

Sunday 12th May 2024
THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
Sunday after Ascension Day



Collect for the Week

Risen, ascended Lord,
as we rejoice at your triumph,
fill your Church on earth with power and compassion,
that all who are estranged by sin
may find forgiveness and know your peace,
to the glory of God the Father.

8:00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

President & Preacher: The Vicar

10.00 am Eucharist (CW)

President & Preacher: Rev. Nicholas Burton

**10.00 am Family Service Songs of Praise with the Music Group
at the Church Centre + Zoom**

Lead: Jean Kerr, Link: Karen Miller

Hymns and Readings will be on the screen

Come on and celebrate - The spirit lives to set us free
I am a new creation - My Jesus, my Saviour
How great thou art - Beauty for brokenness
My song is love unknown - The Lord's my shepherd
Seek ye first - Shine Jesus Shine.

6.30 pm Choral Evensong (BCP) the service begins on page 16

Minister: The Vicar

Introit:	Coelos ascendit hodie - Stanford	
Hymn:	NEH 349 Come, let us join our cheerful songs	
Responses:	Smith	
Psalm:	65 (BCP page 423)	
1st Reading:	Isaiah 61 (NRSV page 718)	Cherry Mead
Magnificat:	Stanford in A	
2nd Reading:	Luke 4.14-21 (NRSV page 65)	Brad Collins
Nunc Dimittis:	Stanford in A	
Anthem:	God is gone up - Finzi	
Hymn:	NEH 252	
Amen:	Finzi	

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY 13th May

- 10.00 am Church at the Church Centre open for private prayer
- 9.30 am Piano tuning
- 2.40 pm Collective Worship at school – The Vicar
- 4.00 pm Lunch Club AGM at the URC
- 7.00 pm Private hire of the Lodge

TUESDAY 14th Matthias the Apostle

Parish Office closed

WEDNESDAY 15th

- 9.00 am Play Time at St Paul's
- 10.00 am Church at the Church Centre open for private prayer
- 1.30 pm Private hire of the Lodge
- 3.00 pm Communion to Chamberlain Court - Ginette

THURSDAY 16th

- 10.00 am Church at the Church Centre open for private prayer
- 10.45 am Communion to Rusthall Lodge – Lois Woodhouse
- 11.00 am Communion to Mount Ephraim House – Elaine Bruce
- 7.45 pm APCM at the Church Centre

FRIDAY 17th

- 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 18th

9am-5pm RSCM music exams in the Parish Church

NEXT SUNDAY 19th May

Pentecost – Whit Sunday

8:00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

Minister and Preacher: The Vicar

10.00 am Joint Parish Eucharist (CW) - with Commissioning of the PCC

President: The Vicar, Preacher: Rev. Nicholas Burton

6.30 pm Evensong (BCP)

Minister & Preacher: The Vicar

NEWS AND NOTES

From The Vicarage

Easter greetings and a very warm welcome to our services today, the Seventh Sunday after Easter (the Sunday after Ascension Day). Many thanks to Nicholas who is taking the 10 am service at the Parish Church to enable me to attend the Confirmation service at St Mark's where three of our members are confirming their Christian faith. As we worship may we all be strengthened in our faith and emboldened in our desire to share God's love with everyone that we meet.

Ronnie

Birthday Celebrations

Alice Hughes, Daniel Toombs and Izzy Biggerstaff would like to celebrate their recent and upcoming 18th birthdays with you after the 10 am service today in the Lodge. Please come and join them for celebratory refreshments!

Parish Church Notice Board

We have now ordered a new poster board to go outside the Parish Church door. A huge thank to the generous parishioners who have contributed, fully covering the cost of it's purchase.

St Paul's 1850-2025

A huge thank you to all those who are showing such wonderful enthusiasm for our proposed 175th Anniversary celebrations and thank you for sharing so many exciting and original ideas. The committee are busy amalgamating these into a programme which will spread throughout the year and we look forward to sharing this in due course.

In the meantime please continue to contact me, Chris Dobson, on 07757680165 or dgsrusthall@gmail.com. should you have any further brainwaves. This is an open forum!



Altar Flowers at the Parish Church

The altar flowers are given today
by Tim Harrold
in loving memory of his brother
Jonathon Harrold

Rusthall St Paul's School: consultation on joining a Multi-Academy Trust

You may know that last September our village school entered into a collaboration agreement with The Inspire Academy Movement - a church - majority multi-academy trust (family of schools) serving North and West Kent. This relationship has been very beneficial to RSP, bringing stability and rapid improvement, and the school now proposes to join Inspire as a full member, becoming an academy within the Trust.

RSP has just launched a consultation on this proposal - available on the school website www.rusthall-cep.kent.sch.uk and in hard copy from the school office. The consultation document explains what this step would mean and the opportunities it would bring to the school. Everyone in the community is encouraged to read and respond to the consultation, and everyone is warmly invited to join one of the two upcoming consultation meetings to find out more:

- a virtual Teams meeting Thursday 16th May from 6.30-7.30 pm
- Q&A on the playground Wednesday 5th June from 3-3.30 pm

Further details are given in the consultation document. The closing date for responses to the consultation is Friday 7th June.

St Paul's News

How time flies! The deadline for the June edition of the Parish Magazine is today. Please send your items in as soon as possible if you have not already done so. We always enjoy receiving your contributions both regular and occasional.

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