

24th December 2017

The Fourth 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

Eternal God,
as Mary waited for the birth of your Son,
so we wait for his coming in glory;
bring us through the birth pangs of this present age
to see, with her, our great salvation
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) – The Vicar
The service begins on p 237. The readings begin on page 53.

10.00 am Matins (BCP)
Minster: Tim Cripps, Preacher : Daphne Pilcher

10.00 am Family Service with Holy Communion at the Church Centre
President: The Vicar, Link: Alison Turner

Hymns: Advent Song - A candle is burning (on screen)
MP 102 Come thou long expected Jesus
MP 697 Thou didst leave thy throne
MP 424 Lo, He comes with clouds descending

Readings: Romans 16.25-27, Luke 1. 26-38

11.30 pm Midnight Mass of Christmas
President and Preacher: The Vicar, Minister: Tim Cripps
Please see separate booklet



THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

MONDAY 25th

CHRISTMAS DAY

- 8.00 am** **Holy Communion (BCP)** – The Vicar
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- 10.00 am** **Family Carol Service at the Parish Church**
Minister: Tim Cripps, Preacher: The Vicar
Please see separate booklet
- 11.15 am** **Shortened Sung Eucharist at the Parish Church**
President: The Vicar, Minister: Tim Cripps

TUESDAY 26th ***Stephen, Deacon, First Martyr***

Parish Office closed

WEDNESDAY 27th ***John, Apostle and Evangelist***

No Morning Prayer
Parish Office closed

THURSDAY 28th ***The holy Innocents***

Parish Office closed
No Lunch Club
No Holy Communion at the Church Centre

FRIDAY 29th ***Thomas Beckett, Archbishop of Canterbury, Martyr 1170***

Parish Office closed

SATURDAY 30th

NEXT SUNDAY 31st December

The First Sunday of Christmas

New Year's Eve

- 8.00 am** **Holy Communion (BCP)** – The Vicar
- 10.00 am** **Parish Eucharist (BCP)** – The Vicar
- 10.00 am** **Family Carol Service at The Church Centre**
No Evening Service



NEWS and NOTES

**Peace and Good Cheer
Wishing you all a blessed and joyful Christmas.**

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 today 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 27th or Communion on Thursday 28th, at the Church Centre. Monday 1st January is a Bank Holiday, so there will not be a service of Morning Prayer at the Parish Church.

Leadership Training at the URC

There are two training sessions for small group leaders in 2018 at the Tunbridge Wells URC. They will be held on Saturday 9th January at 2 pm and on Thursday 19th April at 2 pm. These sessions will be led by Rev. Andy Twilley, the Training Officer for Southern Synod. For more information contact Rev. Helen Warmington at revhelenurc@aol.co.uk or on 671141.

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.

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

The Gentlemen of the Fellowship warmly invite you to join them in the Lodge, after the 10 am service today, for mulled wine and mince pies.



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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