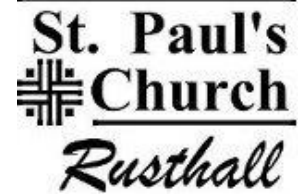


Sunday 4th February 2018
The Second Sunday Before Lent
The Presentation of Christ in the Temple
- Candlemas



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

Lord Jesus Christ,
 light of the nations and glory of Israel:
 make your home among us,
 and present us pure and holy
 to your heavenly Father,
 your God, and our God.

- 8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) – The Vicar**
 The service begins on p 237. The readings begin on page 80.
- 10.00 am Parish Eucharist (CW)**
 President & Preacher: The Vicar, Minister: Tim Cripps
- 10.00 am Family Service at the Church Centre**
 Leader: Daphne Pollard, Link: Claire Calkins
 Theme: Busyness/stillness
 Hymns WT 297 Morning has broken
 WT 37 Beauty for brokenness
 WT 44 Breathe on me, breath of God
 WT 495 You shall go out with joy
 Reading Mark 1.29-39
- 6.30 pm Choral Evensong (BCP) The Service begins on page 16**
 Minister: & Preacher: Tim Cripps
- Introit: When to the temple Mary went - Eccard
 Responses: Sanders
 Hymn: NEH 373 (tune Coe Fen) How shall I sing that majesty
 Psalm: 23 (BCP page 372)
 1st Reading: Haggai 2.1-9 Paul Barter
 Magnificat: Dyson in F
 2nd Reading: John 2.18-22 Shirley Barter
 Nunc Dimitis: Dyson in F
 Anthem: O Thou the central orb - Wood
 Hymn: NEH 466 Thou whose almighty word
 Hymn: NEH 332 Abide with me
 Amen Rutter

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

MONDAY 5th *St Agatha, Virgin Martyr*

9.00 am Morning Prayer at the Parish Church

TUESDAY 6th *The Martyrs of Japan, 159, Ascension of Queen Elizabeth II, 1952* Parish Office closed

WEDNESDAY 7th

9.00 am Morning Prayer (CW) at the Church Centre
Followed by Bible Reading

10.30 am Julian Group

THURSDAY 8th

11.45 am Holy Communion at the Church Centre – The Vicar

11.20 am Rusthall Lunch Club **at Rusthall Club**

FRIDAY 9th

6.30 pm Junior Choir Practice

7.30 pm Full Choir Practice

SATURDAY 10th *Scholastica, sister of Benedict, Abbess of Plombariola, c. 543*

NEXT SUNDAY - 11th February

The Sunday Next Before Lent

8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) – The Vicar

10.00 am Parish Eucharist with Baptisms (CW) – The Vicar

10.00 am Family Service at the Church Centre

4.00 pm Taizé Service at the Church Centre

6.30 pm Evensong (BCP) –Tim Cripps



Altar Flowers at the Parish Church

The altar flowers are given today
by Gill McAllister
In Loving Memory of
Absent Friends, Never Forgotten

NEWS and NOTES

Women's World Day of Prayer

This year the special service will be held on Friday 2nd March at the Church Centre. Beginning at 2 pm the service is from the Women in Suriname and is entitled ""All God's creation is very good". Please do come and join us, men are welcome too!

Short Story Competition – up to 500 Words

Rusthall Community and Youth Project invite children in Rusthall or who attend Church or school to enter this year's competition. There are 5 categories: 7-9 years, 10-11 years, plus the 3 special entry groups 7-10, 11-12 and 13-15 years (for those who need someone to write for them). Closing date is 29th March and there are book tokens and books to be won. Entry forms are at the back of both Churches. For further information please contact Mike Bassett on 543544 or mikebassett@blueyonder.co.uk

Toddlers & Carers Group at the Church Centre

We would like to welcome all carers and pre-school children to our group which runs at the Church Centre every Monday, (except Bank Holidays). Beginning at 9 am and running until 11.30 am we have games, toys, singing and lots of space to run around plus bacon rolls coffee and a chat for the adults. Please contact Annie Softley on 548366 or 07730771818.

Lent Groups from Tuesday 20th February

Ronnie will be leading a series of Lent Groups this year. They will be held at the Church Centre on Tuesday mornings beginning at 10 am and finishing at 11.30 am. There will also be an evening session on Fridays at 7.30 pm to 9.00 pm, also at the Church Centre. The book that will be used is entitled "At The Cross" by Abby Guinness, which costs £4.99. The course reflects on the crucifixion of Jesus in a new way, considering the perspective of those who witnessed it themselves.

The Julian Group

We will be meeting this Wednesday 7th February at 10.30 am at 35, Westwood Road. Pat Stevens will be leading a time of quiet reflection followed by 20 minutes of silence. If you have not been before do come and join us, we will be pleased to welcome you. For more information ring Pat on 529187

A Date For Your Diary

Following the success of last year's Quiet Day at Burrswood, St Pauls will be holding another on Wednesday 9th May 10.15 am -3.45 pm. Do try and come to enjoy the beauty of Burrswood and a time of peace. More details to follow. Contact Pat Stevens 529187.

Taizé Service 11th February

Next Sunday Ronnie will be leading our monthly Taizé Service at the Church Centre. The service begins at 4 pm and lasts for half an hour.

Foundation Governor for St Paul's School

A foundation governor is needed for Rusthall St Paul's School. We would ideally like someone with finance or similar skills but anyone is free to apply. For further information please contact: Jean Kerr Jeak4000@gmail.com, 01892 524326, 07905758799. Jean would be very happy to meet and discuss the role if anyone is interested but unsure of what the role involves.

Pew Leaflet

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

Altar Flowers at the Parish Church

There are still some dates available for sponsorship this year. Please do take a look at the list in the library if you would like to commemorate a loved one.

Lodge Update

The work at the Lodge is coming to an end. The toilet block is complete, new radiators have been fitted along with a proper hot water system. The builders are now decorating and we hope that the new flooring will be laid soon.

Penshurst Choral Society

The next concert is on Saturday 24th February at Holme wood House School, beginning at 7.30 pm. The programme will include the Choral Fantasia by Beethoven, which Jong-Gyuag Park will be playing the solo piano section and the Mass in D by Dvorak. Tickets are £15, £7.50 for under 18s.

CONTACTS

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