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**31<sup>st</sup> December 2017**  
**The First Sunday of Christmas**  
**New Year's Eve**

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*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.*

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**Collect for the Week**

God in Trinity,  
eternal unity of perfect love:  
gather the nations to be one family,  
and draw us into your holy life  
through the birth of Emmanuel,  
our Lord Jesus Christ.

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**8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) – The Vicar**

The service begins on p 237. The readings begin on page 62.

**10.00 am Parish Eucharist (CW)**

President: The Vicar, Minister & Preacher: Daphne Pilcher

**10.00 am Family Carol Service at the Church Centre**

Please see separate sheet for details

**THIS WEEK'S EVENTS**

**MONDAY 1<sup>st</sup> January** The Naming and Circumcision of Jesus  
**NEW YEAR'S DAY BANK HOLIDAY**

No Morning Prayer at the Parish Church  
Parish Office closed

**TUESDAY 2<sup>nd</sup>** ***Basil the Great and Gregory of Nazareth, Bishop,  
Teachers of the Faith, 379 and 389***

Parish Office closed

**WEDNESDAY 3<sup>rd</sup>**

*The Vicar Leaves for Sierra Leone*  
9.00 am Morning Prayer (CW) at the Church Centre

## **THURSDAY 4<sup>th</sup>**

11.30 for 12.30<sub>pm</sub> Rusthall Lunch Club Christmas Lunch at the Church Centre  
11.45 am Holy Communion at the Church Centre

## **FRIDAY 5<sup>th</sup>**

6.30 pm Junior Choir Practice  
7.30 pm Full Choir Practice

## **SATURDAY 6<sup>th</sup> The Epiphany**

### **NEXT SUNDAY 7<sup>th</sup> January**

#### **The Baptism of Christ Epiphany**

**8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)** – Rev. Paul Plumley  
**10.00 am Parish Eucharist (CW)** – Rev. Tony Rutherford, Tim Cripps  
**10.00 am Family Service at the Church Centre**  
**11.30 pm Evensong (BCP)** – Tim Cripps & Daphne Pilcher

## **NEWS and NOTES**

### **Pew Leaflet**

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

### **Rusthall Theatre Club – Last few tickets**

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**.

Blow away those post-Christmas blues and join us (there is no Fellowship meeting that day).



## **New Year's Greetings**

**Wishing everyone a very  
Happy and Peaceful  
New Year.**