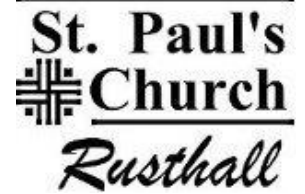


Sunday 10th March 2019
The First Sunday of Lent



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.

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.

- 8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) – The Vicar**
The service begins on page 237. The readings begin on page 86
The Affirmation of Faith is on page 240.
- 10.00 am Parish Eucharist (CW)**
President & Preacher The Vicar
- 10.00 am Family Service at the Church Centre**
Lead: Viv Littlechild, Link: Laura & Alison Greenfield
- Hymns: MP 624 Take my Life and let it e
WT 280 Shine Jesus shine (offertory)
WT 8 All I once held dear
PGT 126 Turning the world upside down
- Reading: Luke 4.1-13 (NIV page 1030)
- 4.30 pm Taizé Service at the Church Centre**

6.30 pm Evensong (BCP)

Minister: Tim Cripps, Preacher: Daphne Pilcher

Hymn:	NEH 64 Be thou my guardian and my guide	
Psalm:	53 (BCP page 411)	
1st Reading:	Jonah 3	John Palmer
Magnificat:	D	
2nd Reading:	Luke 18.9-14	Mione Palmer
Nunc Dimitis:	D	
Anthem:	Hear my prayer - Mendelssohn	
Hymn:	NEH 63 All ye who seek a comfort sure	
Hymn:	NEH 65 Christian, dost thou see them	
Amen	2	

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

MONDAY 11th

- 9.00 am Morning Prayer at the Parish Church – The Vicar
- 8.00 pm Standing Committee at 7 Rustwick
- 10.00 am Lent Group at 8 St Paul's Street
- 11.00 am Funeral of Arthur Skilton at the Cemetery Chapel

TUESDAY 12th *Gregory the Great, Bishop of Rome and Confessor*

Parish Office closed

- 10.00 am Lent Group at the Church Centre
- 7.30 pm Lent Group at the Church Centre

WEDNESDAY 13th

- 9.00 am Morning Prayer at the Church Centre
- 10.30 am Vicar's Drop in at the Church Centre
- 8.00 pm Parish Fellowship Lent talk – Daphne Pilcher

THURSDAY 14th

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

FRIDAY 15th

- 6.30 pm Junior Choir Practice
- 7.30 pm Senior Choir Practice

SATURDAY 16th

- 10.00 am Parish Fellowship Coffee Morning at the URC
- 3.00 pm Memorial Service for Ken Palfrey at the Parish Church with The Choir

NEXT SUNDAY 17th March

The Second Sunday of Lent

- 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 Choral Evensong (BCP) – Tim Cripps

NEWS and NOTES

Ken Palfrey

A memorial service for Ken will be held at the Parish Church on Saturday 16th March at 3 pm. You are invited to stay for refreshments afterwards, which will be served in the Lodge.

Parish Fellowship

We will be holding our Coffee Morning on Saturday 16th March in the United Reformed Church hall from 10 am to 12 noon. Entry fee £1 to include coffee. This is in aid of our current charities, the Kent , Surrey and Sussex Air Ambulance and International Animal Rescue. There will be a cake stall, "Pull-a-String", Tombola and Raffle. Please come and support us – we look forward to seeing you there.

APCM 2019

This year our Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held on Sunday 7th April at the Parish Church, beginning at 11.30 am. We invite everyone to join us for coffee beforehand, from 11 am, in the Lodge, following our morning services.

Electoral Roll Revision

This year is a full revision of the Electoral Roll. This means that everyone needs to complete a new form in order to be included on the roll. New forms are now available in the Parish Office and in both Churches. If you have not previously joined the ER please take a form and return to the Parish Office, Pat Churchill or Clive McAllister. If you have any questions please speak to Ginette in the office. **Please complete and return your forms by next Sunday 17th March**, thank you.

Fairtrade Stall

Barbara will be in the Lodge after the 10 am service next Sunday, 17th March. Do come over for coffee and browse and buy from the restocked stall. In addition we can now take orders for the Real Easter Eggs, from Traidcraft. You can place your order with Barbara or Ginette in the Parish Office.

New Churchyard, Nellington Road

We are in desperate need of helpers to assist in keeping the Churchyard tidy. Presently the Vicar and one other volunteer are doing this. It would be great to have a small group of people who could take it in turns. Please contact Ginette in the office or speak with Ronnie directly. Thank you.

Lent Groups 2019

This year's three Lent Groups will be held on Mondays at 8 St Paul's Street between 10.00 am and 11.30 am and on Tuesdays at the Church Centre between 10.00 am and 11.30 am and then 7.30 pm to 9 pm. The first meeting will be on Monday 11th March. The course is based on the Lent book Sacred Space, which will be offered free of charge. Ronnie and Sue Hope will be leading the groups.

Confirmation 2019

The Confirmation Service this year will be at All Saints, Langton Green at 6:00 pm on the 30th of June. If anyone would like to be confirmed please speak to Ronnie. A sign-up sheet is now in both churches, until Sunday the 10th of March. Daphne Pilcher, assisted by Tim Cripps, will lead the Confirmation Preparation.

Vicar's Sabbatical

This year Ronnie is taking his 3 month study break in May, June and July. Plans are well underway to cover his absence, with a rota of visiting ministers being put together. Ronnie will be returning to Sierra Leone for this period of time and we hold him and his family in our prayers as he plans for this important break from Parish life.

CONTACTS

The Vicar: The Rev. Ronnie Williams 521357 (day off Friday)

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**Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 10 am-1 pm
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