

10th December 2017

**St. Paul's
Church**
Rusthall



The Second Sunday of Advent

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,
purify our hearts and minds,
that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as
judge and saviour
we may be ready to receive him,
who is our Lord and our God.

8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) – The Vicar

The service begins on p 237. The readings begin on page 49.

10.00 am Parish Eucharist with Baptism (CW)

President: The Vicar; Minister & Preacher: Tim Cripps

10.00 am Family Toy Service at the Church Centre

Leader: Susan Powley, Link: Alison Greenfield

Hymns: WT 8 All I once held dear
WT 71 Do not be afraid for I have redeemed you
MP 132 Father hear the prayer we offer
Sheet 1 the Lord of Sea and Sky
Reading: Mark 1.1-8

4.30 pm Taizé Service at the Church Centre – The Vicar

6.30 pm Evensong (BCP)

Minister & Preacher: Tim Cripps,

Hymn: NEH 8 Lift up your heads ye mighty gates
Psalm: 54 (BCP page 412)
1st Reading: 1 Kings 22.1-28 (NRSV page 353) Tony Bourne
Magnificat C
2nd Reading: Matthew 11.2-11 (NRSV page 11) Barbara Bourne
Nunc Dimittis: C
Anthem: Joys Seven - Cleobury
Hymn: NEH 388 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Hymn: NEH 15 The Lord will come and not be slow
Amen 8

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

MONDAY 11th

9.00 am Morning Prayer at the Parish Church

TUESDAY 12th

Parish Office closed

9-11 am Holmewood Carol rehearsals at the Parish Church

WEDNESDAY 13th *Lucy Martyr at Syracuse, 304*

9.00 am Morning Prayer (CW) at the Church Centre

10.15 am Vicar's Drop in at the Church Centre

8.00 pm Parish Fellowship - Quiz

THURSDAY 14th *John of the Cross, Poet, Teacher of the Faith 1591*

9-11 am Holmewood Carol rehearsals at the Parish Church

11.30 for 12.30pm Rusthall Lunch Club at the Church Centre

11.45 am Holy Communion at the Church Centre

FRIDAY 15th

10 – 11 am Holmewood Carol rehearsals at the Parish Church

11.00 am Holmewood House School Carol Service – Junior School

2.30 pm Holmewood House School Carol Service – Upper School

7.00 pm Carol singing at the Red Lion and The White Hart

6.30 pm Junior Choir Practice

7.30 pm Full Choir Practice

SATURDAY 16th

NEXT SUNDAY 17th December

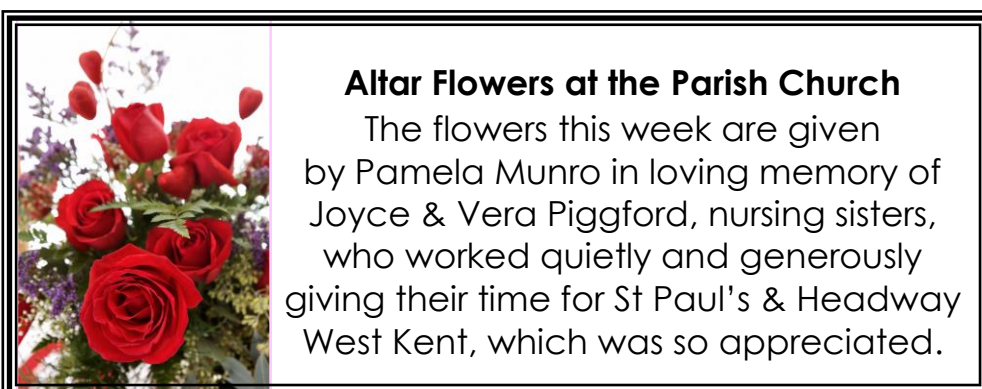
The Third Sunday Advent

8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) – The Vicar

10.00 am Joint Service of the Word with Crib Service

11.00 am Shortened Holy Communion (CW)

6.30 pm NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS



NEWS and NOTES

Crib Service

Our annual Crib Service, led by the children of our combined Sunday Schools, will take place during the **10am service** at the **Parish Church** on **Sunday 17th December**. All children aged 3-11 who regularly attend either the Sunday School at the Church Centre or the Parish Church are warmly invited to take part. We will **rehearse** at **10am - 11.30am** on **Saturday 16th December** at the Parish Church. We ask that an adult known to the child participating remains at the rehearsal and service please. Kindly let either Nathalie Hyder or Lizzie Hughes know if your child would like to take part and whether they would like a speaking part where possible! Email hugheslizzie@icloud.com with any queries and to note your child's interest.

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.

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

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

Sunday School

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

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. This spine-chilling tale will delight you with its dark wit whilst having you on the edge of your seat from the start. A fateful encounter takes place between two men in the dining carriage of a train crossing America. Guy is the successful businessman with a nagging jealousy; Charles is the cold, calculating chancer with a dark secret. A daring and dangerous plan develops from this casual conversation setting in motion a chain of events that will change the two men's lives forever. **Christopher Harper** (*Coronation Street*), **John Middleton** (*Emmerdale*), **Jack Ashton** (*Call The Midwife*) and **Hannah Tointon** (*Mr Selfridge*) lead the cast in a brand-new production of the spellbinding thriller.

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.

Carol Singing around Rusthall

Many thanks to all those who came Carol singing last Tuesday, it was great to see a good turnout. We raised the sum of £87.00 and enjoyed mulled wine and mince pies when we returned. Well done all.

Medical Missionary News

The latest edition of Medical Mission News and The Christian International Aid News are now in both churches. Both have articles on the work being achieved in Moldova. We are asked to continue to pray for the work that God is doing in this land and give thanks for the growth in the work with children in recent years.

Please do take a copy and return it after reading so others may do likewise.

Carol Singing

All are welcome to join us at the White Hart on Friday to sing carols from 7 pm and then later at the Red Lion.

CONTACTS

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