

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 Lord,
you long for the world's salvation:
stir us from apathy,
restrain us from excess
and revive in us new hope
that all creation will one day be healed
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) – The Vicar

The service begins on p 237. The readings begin on page 194.

10.00 am Parish Eucharist (CW)

President & Preacher: The Vicar, Minister: Tim Cripps

10.00 am Family Service at the Church Centre

Lead: Linde Horseman, Link Sue Clarke

Hymns: WT 332 One more step along the road I go
WT 107 Give thanks
HON 560 Will you come and follow me
WT 35 Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart
Reading: Matthew 25.14 – 30 (NIV page 994)

6.30 pm Choral Evensong (BCP)

Minister & Preacher: Tim Cripps

Introit: God be in my head – Rutter
Hymn: NEH 333 All my hope on God is founded
Responses: Smith 5 part
Psalm: 99 (BCP page 472)
1st Reading: Ezekiel 1 Kings 1.15-40 Tony Bourne
Magnificat Brewer in D
2nd Reading: Luke 9.1-6 Barbara Bourne
Nunc Dimittis: Brewer in D
Anthem: O Lorde the maker of al thing - Joubert
Hymn: NEH 372 He who would valiant be
Hymn: NEH 368 Guide me O Thou Great Redeemer
Amen 9



THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

MONDAY 20th *Edmund, King of the East Angles, Martyr 870*

- 9.00 am Morning Prayer at the Parish Church
10.00 am Ministry Team Meeting in the Lodge

TUESDAY 21st

- Parish Office closed
7.30 pm Parish Fellowship trip to see My Fair Lady

WEDNESDAY 22nd *Cecilia, Martyr at Rome c. 230, Patron Saint of Music*

- 9.00 am Morning Prayer (CW) at the Church Centre

THURSDAY 23rd *Clement, Bishop of Rome, Martyr, c.100*

- 11.30 for 12.30 pm Rusthall Lunch Club at the Church Centre
11.45 am Holy Communion at the Church Centre
2.00 pm Funeral of George Tyler at the Parish Church, with the Choir

FRIDAY 24th

- 6.30 pm Junior Choir Practice
7.30 pm Full Choir Practice

SATURDAY 25th *Catherine of Alexandria, Martyr 4th Century, Issac Watts, Hymn Writer, 1748*

- 1.00 pm Side by Side Bingo & Christmas Raffle at the Church Centre

NEXT SUNDAY 26th November

The Sunday Next before Advent

- 8.00 am **Holy Communion (BCP)** – The Vicar
10.00 am **Matins (BCP)** – Tim Cripps & Daphne Pilcher
10.00 am **Family Service with Baptism at the Church Centre** – The Vicar
6.30 pm **Parish Eucharist (BCP)** – The Vicar

NEWS and NOTES

Tunbridge Wells Churches Winter Shelter Commissioning Service.

Saturday 25th November, 6 pm at the Salvation Army on Bayhall Road.

This is an opportunity for congregations to come together in shared worship. Everyone is very welcome to attend, not just those involved in the Winter Shelter.

The Winter Shelter will be opening for its seventh year on 2nd January 2018. Running for nine weeks, we have 12 beds for men and women who would otherwise be sleeping rough. Would you like to join our volunteer team? We need people to run the shelter, cook and wash laundry. We also need people to pray and if you have a particular skill you would be willing to use, such as hairdressing, we would be delighted to hear from you too. Training is provided and is compulsory for new volunteers. There will also be training from Kent Police, which all need to attend. Dates to be confirmed. E mail office.twcws@gmail.com if you are interested in helping.

Advent Calendars

The Traidcraft 'Real Advent Calendars' have now arrived.

A fair trade chocolate behind every door and a mini Christmas story booklet with each calendar. They are £3.85 each and you can reserve one by phoning Liz on 01892 535042 (leave a message with your name and number) or leave your order with Ginette in the Parish Office.

Message from Tricia Pink

It is great to be home again after an absence of several weeks. During this time I have received a great deal of support from family and friends through prayers, cards, and letters, along with your visits, particularly during my time at Burrswood. I am still recovering and look forward to seeing you all again as soon as possible. With my love and thanks – Tricia

Carol Singing - Rusthall Tuesday 5th December from 6.30 pm

We will be out and about in Rusthall on Tuesday 5th December to sing Carols, raising funds for local charities. Please contact Chris Bassett on 543544 for details.

Autumn Fair Yesterday

Thank you so much to everyone involved in the Autumn Fair, especially Parish Fellowship for overseeing this year's USPG fundraiser. It was a great success and we look forward to announcing the amount of money raised during notices.

Pew Leaflet

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

Fairtrade at the Parish Church

Do come and enjoy fellowship and coffee in the Lodge after the 10 am service today. It will also give you an opportunity to browse the goodies on the Fairtrade stall for the last time before Christmas. Barbara will be pleased to serve you and also order any item if it is not available at the time.

Fair Trade Cafe – November 2017

Our last Fairtrade Café for 2017 will be Saturday 25th November from 10 am to 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 well stocked Traidcraft stall selling fairly-traded goods with your Christmas card orders plus a Fairtrade Raffle and mince pies. For more details please contact Rosemary Romano on 01892 539005.

Evening Talk

" The Nativity in Film" , a presentation with illustrations by Dr Chris Deacy from the University of Kent, will be held at St Thomas Groombridge on Wednesday 6th December at 7.15 for 7.30 to 9 pm. The cost is £3 including a glass of wine and other refreshments. The evening is part of a series of meetings, all of which are led by good quality speakers who have the gift of delivering in a friendly, easy manner. With time for questions and informal discussion they are never boringly intellectual! No need to book, just turn up. If you'd like a lift , please contact Tony Rutherford on 541 009 For more info, see Chris Deacy's website.

Administration Meeting

The date for our next meeting is Monday 27th November, 10 am at the Church Centre.

Rusthall Theatre Club

For our next outing we have booked front stalls seats at **Theatre Royal, Brighton** to see **Strangers on a train**. This will be on **Wednesday 10th January, 2018**. The coach will depart from outside Rusthall Pharmacy at **5.30 pm**. The cost including both ticket and coach is **£53**.

Strangers On A Train is based on the world renowned 1950 novel by Patricia Highsmith made universally famous by the classic Oscar-Winning Alfred Hitchcock film.

CONTACTS

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