

Benefice of Ruscombe & Twyford

Shaped, trusting, growing in Christ and inspired by the Holy Spirit

Sundays 6th and 13th October 2024

Nineteenth and Twentieth Sundays after Trinity

St James' Ruscombe

6th October	9.00 am	Holy Communion	Mark Gould	Psalm 121 Matthew 6:25-34
13th October	9.00 am	Holy Communion	John Boylan	Psalm 73 Mark 10:17-31

St Mary's Twyford

6th October	10.30 am	Family Service	-	-
13th October	10.30 am	No Service	John Boylan	Psalm 73 Mark 10:17-31

Twyford URC

6th October	10.30 am	Morning Service	Gordon Connell	Genesis 2:18-24 Mark 10:2-16
13th October	10.30 am	Morning Service	Bob Robertson	

Church Family News

A Message from our Vicar:

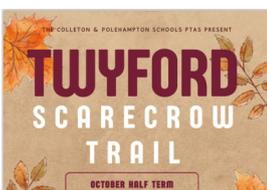
So we've arrived! In the last few weeks we've unpacked over one hundred and twenty cardboard boxes as we have moved into the vicarage in Ruscombe. At times it seemed like an impossible task as we sat surrounded by 'stuff', deciding where it was to go, but now most things have a home, we have most of the curtains up and it is starting to feel like home. I hope we'll be able to have some of you round in the weeks to come.



The welcome we've received from you has been fantastic, from the hamper of lovely things that 'appeared' in our kitchen, to the paper chains made by our school children, the kind words of introduction and of course the wonderful service last Tuesday. I am really looking forward to my first Family Service at St Mary's as we particularly welcome children and families. In Mark 9:37 Jesus says "Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me". This Sunday we'll be commissioning some of our TrailBlazer childrens' leaders - thank you to all who work with our children and young people. Jesus was often criticised for the generosity of his welcome, but how we welcome shows how we love. So thank you! Welcome is something you do well and I hope it continues to be a value of our church as we seek to include others into our community.

Every blessing, Mark.

Twyford Fun Run: This great community event is on Sunday 13th October from 9am at the Piggott School. As always, we as a church will have a presence congratulating participants and handing out refreshments. Please let [Phillippa](mailto:Phillippa@thru-christ.org.uk) know if you can spare even a short amount of time to join us on the finish line - please help us to make a big impact! Details of how you and your friends/family can participate may also be found at twyfordtogether.org.



This year's theme is Children's Books and we will be participating with our own scarecrow outside the front of St Mary's as part of the trail. We will be creating Paddington Bear, so please let Phillipa know if you'd like to get involved or have any suitable accessories that we could use - an old duffel coat or leather suitcase? Phillippa@thru-christ.org.uk

Prayer



We pray for all who are ill and in need of God's healing, in particular:

Rachel and her mum Sally, Judy, Steven, Lizzy, Joan, Clara, Sharon, John and Anne.

Please contact the church office to be included in our prayers.

Sing to the Lord a new song...

Sermon series on the Psalms

Does that make your heart sing or are you confused?



Cries of the heart, cries of joy and sadness, fear and anger

Sept 8, Oct 13, 20 & 27, Nov 24, Dec 8

St James', St Mary's and at some homegroups

UPCOMING EVENTS

Harvest Lunch: 12.30pm Sunday 6th October at Twyford URC. Contact Linda Jackson to reserve a place.

4 x 4 Adventures: 7.45-9.15pm Mondays 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th October, upstairs in St Mary's Church Centre.

Friendship Club: 1.45pm Tuesday 8th October at the URC Schoolroom: Swinging Through the Trees in Borneo - LJ

Fun Run: From 9am Sunday 13th October at the Piggott School. Volunteers please contact Phillippa.

Ruscombe & Twyford PCC Meeting: 7.45pm Monday 14th October at St Mary's Church Centre.

Friendship Club: 1.45pm Tuesday 22nd October at the URC Schoolroom: Swan Lifeline - Cindy Smulders.

Over 60s Club: 1.45pm Wednesday 23rd October at St Mary's Church Centre: Cream Tea Charity Event.

Twyford Scarecrow Trail: Monday 28th October to Saturday 2nd November.

Commemoration Service: 3pm on Sunday 3rd November at St Nicholas' Hurst (joint service).

Pastoral Care Team Event: 10am-12 Wed 6th November St Mary's Church Centre: How to avoid being scammed.

Weekend Away 2025: Friday 21st to Sunday 23rd March. Information and online or downloadable booking form available on our website: <https://thru-christ.org.uk/community/thru-meets/weekend-away-2025/>

ZOOM: We have 2 regular weekly zoom events: Tuesday 9.30am Morning Prayer and Sunday 6pm Village Prayers. Please use the link in the weekly email or contact the church office for more information.

Next Week: Sunday 20th October - Twenty-First Sunday after Trinity

St James' Ruscombe

9.00 am Morning Prayer

St Mary's Twyford

10.30 am Holy Communion

Twyford URC

10.30 am Holy Communion

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