Bible Sunday, 25th October, 2026

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A community together in faith.

Sunday Link

Connecting a community

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Rev. Yvonne's working hours Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday please contact the Churchwardens outside these times.

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Services in Church

Sunday 25th October, 9.30am Eucharist, Fr Paul Needle

Tuesday 27th October, 11am Eucharist in Church

Hymns:-

Procession	606 Thy hand O Gd
Gradual	311 Lord enthroned
Offertory	414 Immortal, invisible
Communion	284 bread of Heaven
Anthem	Ave Verum - Elgar
Recessional	621 He who would valiant be.

Please remember in your prayers this week the sick

Brian, Marilyn, Claire, Christopher Munns, Dave Cheney, Nina Beetson, Mark Butts, Georgie Grigg, David Wilson, Jonathon Reynolds, Antoinio Riccio, Snowy (Johnny Ellson), Michael, Nicky, John Nobles.

We also pray for those who have recently died remembering known to us remembering Derek Norman and also those whose Years Mind occur at this time remembering Ken Minney, Peter Davis, John William Moisie.

RUSHDEN TOWN BAND CONCERT

tickets are now available! Saturday 28th November 2026 at 7:30pm. Tickets £10 each. See Julie

CRAFT & CHAT Saturday 7th November Church will be open 10-1 pm. All are welcome to join us for a chat and a cuppa

Relicensing Service for Lay Readers

By Bishop Alex this afternoon at 3pm

Sponsored Lights

Harry and Sue Nicholls
To celebrate their Grandson's 18th birthday on 1st November.

David and Mary Wilson
To celebrate their daughter in law, Emily's, 40th birthday on 27th October.

All Souls Service of Remembrance and Reflection

An evening service to remember all those we have lost and to celebrate their lives On Sunday 1st November at 6pm. If you would like anyone to be remembered and their names read out in prayer, please let your churchwardens Julie or Colin know and fill in the list in church.

Operation Christmas Child

Shoeboxes are now available if you, or a group of you, would like to pack a box full of goodies for children. Leaflets are also available to guide you as to what you can include. If you have any questions, speak to **Meg**. Please return your boxes by **Sunday 15th November** at the latest. Thank you to Meg for providing the boxes and organising the collection.

Christmas Tree Festival

Wonder and Wildlife:- Fri 4th, Sat 5th, Sun 6th December plus Winter Glow Lightshow.

Trees, decorate with the Beauty of the earth:- Colours, pets, plants, Christmas creatures, Reindeer, Polar Bears, Robins, Landscapes, historical, mythological, weather sea, Rainbows, and or a Partridge in a pear tree.

Folks:- Wanted volunteers to steward at the Christmas Tree Festival and Christmas Light Show.

Sign up at the back of the back of the Church.

Free Organ Recital by Zsombor Toth-Vajna

Thursday 29th October in Church At 6.30pm

A leading Hungarian Organist and international conductor reproducing the sounds of the 17th century.

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Collect Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them, that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.
Amen

A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes :-

For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born and a time to die; a time to plant and a time to pluck up what is planted; a time to kill and a time to heal; a time to break down and a time to build up; a time to weep and a time to laugh; a time to mourn and a time to dance; a time to throw away stones and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to seek and a time to lose; a time to keep and a time to throw away; a time to tear and a time to sew; a time to keep silent and a time to speak; a time to love and a time to hate; a time for war and a time for peace.

What gain have the workers from their toil? I have seen the business that God has given to everyone to be busy with. **This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God**

Congregational response to Psalm 90:- Satisfy us by your loving-kindness: so shall we rejoice and be glad.

Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to another. Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born, from age to age you are God. You turn us back to the dust and say, 'Go back, O child of earth.'

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For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past and like a watch in the night. You sweep us away like a dream; we fade away suddenly like the grass. In the morning it is green and flourishes; in the evening it is dried up and withered.

R

Return, O Lord; how long will you tarry? be gracious to your servants. Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning; so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life. Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us and the years in which we suffered adversity.

R

Show your servants your works and your splendour to their children. May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us; prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.

R

New Testament Reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians.

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, Colossians if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. 1Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see "the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven" with power and great glory. 31 And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other. From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see all these things, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

Post Communion prayer God of all grace, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of his life and the word of his kingdom: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your true and living bread; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.
Amen.

Prayer for a new Priest. Heavenly Father, We pray during this period of vacancy and ask that you will help us to share responsibility, grow in faith, love one another, care for those in need, reach out to others and welcome newcomers. Lord Jesus, guard and grow this parish as we serve you together in this period without a vicar.