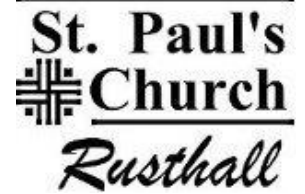


**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2018**  
**The Fourth Sunday of Advent**



*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**

Eternal God,  
as Mary waited for the birth of your Son,  
so we wait for his coming in glory;  
bring us through the birth pangs of this present age  
to see, with her, our great salvation  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

- 8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) – The Vicar**  
The service begins on page 237. The readings begin on page 53  
The Affirmation of Faith is on page 240.
- 10.00 am Joint Service of the Word with Crib Service (CW)**  
Ministers: The Vicar, Lizzie Hughes & Kate Coupe  
**Please see separate booklet**
- 11.00 am Shortened Said Holy Communion (CW)**  
President: The Vicar, Minister: Tim Cripps
- 6.30 pm Service of Nine Lessons and Carols**  
Minister: The Vicar  
**Please see separate booklet**



**Altar Flowers at the Parish Church**

The altar flowers are given today  
by John and Susan Barber  
In loving memory of  
John's Father, John Barber and  
Susan's Mother, Jean Ellison

## THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

### **MONDAY 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve**

Parish Office Closed

- 9.00 am Morning Prayer at the Parish Church
- 10.00 am Final Advent Group at 8 St Paul's Street
- 11.30 pm Midnight Mass of Christmas- The Vicar & Tim Cripps

### **TUESDAY 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day**

Parish Office closed

- 8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) with Hymns – Parish Church
- 10.00 am Family Carol Service – Parish Church
- 11.15 am Shortened Festival Eucharist

### **WEDNESDAY 26<sup>th</sup> Boxing Day Stephen, Deacon, First Martyr**

Parish Office closed

### **THURSDAY 27<sup>th</sup> John, Apostle and Evangelist**

Parish Office closed

NB: No Lunch Club

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

Parish Office closed

- 6.30 pm Junior Choir Party
- 8.00 pm Choir Party

### **SATURDAY 29<sup>th</sup> Thomas Becket, Archbishop of Canterbury, Martyr 1170**

### **NEXT SUNDAY 30<sup>th</sup> December**

**The First Sunday of Christmas**

- 8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) – The Vicar
- 10.00 am Parish Eucharist (CW) – The Vicar
- 10.00 am Family Carol Service at the Church Centre
- 6.30 pm Compline with Homily – Daphne Pilcher



## **NEWS and NOTES**

### **Christmas Greetings From Ronnie**

Wishing you all a peaceful and blessed Christmas and prosperous New Year. Thank you everyone for all your hard work and support throughout 2018.

### **Festive Cheer**

The men of the Parish Fellowship will be serving Mulled Wine and Mince Pies in the Canon Mantle Lodge after the two services today, do come over and join us. Coffee and Tea will be available as usual.

### **Friends of St Paul's**

Our new Friends of St Paul's scheme is going to be launched in January, for people who may not use the Churches on a regular basis, but may come occasionally or use the Halls or Lodge. Our aim is to support the maintenance, improvement, repair and preservation of our historic Church buildings and Churchyards and ensure them for future generations. We will need a team of volunteers to deliver the leaflets throughout the Parish. Please contact May, Clive or Ginette in the Parish Office if you are able to help.

### **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.

## **Pew Collections Over Christmas**

On Christmas Eve the money collected will be for Church Funds and on Christmas Day for Children's Charities – the NSPCC and The Children's Society and Save the Children.

## **Lodge Key**

The Lodge key on the small green plastic fob has gone missing from the library. Please check your pockets. Thank you.

## **Parish Fellowship New Year Party**

Please note the party starts 6.15 for 6.30 pm and NOT 4.00 pm as printed in the magazine.

## **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.

## **Vicar's Holiday**

Please note that Ronnie will be on annual leave from Monday 31<sup>st</sup> December until Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January. In his absence please contact the Parish Office with any queries.

## **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)



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

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