

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY 29th *Catherine of Siena, Teacher of the Faith, 1380*

10.00 am Church at the Church Centre open for private prayer

2.40 pm Collective Worship at school – The Vicar

TUESDAY 30th *Pandita Mary Ramabai, Translator of the Scriptures, 1922*

Parish Office closed

WEDNESDAY 1st May *Philip and James, Apostles*

9.00 am Play Time at St Paul's

10.00 am Church at the Church Centre open for private prayer

10.00 am Julian meeting at 30 Chancellor House

2.00 pm Private hire of the Lodge

THURSDAY 2nd

CHURCH CENTRE HALLS CLOSED ALL DAY FOR POLLING STATION

10.00 am Church at the Church Centre open for private prayer

11.30 am Communion to Mount Ephraim House – The Vicar

1.00 pm Parish Church clock service

6.00 pm Brownies visiting the Parish Church

6.00 pm Youth Council in the Lodge

FRIDAY 3rd *The Invention of the Cross*

10.00 am Church at the Church Centre open for private prayer

12.30 pm Community Larder at the Church Centre

6.30 pm Junior Choir practice

7.30 pm Full Choir practice

SATURDAY 4th *English Saints and Martyrs of the Reformation Era*

NEXT SUNDAY 5th May

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

Minister and Preacher: The Vicar

10.00 am Parish Eucharist with Baptism (CW)

President & Preacher: The Vicar

10.00 am Family Service at the Church Centre + Zoom

Lead: Liz Goddard, Link: Rosemary Romano

6.30 pm Compline

Minister: The Vicar

NEWS AND NOTES

From The Vicarage

Easter greetings to you all and a very warm welcome to our services today. May we all experience God's divine presence as we worship and fellowship together today, the fifth Sunday of Easter.

Polling Station 2nd May

As per last year the Church Centre will be closed all day on Thursday 2nd May for local voting.

Celebrations

On Sunday the 5th May Jennifer and Nic's little boy, Edward, is being baptised during the 10 am service at the Parish Church. We are all very much looking forward to this important occasion and the family warmly invite you all to the Lodge afterwards for special refreshments.

Family Service Meeting

The next Family Service Meeting will be held on 8th May at 8 pm at the Church Centre. All from the Family Service congregation are welcome to join the meeting. Please send any items you wish to be discussed at the meeting to susan.powley15@gmail.com if you are unable to attend.

Playtime at St Paul's

As the sessions are going from strength to strength more help is needed. If you could spare some time on a Wednesday morning, even once a month, it would be great to welcome you to the team. Call Liz on 07840 837968 or speak to Ginette in the office.

Leading Worship Course

The Diocese is organising a course for those who would like to lead worship grounded in a 'Service of the Word' in their Church or another setting, such as a care home or school. The course is being run by Tunbridge Wells Deanery at St Philip's Church, Birken Road on Tuesdays – 30th April 7/14/21 May and the 4th and 11th June. It will be held between 7.45 pm and 9 pm. Please speak with Ronnie for more details.

Family Service

We are holding a Songs of Praise service on the 12th of May. If you would like a favourite hymn included in this service please will you let Jean Kerr know by Sunday 28th April at the latest. No requests can be accepted after the 28th April - Sorry. Please speak to Jean in church or contact her via the Parish Office - a note or an email will work.

Parish Church Notice Board

The time has come to replace our notice board at the entrance to the Church as it is in a poor state. If you would like to contribute towards the cost of this please contact or speak with Ginette in the office. It will be great to be able to read the notices again!

175th Anniversary

St Paul's Parish Church will be 175 years old in 2025. The PCC has proposed a year-long programme of celebrations, from January to December. A committee, chaired by Chris Dobson, has been set up to plan and coordinate this. If you have any ideas and/or suggestions as to how to enrich the celebrations, please contact Chris Dobson via email at dgsrusthall@gmail.com, or phone 07757 680165, or speak to him in Church.

St Paul's Church Youth Council

Our next meeting is this coming Thursday 2nd May when we will be welcoming Ranger Dan to talk about and show us his work on the commons (trainers may be a good idea in case we go out!) and we will be unveiling and looking out our new beehive. Finally we will be organising our raffle and next breakfast together with banners etc for the proposed village 30 mph protest on the A264 on Saturday 4th May between 2 and 3 pm. A very busy session planned and we look forward to seeing you all. 6 pm at The Lodge. New members are always very welcome . Angela Culley

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