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**Newsletter for the week commencing 21st/22nd September**

**Twenty-fifth Sunday of the Year ( C )**

**First Reading:** Amos 8: 4-7 The prophet condemns those who scrupulously observe the holy days while practising injustice against their neighbour.

**Psalm: Response:**  Praise the Lord, who raises the poor (Praise the Lord) *Longer sung response at 0830 & 1030*

**Second Reading:** The first letter of St Paul to Timothy 2: 1-8 Paul invites Timothy to pray for all people including those who are in high positions. God desires the salvation of all whether they are Jews or Gentiles.

**Gospel:** Luke 16: 1-13 Through the parable of the dishonest manager, Jesus reminds the disciples that they should be prudent like the manger but not dishonest like him.

1030 Mass Holy Communion - The choir sing the anthem*Thou visitest the earth* by Maurice Greene (1696-1755)

**Deacon Jolyon writes:**

I would just like to thank everyone, who assisted me in the smooth running of the parish, during Father John's holiday.  Welcome back.

I would like to draw your attention to the excellent material on the Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales website. ([cbcew.org.uk](http://cbcew.org.uk)) regarding the Season of Creation. This a global ecumenical celebration of prayer and action to protect our common home.

You will be only too aware of the enormous worldwide concern re environmental concerns and climate change.

**Your Prayers are asked for:**

**Those recently deceased.**

**Those ill or infirm:** Ellie Lawrence, Anne Bryant, Eric Booth, Patricia Hook, Elena Peck (senior), Marjorie Dumbleton (in hospital) and Josie Payne.

**Those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time:** Dorothy Whiting, Juliet O’Hea, Christine Currey, Terence Price, Tony Russel, Angela Drummond-Brady, Stanislaw Iglinski and Andrew O’Brien.

**This week’s events**

Fr John is at Arundel Cathedral on **Thursday, 26th September**, so there will be **no Mass** on that day.

**Ride & Stride** Very many thanks to all who took part in and/or supported the Friends of Kent Churches Ride and Stride in different ways this year. The team of welcomers greeted 30 visitors to St Andrew's during the course of the day, some parishioners made individual donations, and a few intrepid parishioners from St. Andrews rode and strode around Kent's churches too, spending five hours or more in the saddle and riding a combined total of 170 miles! Please would our riders now collect their sponsorship money and give this (preferably as a single cheque rather than cash) and their sponsorship forms (these are very important) to Rachel Heinrichsmeier by 20th October. Please make cheques payable to: Friends of Kent Churches. **Thank you!**

 **New Pilgrim Path Website of the Week.** “Utterly at home, God dwells in us forever”, wrote the mediaeval mystic, Julian of Norwich. In meditation, we can be at home with God in the same place. Within ourselves, we can find the place where we are loved, where we are held, where we are constantly refreshed. Liz Watson of the ecumenical World Community of Christian Meditation describes how the practice of daily meditation opens the door of our heart, allowing us to enter our inner room, our deepest self and come home to the One who is at home in us. Access her refreshing and inspiring talks at [www.NewPilgrimPath.ie](http://www.NewPilgrimPath.ie)

**This week’s services**

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| **Day** | **Date** | **Feast** | **Time/Detail** |
| Saturday | 21st September | St Matthew, Apostle | 6:00pm Vigil Mass of Sunday |
| Sunday | 22nd September | Twenty-fifth Sunday of the Year | 8:30am Mass10:30am Mass |
| Monday | 23rd September | St Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest | 10.00am Mass  |
| Tuesday | 24th September | Our Lady of Walsingham | 10.00am Mass |
| Wednesday | 25th September | Feria | 10:00am Mass followed by Adoration |
| Thursday | 26th September | Feria | No Mass today |
| Friday | 27th September | St Vincent de Paul | 10:00am Mass followed by Adoration |
| Saturday | 28th September | Feria | 6:00pm Vigil Mass |
| Sunday | 29th September | Twenty-sixth Sunday ( C ) | 8:30am Mass10:30am Mass |

**Next week’s responsibilities (28th/29th September)**

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|  | **6:00pm Saturday** | **8:30am Sunday** | **10:30am Sunday** |
| **Reader** | Roger S | Peter L | Frances L |
| **Extra-ordinary Ministers** |  | Maria Milton | Kathleen BishopMartin Heinrichsmeier |
| **Flowers** | Suzanne v | **Cleaners** | Liz & David |

**Regular activities**

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| Event | Where | When |
| Mothers’ Prayers | The Parish Room | Tuesdays at 4.30pm |
| Choir practice | St Andrew’s Church | Wednesdays at 7.00pm |

**Forthcoming events**

A reminder of last week’s message…. I know Christmas is ages away yet but…following the success of 2018, when nearly 1000 people came to see them, we are holding **Tenterden’s second Christmas Tree Festival. We shall be supporting Team Ben Hammond and Christmas Cheer for Tenterden**, encouraging donations from those who come to view the trees.If there is a **team from St Andrew’s** who would like to enter a tree for the festival, please **let Jolyon know by 1st of October. This year’s theme** is ‘Ballets and Pantomimes’ – choose one or several!It is suggested that the tree is decorated and given a title. The **tree’s** **dimensions** should be up to 6’ high and 4’ wide.