

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2018**  
**The Second 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,  
purify our hearts and minds,  
that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as  
judge and saviour  
we may be ready to receive him,  
who is our Lord and our God.

**8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) – The Vicar**  
The service begins on page 237. The readings begin on page 49.  
The Affirmation of Faith is on page 240.

**10.00 am Parish Eucharist with Baptisms (CW)**  
President & Preacher: The Vicar

**10.00 am Family Toy Service at the Church Centre**  
Leader: Viv Littlechild, Link: Alison Greenfield

Hymns            WT 8 All I once held dear  
                      WT 71 Do not be afraid (Offertory)  
                      WT 37 Beauty for brokenness  
                                  I the Lord of sea and sky  
Reading:        Mark 1.1-8.

**4.00 pm Taizé at the Church Centre**  
Minister: The Vicar

**6.30 pm Evensong (BCP)**  
Minister & Preacher: The Vicar

Hymn:            NEH 388 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun  
Psalm:            47 (BCP page 404)  
1st Reading:    Malachi 3.1-4 (NRSV page 926)        Pam Munro  
Magnificat:     C  
2nd Reading:    Luke 1.1-25 (NRSV page 60)            Iain Hamilton  
Nunc Dimittis: C  
Anthem:         How beautiful upon the mountains - Stainer  
Hymn:            NEH 8 Lift up your heads ye mighty gates  
Hymn:            NEH 466 Thou whose almighty word  
Amen:            16

## THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

### **MONDAY 10<sup>th</sup>**

- 9.00 am Morning Prayer at the Parish Church
- 9.30 am Broomhill Bank readers rehearsal in the Parish Church
- 10.00 am Advent Group at 8 St Paul's Street
- 2.00 pm Funeral of Mabel Smart at the Church Centre

### **TUESDAY 11<sup>th</sup>**

Parish Office closed

- 9.00 am Holmewood House rehearsal in the Parish Church

### **WEDNESDAY 12<sup>th</sup>**

- 9.00 am Morning Prayer (CW) at the Church Centre
- 10.15 am Vicar's Drop In at the Church Centre

### **THURSDAY 13<sup>th</sup>** *Lucy, Martyr at Syracuse, 304*

- 9.00 am Holmewood House rehearsal in the Parish Church
- 11.45 am Holy Communion at the Church Centre – The Vicar
- 11.30 for 12.30 Rusthall Lunch Club at the Church Centre with Carols

### **FRIDAY 14<sup>th</sup>** *John of the Cross, Poet, Teacher of the Faith, 1591*

- 11.00 am Holmewood House Junior Carol Service
- 2.30 pm Holmewood House Senior Carol Service
- 6.30 pm Junior Choir practice
- 7.30 pm Full Choir practice

### **SATURDAY 15<sup>th</sup>**

- 10.00 am Choir carol singing at Muskerry Court
- 11.30 am Choir carol singing at Rusthall Lodge

### **NEXT SUNDAY 16<sup>th</sup> December**

#### **The Third Sunday of Advent**

- 8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) – The Vicar**
- 10.00 am Parish Eucharist (CW) – The Vicar**
- 10.00 am Family 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 Pam Munro In loving memory of Joyce & Vera Piggford who worked so quietly and generously giving of their time for St Paul's Church and Headway West Kent

## NEWS and NOTES

### **Commander George Lawson**

George's funeral will be held on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 2 pm at the Parish Church. Our thoughts and prayers are with June and all their family at this very sad time.

### **Contact Information**

A reminder that we need to have your permission to contact you. Please sign the GDPR sheets at the back of each Church or email Ginette in the office to give your consent. Thank you to those who have already done so.

### **Advent Group**

This year we are having a House Group for Advent at 8 St Paul's Street. The next meeting is this week on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December, from 10.00 am to 11.00 am. There will then be 2 more meetings on the following Mondays, 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.

### **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)

### **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>.

### **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.

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

We now have pens available for sale in both Churches. They are 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.

### **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)

## Poppy Appeal 2018

The total raised by Rusthall and Langton this year was an amazing £4,219.

## Rusthall St Pauls Church of England Primary School

There is a vacancy for a Foundation Governor (i.e. one endorsed by the PCC or the diocese). The applicant needs to have an understanding of finance and be computer literate as well as being committed to the ethos and principles of the school. The expectation is that the new governor will undertake training (paid for by the school) and attend meetings at the school. Full governing body meetings are on Wednesday evenings (x 4 /year) and the Resources Committee meet on a Monday morning at 10 am 3/4 times a year. If your New Year Resolution includes getting more involved with the community in Rusthall this could be your opportunity. If you would like to have a chat about the role and the time commitment needed please get in touch, either by email to [jean.kerr@rusthall-cep.kent.sch.uk](mailto:jean.kerr@rusthall-cep.kent.sch.uk) or by phone to 01892 524326. Jean Kerr - Vice Chair of Governors.

## 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.

## Christmas Appeal and Ecumenical Christmas Card

It's that time of the year again! We will be folding the appeal letter and ecumenical card this Thursday and dividing into the streets of our parish. If you are able to come along and help it will be very much appreciated. Pat Churchill will be at the Church Centre from 1 pm and be glad to see you. Tea and coffee will be served and biscuits too.

**A huge appeal for people to deliver the cards and letters**, there a few faithful posters but the more helpers the less to do, even if you can do only your street that will be very wonderful. The bundles will be in Church on Sunday.

## Christmas Appeal

Some people have already returned donations for our Christmas Appeal. The Zone have asked we do not raise funds on their behalf this year but the appeal letters in the magazines have them listed. If you have given money and if you are happy for your donation to be divided between the other four charities no further action is required but if not speak to Pat Cripps please, 543355.

### CONTACTS

The Vicar: The Rev. Ronnie Williams 521357 (day off Friday)  
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**Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 10 am-1 pm (closed Tuesdays)**

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