

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2018**  
**The First Sunday of Advent**

*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**

Almighty God,  
as your kingdom dawns,  
turn us from the darkness of sin to the  
light of holiness,  
that we may be ready to meet you  
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

- 8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) – The Vicar**  
The service begins on page 237. The readings begin on page 47.  
The Affirmation of Faith is on page 240.
- 10.00 am Parish Eucharist (CW)**  
President & Preacher: The Vicar
- 10.00 am Family Christingle Service at the Church Centre**  
**Leader:** Daphne Pilcher, **Link:** Susan Powley  
Please see separate booklet
- 6.30 pm Service of Readings and Music for Advent**  
**Minister: The Vicar**  
Please see separate booklet



**Altar Flowers at the Parish Church**

The altar flowers are given today  
In loving memory of  
Bo and Ivy Vernon &  
John and Margaret Fleming  
By Anne & David Vernon

## THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

### **MONDAY 3<sup>rd</sup>**

- 9.00 am Morning Prayer at the Parish Church
- 10.00 am Advent Group at 8 St Paul's Street
- 8.00 pm Worship Committee at 7 Rustwick

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

Parish Office closed

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

- 9.00 am Morning Prayer (CW) at the Church Centre
- 10.30 am Julian Group at Westwood Road
- 11.00 am Communion to Rusthall Lodge

### **THURSDAY 6<sup>th</sup>**

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

### **FRIDAY 7<sup>th</sup>**

- 6.30 pm Junior Choir practice
- 7.30 pm Full Choir practice

### **SATURDAY 8<sup>th</sup>**

- 10.00 am Fairtrade Café at the URC

### **NEXT SUNDAY 9<sup>th</sup> December**

#### **The Second Sunday of Advent**

- 8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) – The Vicar**
- 10.00 am Parish Eucharist (CW) – The Vicar**
- 10.00 am Family Toy Service at the Church Centre**
- 4.00 pm Taizé Service at the Church Centre – The Vicar**
- 6.30 pm Evensong (BCP) – The Vicar**

## NEWS and NOTES

### **Crib Service - Who would like a part?**

We would love to hear from all the children who would like to be in this year's Nativity which will be part of the 10 am service on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December (dress rehearsal will be on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10.30 am). We need confirmation of who would like to take part as soon as possible so that we can allocate parts and get costumes ready. Please email [sarah\\_groundsell@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:sarah_groundsell@yahoo.co.uk) or join the Little Angels Funday School Facebook page for more information <https://m.facebook.com/groups/1891513084477611>.

### **Pew Collections today**

Money collected at all services will be in aid of the Children's Society.

## **Julian Group**

The Julian Group will be meeting on Wednesday 5th December, 10.30 am at 35 Westwood Road. Pat Stevens will be leading an Advent Meditation which will include music and a time of silence. Do come and join us if you are able and share in a time of fellowship and refreshments afterwards. The first group in 2019 will be on 6<sup>th</sup> February. Although early we do wish all at St Pauls a very happy and blessed Christmas.

## **St Paul's Church Pens**

We now have pens available for sale in both Churches. They are very nice quality, have black ink and come in a variety of colours. At £2 each they would make very nice Christmas gifts. All profits now to St Paul's.

## **Advent Fayre**

The total raised overall was £2,768.31 after expenses, the best result for some years. Thank you to everyone.

## **Parish Fellowship**

We would like to thank all those who donated cakes and fancies for the stall last Saturday. In the end the stall raised £280, a wonderful result.

## **Mabel Smart**

Mabel's funeral will be held at the Church Centre on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 2 pm. The refreshments following the service will now be at the Spa Hotel.

## **Nourish**

There is now a collection box at the Parish Church. Please give generously to continue to support struggling local families.

## **Parish Hall Official Re-Opening on 19<sup>th</sup> January at 3 pm**

We hope to have a screen with a rolling picture show as part of this event. If you have any pictures depicting parish life, past or present, that could be used, please bring them to the Parish Office or give to one of the Wardens.

## **2019 First Rota**

The new Rota for January to April 2019 is now being drawn up. If you usually have duties please let Mione know when you are not available. Also if anyone would like to be added to the list of bible readers, intercessors or sidesmen please do get in touch, email to [mionepalmer@talktalk.net](mailto:mionepalmer@talktalk.net)

## **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)

## **Service of Readings and Music for Advent**

Do come and join us this evening at 6.30 am for this special service, a wonderful way to mark the beginning of Advent and the Church year. Please

stay for refreshments afterwards, which will be served in the Church.

### **Contact Information**

A reminder that we need to have your permission to contact you. We have a big announcement coming up and would like to be able to email or write to you. Please sign the GDPR sheets at the back of each Church or email Ginette in the office to give your consent. Thank you.

### **Fair Trade Cafe – December 2018**

The last Fairtrade Café for 2018 will be on Saturday 8th December from 10 am to 11.30 am. It will be held in the URC Hall, Manor Road, Rusthall. Do come and join your friends for coffee, tea and seasonal homemade cakes and mince pies. There will also be a well stocked Traidcraft stall selling fairly-traded goods plus a Fairtrade Raffle. Look out for the leaflet showing dates for 2019. For more details please contact Rosemary Romano on 01892 539005.

### **Altar Flowers 2019**

The list for next year's flower sponsorship is now in the Library. Forms are available for you to take, complete and return to Daphne or the Parish Office.

### **Monday Toddler Group**

The last Toddler group for this year will be on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December (tomorrow), from 9.30 am to 11.30 am at the Church Centre. Come and join us for fun and games next year when we start again for 2019 on 7<sup>th</sup> January. For more details please contact Rosemary Romano on 539005 or Annie Softley on 548366.

### **Advent Group**

This year we are having a House Group for Advent at 8 St Paul's Street. The first meeting is this week on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, from 10.00 am to 11.00 am. There will then be 3 more meetings on the following Mondays, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. Please do come and join the Vicar and Sue Hope, who will be leading the course and encouraging us to make more space for God in our lives.

### **The Mayor's Toy Appeal 2018**

Choose from Teddy Mayor's gift list which can be found [www.twmta.co.uk](http://www.twmta.co.uk)  
No second hand toys please but many small inexpensive gifts can be found on the list and sent directly online.

#### **CONTACTS**

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

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