

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

Almighty God,
by the prayer and discipline of Lent
may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings,
and by following in his Way
come to share in his glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

- 8.00 am** **Holy Communion (BCP)** – The Vicar
The service begins on p 237. The readings begin on page 88.
- 10.00 am** **Parish Eucharist with Baptism**
President: The Vicar, Minister: Tim Cripps Preacher: Lois Woodhouse
- 10.00 am** **Family Service at the Church Centre**
Lead: Mary Holmes, Link: Alison Greenfield
- Hymns: WT 280 Lord the light of your love is shining
 PGT 49 Who put the colours in the rainbow
 WT 86 Father I place into your hands
 WT 291 Meekness and majesty
- Reading John 3.1-17 (NIV page 1065)
- 11.45 am** **Confirmation Class at the Parish Church** – The Vicar
- 4.00 pm** **Taizé Service at the Church Centre**
The Vicar
- 6.30 pm** **Sung Compline with Homily**
Minister & Preacher: Daphne Pilcher

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

MONDAY 13th

9.00 am Morning Prayer at the Parish Church

TUESDAY 14th

Parish Office closed

10.00 am Lent Course at the Church Centre

8.00 pm Lent Course at the Church Centre

WEDNESDAY 15th

9.00 am Morning Prayer (CW) at the Church Centre

Followed by Bible Reading

11.30 am Communion to Rusthall Lodge

11.45 am Communion to Mount Ephraim House

THURSDAY 16th

11.30 for 12.30 pm Rusthall Lunch Club at the Church Centre

11.45 am Holy Communion at the Church Centre

1.30 pm Funeral of John Pring at the Parish Church, followed by burial

At Tunbridge Wells Cemetery

FRIDAY 17th *Patrick, Bishop, Missionary, Patron of Ireland c. 460*

8.30 am-3.30 pm Decorative Arts Group Lunch and Talk at the Church Centre

6.30 pm Junior Choir Practice

7.30 pm Full Choir Practice

SATURDAY 18th

NEXT SUNDAY 19th March

The Third Sunday of Lent

8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) – The Vicar

10.00 am Matins (BCP) – Tim Cripps & Daphne Pilcher

**10.00 am Family Service with Holy Communion at the Church Centre
– The Vicar**

6.30 pm Parish Eucharist (BCP) – The Vicar

NEWS and NOTES

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). Churches. The Confirmation Course is being held at the Parish Church on Sundays at 11.45 am.

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 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

Lent Boxes 2017

Collection boxes for Lent are now available at the back of both Churches.

The Archdeacon of Tonbridge – The Venerable Clive Mansell

Clive and Jane have written to thank us all at St Paul's for their cards and gifts, which were presented to them last Sunday. They were so pleased to be with us and have an opportunity to say goodbye before Clive retires. His farewell service will be held in Rochester Cathedral on Saturday 1st July at 3.15 pm and everyone is most welcome.

R.I.P

On Monday this week we received the sad news that Brian Bates had died at the Hospice in the Weald. Brian was a loyal member of the Choir, singing in the bass line. He was able to join the other choristers on their visit to Norwich Cathedral to sing Evensong on 28th January. His fellow singers will treasure this last memory of singing with Brian. The funeral is to take place on Monday 20th March at 2.30 pm at the Parish Church.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Brian's wife, Paula and his children at this difficult time.

Mothering Sunday Posies

The Fellowship are making the posies on the morning of Saturday 25th March, in the Lodge. They would be very grateful for small flowers or greenery which can be left outside the Lodge or brought to the Lodge on the Saturday. Thank you.

Table Top Sale - Saturday 18th March

Please join Side by Side at the Church Centre from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm, the sale is in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. There will also be a Side by Side Raffle.

CONTACTS

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