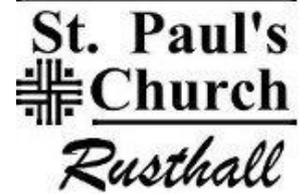


**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2018**  
**The Second Sunday of Lent**



*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**

Almighty God,  
by the prayer and discipline of Lent  
may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings,  
and by following in his Way  
may we come to share in his glory;  
through 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 88.

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

**10.00 am**     **Family Service with Baptism at the Church Centre**  
Leader: The Vicar, Link: Pat Cripps

**Please see separate booklet**

**6.30 pm**     **Parish Eucharist (CW)**  
President & Preacher: The Vicar

**THIS WEEK'S EVENTS**

**MONDAY 26<sup>th</sup>**

9.00 am     Morning Prayer at the Parish Church  
10.00 am     Administration Meeting at the Church Centre

**TUESDAY 27<sup>th</sup>**

Parish Office closed  
10.00 am     Lent Group at the Church Centre – The Vicar  
12.30 pm     Funeral of Christopher Youngman - Parish Church with the Choir

## **WEDNESDAY 28<sup>th</sup>**

- 9.00 am Morning Prayer (CW) at the Church Centre  
Followed by Bible Reading
- 8.00 pm Parish Fellowship at the Church Centre, speaker from the The  
TW Street Pastors. This is an open meeting, all invited. Members  
50p, non-members £2

## **THURSDAY 1<sup>st</sup> March** *David, Bishop of Menevia, Patron of Wales, c. 601*

- 11.45 am Holy Communion at the Church Centre – The Vicar  
12 for 12.30 pm Rusthall Lunch Club **at Rusthall Club**

## **FRIDAY 2<sup>nd</sup>** *Chad, Bishop of Lichfield, Missionary, 672*

- 2.00 pm Women's World Day of Prayer Service - 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 3<sup>rd</sup>**

### **NEXT SUNDAY – 4<sup>th</sup> March**

#### **The Third Sunday of Lent**

- 8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) – The Vicar**  
**10.00 am Parish Eucharist with Baptism (CW)**  
– President & Preacher: The Vicar, Minister: Tim Cripps  
**10.00 am Family Service Songs of Praise at the Church Centre**  
**6.30 pm Choral Evensong (BCP) – Minister & Preacher: Tim Cripps**

### **NEWS and NOTES**

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

This year the special service will be held this 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!

#### **St Paul's Service Rota**

Starting in May the Service Rota will be compiled by Mione Palmer. A huge thank you to Tim Cripps for all his hard work putting the rota together over the last few years. Please advise Mione of any known absences so these can be factored in when drawing up the new Rota. (email:mionepalmer@talktalk.net, tel: 667951.)

#### **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)

### **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)

### **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 £5.99. 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, please do take one. The money collected goes directly to the USPG.

### **Rusthall Lunch Club – temporary move**

Thanks to all the effort from our tireless and supportive committee and, especially from our chefs, Carl and Sam, the Rusthall Lunch Club has now moved to Rusthall Club in St Paul's Street, where lunches will continue as usual every Thursday, 12 for 12.30 pm. We would like to thank the team at Rusthall Club for very kindly "loaning" their venue until we can move back into the Church Centre when the repairs and renovations from the recent fire have been completed. For more details contact Ros Rodwell 01892 862652

### **Quiet Day**

We are delighted that Tim Cripps will now be leading St Paul's Quiet Day at Burrswood on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **Sunday openings**

Starting on Easter Sunday we will again – WITH YOUR HELP – be opening our church to visitors from 2.30 pm to 5.00 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.

## STOP PRESS

We are delighted to announce that we will be hosting a concert for the Wiesbaden Boys Choir on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March, starting at 6.30 pm. Do put this date in your diary and come to support this new link with our twin town in Germany. More details to follow.

## Burrswood

There are currently volunteering opportunities at Burrswood that may interest you - Volunteer Chaplains, Volunteer Prayer Ministers and Volunteer Stewards for healing services and retreats.

Role profiles to give you a description of the tasks and the kind of personal qualities that we are looking for and application forms which can be found on our website. If anyone wishes to phone me for more information, I am available on Mondays, Tuesdays or Thursdays. My direct line is 01892 865978. I am happy to have a chat in person and show interested potential applicants around should they be interested in this. We also have other volunteer <http://www.burrswood.org.uk/support-us/volunteering>.

If you have any questions at all, don't hesitate to contact me, Haritha Pattabhi Voluntary Services Co-ordinator

## Fegans Exhibition - 'Seasons of Change' – The Fegans Story

Tunbridge Wells Museum & Art Gallery - 9th February – 9th June 2018

Tuesday – Saturdays from 9:30 – 17:00 , Sundays from 10:00 – 16:00

Free admission - [www.fegans.org.uk/seasonsofchange](http://www.fegans.org.uk/seasonsofchange)

Inspired by his Christian faith, James Fegan started supporting and housing boys living on the streets of London in 1870. Follow the incredible journey of Fegans, the children's charity, as it has evolved and developed over the years. From children's homes (including setting up a working farm at Goudhurst) and child emigration to Canada, the Fegans' story is one of great historical and cultural value.

There will also be a series of Parent Talks at St John's Church.

The confident child: Wednesday 14th March

Building confidence and resilience in your child

Your child online: Wednesday 9th May

Practical techniques for online safety

After the split: Wednesday 23rd May

Successfully strategies for co-parenting after separation

All the information about our upcoming events can be found on our website

[www.fegans.org.uk](http://www.fegans.org.uk)

## CONTACTS

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

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