

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2024**  
**SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE ADVENT**  
**CHRIST THE KING**

**Collect for the Week**

God the Father,  
help us to hear the call of Christ the King  
and to follow in his service,  
whose kingdom has no end;  
for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, one glory.

**8:00 am Holy Communion (BCP)**

President & 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**

President: The Vicar, Link: Viv Littlechild

Hymns: Jesus is King and I will extol him  
Majesty  
King of Kings  
In Christ alone my hope is found

Readings Revelation 1.4-8 (NIV page 1233)  
John 18.33-37 (NIV page 1087)

**6.30 pm Parish Eucharist (CW)**

President & Preacher: The Vicar



**Altar Flowers at the Parish Church**

The altar flowers are given today  
by Ted Stone  
in loving memory of his parents  
Fred and Vera Stone  
And his two brothers  
John and Les

## THE WEEK AHEAD

**MONDAY 25<sup>th</sup> November** *Catherine of Alexandria, Martyr, 4<sup>th</sup> century,  
Issac Watts Hymn Writer, 1748*

### **TUESDAY 26<sup>th</sup>**

Parish Office closed

### **WEDNESDAY 27<sup>th</sup>**

9.00 am Play Time at St Paul's  
10.00 am Church at the Church Centre open for private prayer

### **THURSDAY 28<sup>th</sup>**

10.00 am Church at the Church Centre open for private prayer  
10.30 am Flower Team meeting in the Lodge  
12.30 pm Lunch Club at the Church Centre

### **FRIDAY 29<sup>th</sup>**

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 30<sup>th</sup>**

### **NEXT SUNDAY 1<sup>st</sup> December**

#### **Advent Sunday**

- 8:00 am Holy Communion (BCP)**  
President and Preacher: The Vicar
- 10.00 am Parish Eucharist with Baptisms (CW)**  
President and Preacher: The Vicar
- 10.00 am Family Service at the Church Centre**  
Lead: Liz Goddard Link: Karen Miller
- 6.30 pm Service of Readings & Music for Advent**  
Minister: The Vicar

# NEWS AND NOTES

## From The Vicarage

Greetings to you all and a very warm welcome to our services today, the Sunday next before Advent when we celebrate Christ the King. May our worship together inspire our discipleship and renew our desire to serve Christ in one another.

Ronnie

## RIP +

We have received the very sad news that Christopher Everett died in the early hours of last Sunday. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family, who were with him when he died. Christopher and Billie were such a special part of the Paul's family over many years. Christopher's funeral will be here at St. Paul's on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 11.30 am.



## 2025 175th Anniversary of the Consecration of St Paul's Church.

We are planning to make a large banner to display on the outside of the Church Centre. This will incorporate elements from the 175 logo, (above) but with a floral theme. To do this several hundred knitted/crocheted flowers will be required so we need help from as many people as possible to make flowers for the display. The flowers can be any colour and thickness of yarn but must not exceed 10 cm (4") wide. If anyone needs a pattern or some yarn to get started, please get in touch with me on email [jeak4000@gmail.com](mailto:jeak4000@gmail.com). There will be collecting boxes in both Churches. We aim to put the display up after Easter. It would be great if lots of people join in with the project. Thank you – Jean.

## The Molyneux Almshouses in Rusthall

We are a charitable trust providing housing accommodation for "men and women of limited financial means".

There is a small one-bedroom bungalow vacant. If you are (or you know anyone who might be) interested in living at the Almshouses, please contact the Administrator Leila, on 07504 839 548, for more information.

Applicants must be current or past long-term residents of Tunbridge Wells. The Trustees are hoping to fill the vacancy by the end of December 2024. Any applications must be received no later than Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December.

## **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.

## **Advent 2024**

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 3<sup>rd</sup> of December, the last one will be on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December. Do come and join us as we journey together towards Christmas. Details of the course content will be available soon.

## **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).

## **Quiet Day**

St Benedict's Centre in West Malling is hosting a quiet day on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December which will be led by the Rev Sue Smith. The day will run from 10 am to 3 pm and there is a suggested donation of £15-25. If anyone is interested in joining him at the event please contact Tim Harrold.

## **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**

We will be holding our Christmas party on the 18<sup>th</sup> December, do come and join us for fun and games and treats. We return after the holidays on Wednesday the 8<sup>th</sup> January.

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