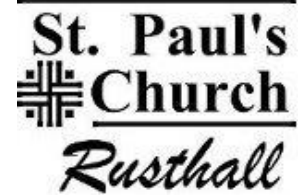


Sunday 1st December 2024

ADVENT SUNDAY



Collect for the Week

Almighty God,
as your kingdom dawns,
turn us from the darkness of sin to the
light of holiness,
that we may be ready to meet you
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

8:00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

President & Preacher: The Vicar

10.00 am Parish Eucharist with Baptisms (CW)

President & Preacher: The Vicar

10.00 am Family Service at the Church Centre

Lead: Liz Goddard, Link: Karen Miller

Hymns: Now the green blade riseth
 From heaven you came
 Father hear the prayer we offer
 Beauty for brokenness

Reading: Luke 21: 25-36 (NIV page 1056)

6.30 pm Readings and Music for Advent

Minister: The Vicar

Please see separate booklet



Altar Flowers at the Parish Church

The altar flowers are given today
by Deborah Bruce
in loving memory of her husband,
Greg Bruce,
and her parents Jo and Peter Gibby

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY 2nd December

- 10.00 am Church at the Church Centre open for private prayer
- 7.30 pm Communion administration training – Parish Church

TUESDAY 3rd *Francis Xavier, Missionary, 1552*

Parish Office closed

- 7.30 pm Communion administration training – Parish Church

WEDNESDAY 4th *John of Damascus, Monk, Teacher of the Faith c. 749*

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

THURSDAY 5th

- 10.00 am Church at the Church Centre open for private prayer
- 11.30 am Communion to Mount Ephraim House
- 12.30 pm Lunch Club at the Church Centre
- 1.00 pm Funeral of Maureen Turley at the Church Centre

FRIDAY 6th *Nicholas, Bishop of Myra c. 326*

- 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 7th *Ambrose, Bishop of Milan, Teacher of the Faith, 397*

- 12 noon Interment of Oliva Moorman at the Parish Church
- 1-5 pm Private party at the Church Centre

NEXT SUNDAY 8th December

Second Sunday of Advent

- 8:00 am Holy Communion (BCP)**
President and Preacher: The Vicar
- 10.00 am Joint Christingle Service at the Parish Church (CW)**
Minister: The Vicar, Preacher: Daphne Pilcher
- 6.30 pm Eucharist (CW)**
President and Preacher: Reverend Nicholas Burton

NEWS AND NOTES

From The Vicarage

Greetings to you all and a very warm welcome to our services today, the First Sunday of Advent. A special welcome to our Baptism service this morning and Readings and Music for Advent this evening (which will be followed by refreshments). As we worship together and wait for the coming of our Lord and Saviour, may we do so patiently and expectantly.

Ronnie



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.

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.

Date for you Diary

On Saturday the 4th January we are having a quiz and supper evening at the Church Centre to launch our anniversary year. The cost is £10 per head, tables of 6 so £60 a table. Limited to 10 tables. The evening will begin at 6.30 pm. Please see Chris Dobson for information and tickets.

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 9th December.

Scalextric at the Fayre

One of the winning times for track racing was the red car, controlled by Phoebe, with a time of 4.87 seconds. Your prize is waiting for you in the Parish Office.

Advent 2024

This year we will be running an Advent Course from the York series entitled 'The Life in the Comma'. 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 will commence on Tuesday 3rd of December, the last one will be on Thursday 19th December. The material can be obtained from the Parish Office or at both churches. Do come and join us as we journey together towards Christmas.

St Paul's Youth Council

Our next meeting is in 4 days! Thursday 5th December from, 6 pm to 7.30 pm in The Lodge and open to all children currently of secondary school age. By popular vote we will be playing board games so please bring your favourite game and hopefully discover some new ones to enjoy during the evening. Please note we will be joining the choir to sing carols at Mount Ephraim House on Thursday 19th December at 4.15 pm.

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.

Quiet Day

St Benedict's Centre in West Malling is hosting a quiet day on Saturday 14th 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 18th December, do come and join us for fun and games and treats. We return after the holidays on Wednesday the 8th January.

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