

**17<sup>th</sup> December 2017**

**The Third Sunday of Advent**



**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**


God for whom we watch and wait,  
you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son:  
give us courage to speak the truth,  
to hunger for justice,  
and to suffer for the cause of right,  
with Jesus Christ our Lord.

**8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) – The Vicar**  
The service begins on p 237. The readings begin on page 51.

**10.00 am Joint Service of the Word with Crib Service**  
Ministers: The Vicar & Lizzie Hughes,  
**Please see separate booklet**

**11.00 am Shortened Holy Communion**  
President: The Vicar,  
**Please see separate booklet**

**6.30 pm Service of Nine Lessons and Carols**  
Minister: The Vicar  
**Please see separate booklet**

	<p><b>Altar Flowers at the Parish Church</b> The flowers this week are given In loving memory of Tony and Margaret Jackson, Grandparents of David, Simon &amp; Maria and parents of John &amp; Kate Coupe</p>
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## THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

### **MONDAY 18<sup>th</sup>**

- 9.00 am Morning Prayer at the Parish Church  
11.00 am Broomhill Bank School Carol Service at the Parish Church  
3.00 pm Choir singing at Burrswood Carol Service, rehearse 2 pm.

### **TUESDAY 19<sup>th</sup>**

- Parish Office closed  
3.00 pm Carol Service at Chamberlain Court – The Vicar

### **WEDNESDAY 20<sup>th</sup>**

- 9.00 am Morning Prayer (CW) at the Church Centre  
11.30 am Holy Communion to Rusthall Lodge  
11.45 am Holy Communion to Mount Ephraim House  
3.30 pm Choir singing carols at Chartwell Lodge

### **THURSDAY 21<sup>st</sup>** *Saint Thomas the Apostle*

- 11.30 for 12.30<sub>pm</sub> Rusthall Lunch Club Christmas Lunch at the Church Centre  
11.30 am Holy Communion at the Church Centre  
3.00 pm Choir singing carols at Mount Ephraim House

### **FRIDAY 22<sup>nd</sup>**

- 2.00 pm Choir singing carols at Rusthall Lodge  
6.30 pm Junior Choir Practice  
7.30 pm Full Choir Practice

### **SATURDAY 23<sup>rd</sup>**

- 3.30 pm Choir singing carols at Milward House

### **NEXT SUNDAY 24<sup>th</sup> December**

#### **The Fourth Sunday of Advent**

#### **Christmas Eve**

- 8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) – The Vicar**  
**10.00 am Matins (BCP) – Daphne Pilcher & Tim Cripps**  
**10.00 am Family Service with Holy Communion at the Church Centre**  
- the Vicar  
**11.30 pm Midnight Mass of Christmas – The Vicar & Tim Cripps**

## **NEWS and NOTES**

### **Nine Lessons and Carols This Evening**

Do come and join us at 6.30 pm 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 in 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.

### **Pew Collections**

There will be collections on Christmas Eve, for Church Funds, and on Christmas Day, for Children's Charities.

### **Week Day Services after Christmas**

There will no service of Morning Prayer on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> or Communion on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup>, at the Church Centre. Monday 1<sup>st</sup> January is a Bank Holiday, so there will not be a service of Morning Prayer at the Parish Church.

## **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 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **Christmas Wishes**

Please do come to the area around the Font at the Parish Church and collect any Christmas cards that have been left for you. It is a shame when they do not reach their intended recipients.

## **Festive Cheer Next Week**

Please do come over to the Lodge on Christmas Eve after the 10 am service. The Gentlemen of the Fellowship will be ready and waiting to serve you with mulled wine, mince pies and big smiles.

## **New Rota for 2018**

Hard copy of the January to April rota is now available at the back of both Churches.

### **CONTACTS**

The Vicar: The Revd Ronnie Williams 521357 (day off: Friday)

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**Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday– 10 am to 1 pm** (Closed Tuesdays)

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