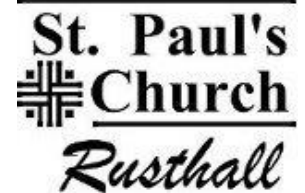


Sunday 17th November 2024

The SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT



Collect for the Week

Heavenly Lord,
You long for the world's salvation:
Stir us from apathy,
Restrain us from excess
and revive in us new hope
that all creation will one day be healed
In Jesus Christ our Lord.

8:00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

President & Preacher: The Vicar

10.00 am Parish Eucharist (CW)

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10.00 am Family Service at the Church Centre

Led by the Children

Hymns: When I needed a neighbour
 This is amazing grace
 The Lord's my Shepherd
 Shine Jesus shine

Reading: Luke 10:25-37

6.30 pm Evensong (BCP)

Minister & Preacher: : The Vicar

Hymn: NEH 418 (omit verses 3,4 & 5) O happy band of pilgrims
Psalm: 89 verses 1-12 (BCP page 459)
1st Reading: Daniel 3 (NRSV page 853) Tony Johnson
Magnificat: D
2nd Reading: Matthew 13.24-30, 36-43 (NRSV page 15) Mione Palmer
Nunc Dimittis: D
Anthem: The Lord bless you and keep you - Rutter
Hymn: NEH 362 (tune 185) Glorious things of thee are spoken
Amen: 10

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY 18th November *Elizabeth of Hungary, Princess of Thuringia, Philanthropist , 1231*

TUESDAY 19th *Hilda, Abbess of Whitby, 680*
Parish Office closed

WEDNESDAY 20th *Edmund, King of the East Angles, Martyr, 850*
9.00 am Play Time at St Paul's
10.00 am Church at the Church Centre open for private prayer

THURSDAY 21st
10.00 am Church at the Church Centre open for private prayer
12.30 pm Lunch Club at the Church Centre
11.30 am Communion to Mount Ephraim House – Lois

FRIDAY 22nd *Cecilia, Martyr at Rome, c. 230*
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 23rd *Clement, Bishop of Rome, Martyr, c. 100*

NEXT SUNDAY 24th
Christ the King

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

10.00 am Matins (BCP)
Minister & Preacher: Rev. Nicholas Burton

10.00 am Family Service with Holy Communion at the Church Centre
Lead: The Vicar Link: Viv Littlechild

6.30 pm Parish Eucharist (CW)
President and Preacher: The Vicar

NEWS AND NOTES

From The Vicarage

Greetings to you all and a very warm welcome to our services today, the Second Sunday before Advent. No doubt, you've all heard about the resignation of the Archbishop of Canterbury and know what necessitated it. In a letter to Clergy, Lay Ministers, Diocesan Staff, Parish Safeguarding Officers, Children & Young People Workers, Churchwardens and PCC Secretaries, Bishop Jonathan noted that the Makin report "has brought into the light the full extent of the horrendous abuse perpetrated by John Smyth, as well as the failure by so many to stop his abhorrent crimes, allowing further abuse to take place, particularly in Africa." We are all saddened by these abuses and that those in authority were complicit.

During our Safeguarding Sunday in October, I spoke about our role in ensuring that everyone that worships and fellowships with us are and feel safe, noting that the task of keeping everyone safe was not just the responsibility of our Safeguarding Officer but of all of us. I reiterate that point again and, again, state that as Christians and as a church, we are called to look out for the safety of one another.

May the God of all encouragement and comfort embrace and strengthen all those who have been betrayed and let down by the church and all those who should have protected them and enhance their safety and sense of well-being. *Ronnie*

Autumn Fayre

A huge thank you to everyone involved in the Fayre yesterday, it was a great success and enjoyed by lots of people. Hopefully the current total raised can be announced during the services this morning. It really does take a lot of hard work and planning to put everything together so well done all.

St Paul's Anniversary Calendar for 2025

The calendar is now ready and available as part of our celebrations for next year. It is on sale in both Churches or you can contact Ginette. It is great value at £6 (or £20 for 4) and will make super Christmas presents.



Altar Flowers at the Parish Church

The altar flowers are given today
by Anne Vernon
in loving memory of David Vernon,
John, Margaret & Harvey Fleming,
Cathy McNair, John & Andrew Fleming,
Archie McNair

Advent 2025

This year we will be running an Advent Course which will be led by Ronnie. It will take place on Tuesday mornings at the Church Centre (from 11 am to 12.30 pm) and on Thursday evenings in The Lodge (between 7.30 pm and 9 pm). There is no need to sign up and you can attend as many sessions as you wish. The course is due to commence on Tuesday 3rd of December, the last one will be on Thursday 19th December. Do come and join us as we journey together towards Christmas. Details of the course content will be in next week's Pew Leaflet.

Choristers Café in The Lodge

Please do come and support the café on Saturdays and Sundays from 10 am to 4 pm. We look forward to welcoming you (and your dogs) for hot drinks and cakes etc. Coffee after the 10 am service will be served as usual by the various groups, donations only, but if you wish to buy cakes etc from the café table you would be most welcome.

Church Youth Council

The CYC meet on the first Thursday of every month from 6 - 7.30 pm in The Lodge and we welcome all secondary age children. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you or your child is interested stpauls.cyc@gmail.com or speak to Angela Culley, Jean Kerr or Ronnie. We would love to welcome new members and are very happy for children to try us out before committing!

Parking at the Parish Church

When we have large services, especially with visitors, we would like to have someone helping to keep the parking safe. If you feel you could help with this please speak to the Wardens or Ginette. It would also be appreciated if people could avoid parking in front of the War Memorial. Thank you.

Playtime at St Paul's Wednesday 9 am to 11 am

It would be super to have some more helpers, particularly for the coffee rota and clearing up. This could be as little as once a month or as much as every week! If you could help please speak to Liz or Jane or contact Ginette in the office.

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