

Sunday 5th May 2024
THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
Rogation Sunday

Collect for the Week

Risen Christ,
by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples:
help your Church to obey your command
and draw the nations to the fire of your love,
to the glory of God the Father.

8:00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
President & Preacher: The Vicar

10.00 am Eucharist with Baptism (CW)
President & Preacher: The Vicar
Please see separate booklet

10.00 am Family Service at the Church Centre + Zoom
Lead: Liz Goddard, Link: Rosemary Romano

Hymns: In Christ alone
All over the world
Be still for the presence of the Lord
We are walking in the light of God

Reading: Acts 10.44–48 (NIV page 1105)

6.30 pm Compline
Minister: The Vicar



Altar Flowers at the Parish Church

The altar flowers are given today
by the Farman & Johnson Families
in celebration of Edward's Baptism

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY 6th May Bank Holiday

Parish Office closed

12 noon Extra Play Time at St Paul's

TUESDAY 7th

Parish Office closed

WEDNESDAY 8th *Julian of Norwich, Spiritual Writer c. 1417*

9.00 am Play Time at St Paul's

10.00 am Church at the Church Centre open for private prayer

8.00 pm Family Service meeting at the Church Centre

THURSDAY 9th ASCENSION DAY

10.00 am Church at the Church Centre open for private prayer

4.30 pm Squirrels meet in the Lodge – The Vicar

8.00 pm Eucharist for Ascension (CW)

FRIDAY 10th

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 11th

11am-2pm Rusthall St Paul's School Fair

NEXT SUNDAY 12th May

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

8:00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

Minister and Preacher: The Vicar

10.00 am Parish Eucharist (CW)

President & Preacher: Rev. Nicholas Burton

10.00 am Confirmation Service at St Mark's – The Vicar

10.00 am Family Service Songs of Praise at the Church Centre + Zoom

Lead: Jean Kerr, Link: Karen Miller

6.30 pm Choral Evensong (BCP)

Minister: The Vicar

NEWS AND NOTES

From The Vicarage

Easter greetings and a very warm welcome to our services today, the Sixth Sunday of Easter. A special welcome to Edward who is being Baptised at the 10 am service at the Parish Church. Edward's parents, grandparents, great grandmother and aunt are stalwarts of the Parish and we are delighted to be a part of this important occasion in Edward's life. I pray that Almighty God, who knows each one of us and invites us to journey with him may continually encourage our hearts, refresh our minds and nurture us along life's journey.

Celebrations

You are most welcome to come over to the Lodge after this morning's service for special refreshments to celebrate Edward's baptism today.

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

The children's group are having an extra meet up for the Bank Holiday tomorrow. Please do pop in from 12 noon. You are welcome to bring a packed lunch and snacks. Any queries please contact Liz on 07840 837968.

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.

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!

Thank you

Shirley Barter wishes to thank you all for the kind messages, cards and flowers to celebrate her 90th birthday. She enjoyed receiving them all.

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.

May Rota

The May rota for the Parish Church is now available. There are copies on the sideman's table. If you would like it emailed please let Ginette know.

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