

3rd December 2017

Advent Sunday



**St. Paul's
Church**
Rusthall

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,
as your kingdom dawns,
turn us from the darkness of sin to the
light of holiness,
that we may be ready to meet you
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) – The Vicar

The service begins on p 237. The readings begin on page 47.

10.00 am Parish Eucharist (CW)

President: The Vicar Minister: Tim Cripps, Preacher: Lois Woodhouse

10.00 am Family Christingle Service at the Church Centre
Please see separate booklet

6.30 pm Advent Readings and Carols

The Vicar & the Archdeacon of Tonbridge
Please see separate booklet

CONTACTS

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THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

MONDAY 4th *John of Damascus, Monk, Teacher of the Faith c. 749*

9.00 am Morning Prayer at the Parish Church

TUESDAY 5th

Parish Office closed

WEDNESDAY 6th *Nicholas Bishop of Myra c. 326*

9.00 am Morning Prayer (CW) at the Church Centre

10.30 am Julian Group

THURSDAY 7th *Ambrose, Bishop of Milan, Teacher of the Faith 397*

11.30 for 12.30pm Rusthall Lunch Club at the Church Centre

11.45 am Holy Communion at the Church Centre

FRIDAY 8th *The Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

6.30 pm Junior Choir Practice

7.30 pm Full Choir Practice

SATURDAY 9th

7.30 pm Concert for Hospice in the Weald at the Parish Church

NEXT SUNDAY 10th December

The Second Sunday Advent

8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) – The Vicar

10.00 am Parish Eucharist with Baptism (CW)

– The Vicar, Preacher: Tim Cripps

10.00 am Family Toy Service at the Church Centre

6.30 pm Evensong (BCP) – Tim Cripps

NEWS and NOTES

Nine Lessons and Carols

Please note that our service of Nine Lessons and Carols will be held at the Parish Church on Sunday 17th December, beginning at 6.30 pm. Please do come and join us for a very special evening of Carols and Readings, in the presence of the Mayor.

Mayor's Toy Appeal

We will be collecting new or "as new" toys to be distributed by the Mayor's Toy Appeal to children who would otherwise receive little at Christmas. Please bring your gifts to the Special Family Toy Service at the Church Centre on 10th December at 10 am.

Alternatively toys may be taken to the Parish Church or to the Parish Office.

Pew Collections Today

All monies collected at services today will be in aid of The Children's Society.

Hospice in the Weald – Langton Green Hospice Friends Group

Next Saturday 9th December there will be a concert in the Parish Church featuring Crowborough group Singing for Fun. The evening begins at 7.30 pm and drinks will be available. You may recognise one or two of the performers! Please do come and enjoy an evening of music and support our local hospice. Tickets are £10. Please contact Daphne Streeter on 863753 daphne.streeter@hotmail.co.uk for more information.

Drivers Needed for Christmas Day Meal

St Augustine's Church offers a free Christmas Day Dinner to anyone on their own (whether homeless, aged, financially challenged or just plain lonely). There is a need for quite a few drivers to collect guests at about noon to take them to the Age UK Hall, Wood Street (off Camden Road) and return for them at about 2 pm. If you are able to help then please email your name, telephone number and which part of Town you live to - p.querstret@btinternet.com

Carol Singing Around the Village - Tuesday 5th December - change

There has been a change of venue for this event. We will be meeting and returning to the room at the end of Library Building, Rusthall High Street, which the Zone Youth Club use. If you are able to join in please gather at 6.30 pm, leaving at 6.45, returning around 8.00 pm where mince pies and mulled wine will be served. Any queries please call Chris Bassett on 01892 543544.

Rusthall St Pauls Primary School

The Annual Christmas Fair is being held on Saturday 9th December from 11.30 am to 2 pm. There are lots of amazing attractions including Santa's Grotto, multiple Tombolas, Raffle, children's craft & activities, cakes and refreshments, plus many more. We look forward to seeing you there please to help support our wonderful village school.

Tunbridge Wells Churches 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.

Email office.twcws@gmail.com if you are interested in helping.

Pew Leaflet

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

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.

Carols by Candlelight

Penshurst Choral Society invite you to St John the Baptist Church, Penshurst, on Sunday 10th December at 6.30 pm Tickets are £7.50 on the door or at www.penshurstchoral.society.co.uk/concerts (plus booking fee).

Sunday School

Please note that there will be no Sunday School at the Parish Church on Christmas' or New Year's eve.

Julian Group

The Julian Group will be meeting on Wednesday 6th December from 10.30 am at 35, Westwood Road. Janet Cook will be leading a time of quiet contemplation on her chosen theme. This is a time of peace and fellowship and we are delighted to welcome all who attend. If you are able to, do come and join us. For more info: ring Pat Stevens on 529187.

Carols at Christmas – for Hospice in the Weald

A musical celebration of the Christmas season to be held at King Charles the Martyr on Friday 8th December at 6.30 pm. The evening will be presented by broadcaster Sian Williams and the £15 ticket includes refreshments. Contact 820588 or www.hospiceintheweald.org.uk

Choir Carol Singing

The Choir will be singing in the Village on Saturday 9th December, meeting at the Church Centre at 10.30 am.