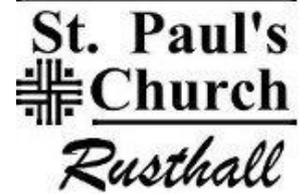


**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2018**  
**The First Sunday of Lent**



*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**

Heavenly Father,  
your Son battled with the powers of darkness,  
and grew closer to you in the desert:  
help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer  
that we may witness to your saving love  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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**8.00 am**      **Holy Communion (BCP)** – The Vicar  
The service begins on p 237. The readings begin on page 86.

**10.00 am**    **Parish Eucharist (CW)**  
President: The Vicar, Minister & Preacher: Tim Cripps

**10.00 am**    **Family Service at the Church Centre**  
Leader: Susan Powley, Link: Chris Bassett

Hymns:            WT 203 If I were a butterfly  
                      WT 59 Colours of day (offertory)  
                      WT 163 I am a new creation  
                      WT 300 My Jesus, my saviour

Reading:         Mark 1.9-15

**6.30 pm**      **Sung Compline with Homily**  
Minister: Daphne Pilcher

## THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

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

9.00 am Morning Prayer at the Parish Church

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

Parish Office closed

10.00 am Lent Group at the Church Centre -The Vicar

### **WEDNESDAY 21<sup>st</sup>**

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

11.00 am Funeral of Charles Parsons at the Crematorium

11.45 am Communion to Mount Ephraim House

3.00 pm Communion to Chamberlain Court

2.00 pm Funeral of Betty Standish at the Parish Church with the Choir  
Followed by burial at the New Churchyard

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

11.45 am Holy Communion at the Church Centre – The Vicar

12.30 pm Rusthall Lunch Club **at Rusthall Club**

### **FRIDAY 23<sup>rd</sup>** *Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna, Martyr, C. 155*

11.00 am Women's World Day of Prayer planning meeting at the Church Centre

6.30 pm Junior Choir Practice

7.30 pm Full Choir Practice

7.30 pm Lent Group at the Church Centre -The Vicar

### **SATURDAY 24<sup>th</sup>** *Saint Matthias the Apostle*

### **NEXT SUNDAY – 25<sup>th</sup> February**

#### **The Second Sunday of Lent**

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

**10.00 am Matins – Minister: Tim Cripps, Preacher: Daphne Pilcher**

**10.00 am Family Service with Baptism at the Church Centre**

**6.30 pm Parish Eucharist (CW) – President The Vicar, Preacher: Tim Cripps**

## NEWS and NOTES



### **Women's World Day of Prayer**

This year the special service will be held on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **Lent**

Lent Boxes are available in both Churches today. Please take one. Monies given are passed on to those less fortunate than ourselves.

### **Penshurst Choral Society**

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

## **Can You Help?**

A Syrian family, new to Rusthall, are in need of a patio table and chairs. If you have these items to spare, or tucked away, please could you contact Pat Stevens on 529187. Thank you.

## **Fair Trade Today**

Barbara will be in The Lodge after the 10 am service today. Do pop over and browse the Fair trade stall, there are lots of goods to purchase and she will be happy to serve you.

## **Quiet Day**

We are delighted that Tim Cripps will now be leading St Paul's Quiet Day at Burrswood on Wednesday 9th May. Do put this date in your diary and try to come as those who attended last year enjoyed such a lovely day in the chapel and the beautiful gardens. There will be an opportunity to have lunch in the cafe or to bring a packed lunch. There will be a donation for the day, this will be announced when we have been advised by Burrswood. Ring Pat Stevens (529187) to book or for more information.

## **Fair Trade Café – February 2018**

This month's Fairtrade Cafe will be on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February from 10 am – 11.30 am. It will be held in the URC, Manor Road, Rusthall. Come and join your friends for coffee, tea and homemade cakes. It is the start of Fairtrade Fortnight so we will have the usual Traidcraft stall selling fairly-traded items and Easter eggs can be ordered. There will also be a Fairtrade Raffle. For more details please contact Rosemary Romano on 01892 539005.

## **Sunday openings**

Starting on Easter Sunday we will again – WITH YOUR HELP – be opening our church to visitors from 2.30 pm to 5.0 pm on a Sunday afternoon. Please sign up on the lists in the Parish Church and at the Church Centre to help provide this service. Although the visitors are not many in number those that do come both appreciate it and find it helpful.

## **Scaffolding at the Church Centre**

Work started on Thursday to erect scaffolding to the outside of the hall.

### **CONTACTS**

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**Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 10 am-1 pm (closed Tuesdays)**

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