

**22<sup>nd</sup> January 2017**  
**The Third Sunday of Epiphany**  
**THE CONVERSION OF PAUL**  
**PATRONAL SUNDAY**



*We wish you a very warm welcome today to St Paul's Church, especially if you are a visitor or a newcomer. Please introduce yourself to the minister or sidesmen.*

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**Collect for the Week**

God of all mercy,  
your Son proclaimed good news to the poor,  
release to the captives,  
and freedom to the oppressed:  
anoint us with your Holy Spirit  
and set all your people free  
to praise you in Christ our Lord.

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**8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)** – The Vicar  
The service begins on p 237. The readings begin on page 71.

**10.00 am Patronal Festival - Joint Parish Eucharist (CW)**  
President & Preacher: The Vicar, Minister: Tim Cripps  
**PLEASE SEE SEPARATE BOOKLET**

**6.30 pm Choral Evensong (BCP)** The Service begins on page 16  
Preacher: Daphne Pilcher, Minister: Tim Cripps

Introit:	Lead me Lord – Wesley	
Hymn:	NEH 345 Christ is the King	
Responses:	Sanders	
Psalms:	108 (BCP page 489)	
1st Reading:	Ecclesiastes 3.1-11	Iain Hamilton
Magnificat:	Cook in G	
2nd Reading:	Luke 4.14-21	John Bazley
Nunc Dimittis:	Cook in G	
Anthem:	Greater Love - Ireland	
Hymn:	NEH 56 (omit Verse 4) Songs of thankfulness & praise	
Hymn:	NEH 353 Dear Lord and Father of Mankind	
Amen	Rutter	

**THIS WEEK'S EVENTS**

**MONDAY 23<sup>rd</sup>**

9.00 am Morning Prayer at the Parish Church  
8.00 pm PCC Meeting in the Lodge

**TUESDAY 24<sup>th</sup>** *Francis de Sales, Bishop of Geneva, Teacher of the Faith, 1622*  
Parish Office closed  
Ronnie goes to Sierra Leone

### **WEDNESDAY 25<sup>th</sup> *The Conversion of Paul***

9.00 am Morning Prayer (CW) at the Church Centre

Followed by Bible Reading

8.00 pm Parish Fellowship – Kent Gardens in Colour, talk by Mr Hilary Newman

### **THURSDAY 26<sup>th</sup> *Timothy and Titus, Companions of Paul***

11.30 for 12.30 pm Rusthall Lunch Club at the Church Centre

11.45 am Holy Communion at the Church Centre

### **FRIDAY 27<sup>th</sup>**

11.30 am Holocaust Memorial Service at the Parish Church

6.30 pm Junior Choir Practice

7.30 pm Full Choir Practice

### **SATURDAY 28<sup>th</sup> *Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Philosopher, Teacher of the Faith, 1274***

9.30 am The Choir depart for Norwich Cathedral

### **NEXT SUNDAY 29<sup>th</sup> January**

**The Fourth Sunday of Epiphany**

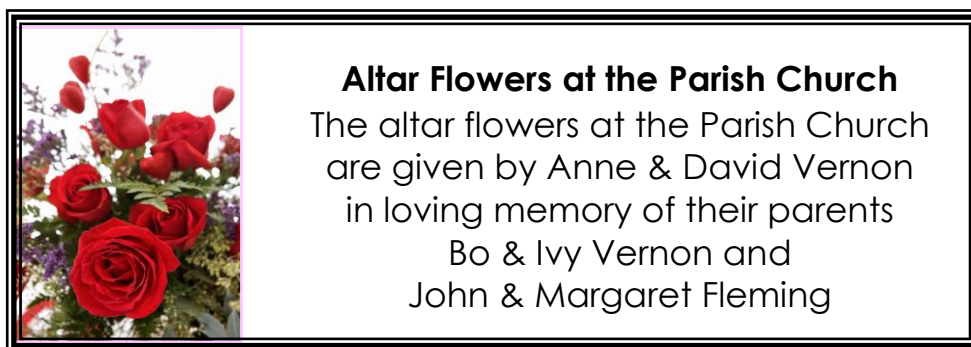
**The Presentation of Christ in the Temple – Candlemas**

**8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) – Rev Don Laurie**

**10.00 am Parish Eucharist – Rev. Don Laurie**

**10.00 am Family Service at the Church Centre**

**6.30 pm Evensong (BCP) – Tim Cripps**



### **NEWS and NOTES**

#### **Choir Visit**

The Choir will be travelling to Norwich next Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> January, to sing Choral Evensong at the Cathedral. They will be travelling by coach and there are some spare seats available. If you would like to come to Norwich, please speak with Fiona or ring Ginette in the Parish Office. The singers are very much looking forward to the trip, it is a great privilege to be a part of a Cathedral service. Please hold the choir and our organist in your prayers for this special occasion.

### **Vicar's Holiday**

Ronnie will be on Annual Leave from Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January until Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February inclusive. Details of cover for services will be in the Pew Leaflet. In his absence please contact the Parish Office or speak with one of the Wardens.

### **Confirmation Service 2017**

This year we are privileged to be the host church for the Confirmation Service. It will be held on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May at 6.30 pm, led by The Rt. Rev. Ken Okeke (Bishop Ken).

If you would like to be confirmed or are thinking about being confirmed please speak with Ronnie. Sign up sheets are now available in both Churches next week.

### **Holocaust Memorial Day**

A service of Remembrance in line with this year's theme 'Life Goes On but we don't Forget' will be held at the Parish Church at 11.30 am on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January in the Canon Mantle Chapel. All are welcome. Please come and join us. The service will be led by Tim Cripps and a Homily will be given by Ruth Webster.

### **Family Service – Money in Lieu of Individual Christmas Cards**

We have collected £95 which has now been sent off to Christian Aid's Present Aid scheme. The two gifts purchased are a Goat for Malawi/Ethiopia and an Energy Saving Store for Zimbabwe. Thank you to all those who contributed.

### **Pew Collections**

Money collected at services today will be in aid of Church Funds.

### **Readings at the Parish Church**

We apologise if there has been any confusion over the sending out of individual readings. If you are reading and would like to have the text by email or a hard copy, please ring Ginette in the office. If you have asked to be included in the rota, please collect a copy from either Church to check the dates you are down for. If you would like the rota emailed to you, please contact Tim Cripps at [tituslayreader@gmail.com](mailto:tituslayreader@gmail.com). Thank you.

### **Rochester Diocese Quiet Day**

Finding the Frequency of the Spirit in the White Noise of our Age -Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February from 10 am to 4 pm. The day will be held at The Emmaus Centre, Layhams Road, West Wickham and led by the Ven. Simon Burton-Jones. The day is free, lunch and refreshments will be provided. To book or for more information please contact Carole Evans: [carol.eveans@rochester.anglican.org](mailto:carol.eveans@rochester.anglican.org), 01 634 560000.

### **Flower Team**

The next Flower Team Meeting will be held on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January at 10.30 am in the Lodge.

## **Rusthall Theatre Club**

After all the Christmas festivities, there is still time to book one of the last few tickets for our outing to the Devonshire Park Theatre, Eastbourne to see The Verdict. This will be on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2017. The coach will depart from outside Rusthall Pharmacy at 5.45 pm. The cost including both ticket and coach is £40.00.

You can book your place by giving a cheque made payable to Rusthall Theatre Club to Shirley and Paul (Bill) Barter (01892 530937), or by post to Rusthall Theatre Club, St Paul's Church Centre, Rusthall Road, Tunbridge Wells, TN4 8RE. Please book early to avoid disappointment.

## **Pew Leaflet**

If you have items for the Pew Leaflet, please send them to the Parish Office by Tuesday - [office@stpaulsrusthall.org.uk](mailto:office@stpaulsrusthall.org.uk)

## **Administration Meeting**

The date for the next meeting is Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February, at 10 am.

## **Fair Trade Cafe –January**

Welcome to the first Fairtrade Cafe for 2017 to be held on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> January from 10 am – 11.30 am. It will be held in the URC Hall, Manor Road, Rusthall. Do come and join your friends for coffee, tea and homemade cakes. There will also be a Traidcraft stall selling fairly-traded goods run by Liz and a Fairtrade Raffle. For more details please contact Rosemary Romano on 01892 539005.

## **Notices**

From 29<sup>th</sup> January the Churchwardens will give notices before the 10 am services at the Parish Church. This will not be a repeat of the Sunday Leaflet but will include welcoming guests, drawing attention to forthcoming services and events. From next Sunday the choir will process into the North Aisle, the Churchwarden will give the appropriate notices from the Lectern before the service and as soon as he or she has finished the Organist will begin the first hymn. If you have a notice which you think relevant please speak to the Churchwardens as you arrive. We hope this will keep you better informed and serve as a useful reminder to what is planned.

### **CONTACTS**

The Vicar: The Revd Ronnie Williams 521357 (day off: Friday)

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**Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday– 10 am to 1 pm (Closed Tuesdays)**

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