



## The Parish of St. Martin & St. Paul Canterbury

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2024

Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

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### Today

**9.00am Sung Eucharist at St Martin's**

**Celebrant & Address: Ven Will Adam, Archdeacon of Canterbury**

**Hymns: 174, 331, 368**

**Organist: Christopher Gower**

**10.30am Sung Parish Eucharist with SundayZone at St Paul's**

**Celebrant: Revd Lindsay Yates**

**Address: Rosemary Walters**

**Hymns: 708, 790, 723, 341**

**Organist: David Rees-Williams**

### Parish prayers:

We pray for Caroline, Lizzy, Ann, Sophie, Harriet, Susan, Joyce, Tony, Judy, Kevin, and Nicola. We remember the family and friends of Tyrone Alexander and Arthur Wallis, who have died. We remember the memorial anniversaries of Bob Taylor, Maureen Tappenden, and Marilyn Lewis.

### Parish contacts:

**Rector:** *We are currently in a vacancy. Please contact the Wardens via the office.*

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**Special Prayer Requests** Gwyn Hartwell 451366 or Doreen Laven 760372  
or on the website at [www.martinpaul.org/prayers](http://www.martinpaul.org/prayers).

**The Collect.** Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **First Lesson: Deuteronomy 4.1-2,6-9**

<sup>1</sup> So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the Lord, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. <sup>2</sup> You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God with which I am charging you. <sup>6</sup> You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!' <sup>7</sup> For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is whenever we call to him? <sup>8</sup> And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today? <sup>9</sup> But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children— This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 15**

<sup>1</sup> Lord who shall dwell in thy tabernacle: or who shall rest upon thy holy hill?  
<sup>2</sup> Even he that leadeth an uncorrupt life: and doeth the thing which is right, and speaketh the truth from his heart. <sup>3</sup> He that hath used no deceit in his tongue, nor done evil to his neighbour: and hath not slandered his neighbour. <sup>4</sup> He that setteth not by himself, but is lowly in his own eyes: and maketh much of them that fear the Lord. <sup>5</sup> He that sweareth unto his neighbour, and disappointeth him not: though it were to his own hindrance. <sup>6</sup> He that hath not given his money upon usury: nor taken reward against the innocent. <sup>7</sup> Whoso doeth these things: shall never fall. **(We stand for the Gloria): Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.**

## **Second Lesson: James 1.17-end**

<sup>17</sup> Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. <sup>18</sup> In fulfilment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.  
<sup>19</sup> You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; <sup>20</sup> for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. <sup>21</sup> Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. <sup>22</sup> But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. <sup>23</sup> For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; <sup>24</sup> for they look at themselves and,

on going away, immediately forget what they were like. <sup>25</sup> But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing. <sup>26</sup> If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. <sup>27</sup> Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world. This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel: Mark 7.1-8, 14-15, 21-23** <sup>1</sup> Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, <sup>2</sup> they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. <sup>3</sup> (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; <sup>4</sup> and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) <sup>5</sup> So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, ‘Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?’ <sup>6</sup> He said to them, ‘Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, “This people honours me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; <sup>7</sup> in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.” <sup>8</sup> You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.’ <sup>14</sup> Then he called the crowd again and said to them, ‘Listen to me, all of you, and understand: <sup>15</sup> there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.’ <sup>21</sup> For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, <sup>22</sup> adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. <sup>23</sup> All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.’ This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you O Christ.**

**Post Communion Collect:** Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Anthem:** The choir will sing *Lead me, Lord* by SS Wesley.

### **Notices:**

**Sunday Zone** starts back this Sunday at St Paul’s. If you have primary school aged children, they are very welcome to join in with the activities during the 10.30am service.

**The Funeral** of Arthur Wallis will be on the 26th September at 12noon at St Martin’s. The normal Thursday prayers will be cancelled that day.

**Open MU Meeting:** This Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> September at 2pm, Manny Mvula from Stop The Traffik Kent is giving a 40-minute talk. He will inform us of their aims and of what Modern Day Trafficking is like in Kent. Do join us if you would like in the Parish Centre.

**Pilgrim Post:** September Pilgrim Post is now published and available at the back of church or on our website.

**Chess Club:** Chess Club – Thank you to everyone who kindly donated to our Tactile Chess Set fund! We have now raised enough money to buy the set. We do have a little bit excess, so this will be put into aside to help with other inclusive needs/wants. Thank you - Andrea and Eleanor.

**Ride and Stride:** Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September. Ride & Stride is an opportunity to raise money for Kent's churches by cycling/walking or being a welcomer in church. Visit a number of churches of your choice however you choose, forms for riding/striding and for sponsoring are at the back of church.

**Books Needed:** With the bookshelves at the back of St. Paul's now cleared, we warmly welcome donations of fiction books. To keep the area tidy and attractive, we kindly ask only for editions printed since 2000, even if the novel itself was first published much earlier. We hope these books will be enjoyed by our church, visitors, and the local community whilst also helping to raise parish funds. Thank you for your generosity!

**Week of Accompanied Prayer:** 5<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> October at the Cathedral. Includes a daily afternoon slot with a prayer guide/accompanier for 30 mins. Be in touch with Jennifer on 764645, catch her after Church or at home for more details and lots of encouragement!

## DIARY

Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> :	5.30pm Cathedral Evensong
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> :	9.15am Morning Prayer at St Paul's
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> :	10:30am Prayer Book Eucharist and Coffee at St Paul's 2pm: Open MU Meeting
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> :	12Noon Midday Prayers at St Martin's
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> :	9.15am Morning Prayer at St Paul's
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> :	<b><i>Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i></b> 9:00am Sung Eucharist at St Martin's 10:30am Sung Eucharist with SundayZone at St Paul's 3.30pm TeaTime Service at St Paul's