Late Anthony Simmons
19:00 - 19:30	Carbon Literacy Course set up
19:30 - 21:30	Carbon Literacy Course

Tuesday 21st October

09:00 - 09:30	Morning Prayer (incorporating prayer requests that have been left in church)
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Wednesday 22nd October

11:00 - 11:25	Communion Service that is quiet and reflective, followed by refreshments
13:00 - 15:30	Knit and Natter (where all are welcome to meet and chat)
18:00 - 19:15	Chorister Practice
18:30 - 20:00	Choir Practice

Thursday 23rd October

09:00 - 11:00	Tots in Church
13:00 - 15:00	Church Cleaner
19:00 - 21:00	Bell Ringers Practice
19:00 - 20:00	Julian Prayer Evening at 11 Middle Drift

Saturday 25th October

10:00 - 11:30	Church Café (Tea / Coffee / Hot Chocolate only £2 - Free Biscuits)
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Sunday 26th October

09:00 - 09:45	Communion Service in traditional language (BCP) that is quiet and reflective
10:30 - 11:40	Communion Service with music/choir, children's groups/toy area, followed by refreshments

We pray for the sick and suffering:

5th October	12th October	19th October	26th October
Lee Cockerill	Chris Christou	Val Brown	Peter Coates
Pat Pritchard	Paul & Pat Tidey	Angie & Ken Rushall	Emma & Phil Heath
Harry Sime	Mike Brown	Paula Walker	Peter Foster
	Marion	Maria Turi	

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

Deceased	Bereaved
Adrian Jacobs	Jean, John, Mark, family and friends
Anthony Simmons	Family and friends

We pray for those whose anniversaries fall at this time:

Roger Burns

NOTICES

THE LATE ADRIAN JACOBS MEMORIAL SERVICE: Will be held in Church on Saturday 1st November at 2 pm. All are welcome to attend.

We pray for all Christians worldwide:

For all Christians in Costa Rica and El Salvador

For all who are worship at Royston Evangelical Church: Pastor Jonathan Scott

For the work of our mission partners: Global Care

We pray for the community of Royston:

For our local health centres

For all our local Baby and Toddler Groups

We pray for our world and ECO projects:

14 October is International E-Waste Day, when we are invited to retrieve, recycle and revise our unused electronic devices (e.g. safely declutter old mobile phones, cables, USB sticks, games consoles, computers, etc).

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HARVEST SUPPER : A wonderful evening, with good food and good fellowship. Thank you to all who cooked and helped on the evening.

HOLD THE DATE!

Jaime is due to be ordained as a priest on Saturday 4th July 2026 at 2pm in St Alban's Cathedral. Please put the date in your diary. Also, knowing that driving and parking there can be tricky (and expensive), we are organising a coach to take us and bring us back. If you think you will want to take advantage of the coach (tickets will be between £10 and £15 per person) then please sign the list at back of church **as soon as possible** so we can book the right size of coach.

SHOEBOX APPEAL 2025 This year we are once again supporting the Link-to-Hope Christmas Shobox Appeal. We invite you to fill a shoebox with useful and fun small presents, either for families or for the elderly. The boxes will be distributed to needy folk in Ukraine, Bulgaria, Moldova and Romania, sent with our Christian love, but given to all irrespective of religion. Details are on the Missions notice board next to the coffee bar at the back of church. You can also find out more from the Link-to-Hope website, and on You Tube - search for "Link-to-Hope Shobox Appeal Video 2025-2026." *Please collect the instruction leaflet from the back of church, or from Duncan Rodgers.* The very final date for return of filled boxes to church is Sunday November 2nd.. **THANK YOU!**

LIGHT PARTY: Royston Churches Together are once again running the Light Party at the Coombes Community Centre, as a Christian alternative to Halloween. The event has continued to grow year on year, and many families look forward to a fun evening of games, crafts, food and music It will be held on Friday October 31st. from 5.30 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.. We need volunteers to help at the event. You may volunteer for a specific role - for example, welcome and registration, crafts, games in the hall, prayer team, preparing and serving food and drinks..... or you could just make yourself available to be allocated a task where needed. If you can help, please let Duncan Rodgers know : duncanstuartrogers@gmail.com Very many thanks

A Reading from the Second Book of Kings

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favour with his master, because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, 'If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy.'

When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, 'Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me.'

But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, 'Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel.' So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, 'Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean.' But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, 'I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?' He turned and went away in a rage. But his servants approached and said to him, 'Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, "Wash, and be clean?"' So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, 'Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel; please accept a present from your servant.'

2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15

GOSPEL

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!' When he saw them, he said to them, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, 'Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?' Then he said to him, 'Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.'

Luke 17:11-19

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:

