

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.

Collect for the Week

Heavenly Father,
your Son battled with the powers of darkness,
and grew closer to you in the desert:
help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer
that we may witness to your saving love
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) – The Vicar

The service begins on p 237. The readings begin on page 86.

10.00 am Parish Eucharist

President: The Vicar, Preacher: The Archdeacon of Tonbridge,
Minister: Tim Cripps

10.00 am Family Service at the Church Centre

Lead: Susan Powley, Link: Viv Littlechild

Hymns: WT 161 How lovely on the mountains
MP 857 I the Lord of sea and sky (sheet)
MP 111 Dear Lord and Father of mankind
WT 365 Seek ye first the kingdom of God

Reading: Matthew 4.1-11 (NIV page 967)

6.30 pm Choral Evensong (BCP)

Minister & Preacher: Tim Cripps

Introit: Purge me, O Lord - Tallis
Hymn: NEH 439 (omit vs 3&4) Praise to the holiest in the height
Responses: Byrd
Psalm: 27 (BCP page 377)
1st Reading: Deuteronomy 6.4-9, 16 -end Paul Barter
Magnificat Short Service- Hooper
2nd Reading: Luke 15.1-10 Shirley Barter
Nunc Dimittis: Short Service- Hooper
Anthem: Hear my prayer - Mendelssohn
Hymn: NEH 65 Christian, dost thou see them
Hymn: NEH 420 O Jesus, I have promised
Amen Rutter

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

MONDAY 6th

- 9.00 am Morning Prayer at the Parish Church
- 8.00 pm Standing Committee

TUESDAY 7th *Perpetua, Felicity and their Companions, Martyrs at Carthage, 203*

- Parish Office closed
- 10.00 am Lent Course at the Church Centre
- 8.00 pm Lent Course at the Church Centre

WEDNESDAY 8th *Edward King, Bishop of Lincoln, 1910*

- 9.00 am Morning Prayer (CW) at the Church Centre
Followed by Bible Reading
- 10.15 am Vicar's Drop In at the Church Centre
- 2.00 pm Funeral of Joan Cornish at the Parish Church, followed by burial
- 8.00 pm Parish Fellowship – Lent talk – Rev. Sarah Partridge
- 8.00 pm Deanery Synod at St James

THURSDAY 9th

- 11.30 for 12.30 pm Rusthall Lunch Club at the Church Centre
- 11.45 am Holy Communion at the Church Centre

FRIDAY 10th

- 2.00 pm Women's World Day of Prayer – Service at the Church Centre
- 6.30 pm Junior Choir Practice
- 7.30 pm Full Choir Practice

SATURDAY 11th

- 10.30 am Scout's Fundraising Coffee Morning and Table Sale – Church Centre
Finishes at 1 pm.

NEXT SUNDAY 12th March

The Second Sunday of Lent

- 8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) – The Vicar**
- 10.00 am Parish Eucharist with Baptism (CW) – The Vicar**
- 10.00 am Family Service at the Church Centre**
- 6.30 pm Sung Compline with Homily – Daphne Pilcher**

NEWS and NOTES

Warm Welcome

We are very pleased to welcome the Archdeacon of Tonbridge, The Venerable Clive Mansell, to our 10 am Eucharist service today. He is preaching for us today at St Paul's for the last time in his official capacity before he retires. We wish Clive and Jane every blessing in this new phase of his life and hope that he is able to visit us again in the future. We thank God for all that he has done in his ministry especially here in the Diocese of Rochester.

Confirmation Service 2017

This year we are privileged to be the host church for the Confirmation Service. It will be held on Sunday 14th 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. The Confirmation Course begins today at 3 pm, at the Church Centre. Hereafter the time will be organised to suit the group.

Scouts Table Top Sale & Coffee Morning

Please come and support the Rusthall Scout's Fundraiser at the Church Centre, this Saturday, 11th March. Doors open at 10.30 am and close at 1 pm, there will be cakes and refreshments as well as a variety of stalls and a raffle.

Lent Courses

Ronnie will be leading Lent Courses this year on Tuesdays at the Church Centre. There will be 2 sessions on each Tuesday, at 10 am and 8 pm. The dates are 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th March and 4th April. We will be using the course prepared by the Diocese entitled "Place in the Crowd". Booklets will be provided free of charge.

Sainsbury's Vouchers

1st Rusthall Brownies are collecting the vouchers this year, they would be most grateful to any who can pass them to Karen Millar, or Wendy Anderson. Alternatively they can be left at the Parish Office. Thank you.

Taizé Service Today

You are invited to join Ronnie this afternoon, at 4 pm, for our monthly Taizé service at the Church Centre.

Holy Communion During Lent

This year we will be using wafers only for Communion, not fresh bread. This means that if you are on the rota for the Offertory you will not be required to provide cubed bread. Please share this information with anyone who may not be in Church to read the Pew Leaflet. Thank you.

St Pauls Julian Day - Wednesday 10th May at Burrswood

The Julian Group invite you to join them for a Quiet Day at Burrswood to celebrate the life of Julian of Norwich whose day falls on 8th May. The day will consist of readings, music and silence with the opportunity to enjoy the grounds, the bookshop, and the lovely sitting room in between the sessions. Also an opportunity to take communion together or join in with the Burrswood Celtic Worship at midday. You can have lunch in the Tea Room or bring a packed lunch. Coffee will be available from 9.45 am. Beginning at 10.15 am and ending at 3.45 pm the cost for the day is £10.

To book a place or for more information contact Pat Stevens 529187

Pew Leaflet

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

R.I.P

We were very sad to learn of the death of John Pring, who worshipped here at St Paul's. His funeral will be held on Thursday 16th March at 1.30 pm, here at the Parish Church.

Lent Boxes 2017

Collection boxes for Lent will be available at the back of both Churches within the next couple of days.

CONTACTS

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