

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY 6th January The Epiphany

10.00 am Church at the Church Centre open for private prayer

TUESDAY 7th

Parish Office closed

WEDNESDAY 8th *Lucian, priest and martyr, 290 (BCP)*

10.00 am Church at the Church Centre open for private prayer

THURSDAY 9th

10.00 am Church at the Church Centre open for private prayer

12.30 pm Lunch Club at the Church Centre

FRIDAY 10th *William Laud, Archbishop of Canterbury, 1645*

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 *Mary Slessor, missionary in West Africa, 1915*

NEXT SUNDAY 12th January

The Baptism of Christ

The first Sunday after the Epiphany

10.00 am Parish Eucharist (CW)

President & Preacher: Rev. Anthony Hammill

10.00 am Family Service at the Church Centre + Zoom

6.30 pm Evensong (BCP)

Minister & Preacher: Rev. Nicholas Burton

NEWS AND NOTES

Removal of Pews

As you are probably aware we have removed pews from the front of the Parish Church to facilitate wheelchair/buggy spaces. This trial will end on the 9th March. We will produce a survey in the New Year to gauge the views of the congregations. The PCC would like to apply to the Diocese to make this a permanent arrangement.

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 as soon as possible.

Family Service collection in lieu of Christmas cards:

Instead of giving each other Christmas cards, Family Service has established the tradition of putting up a single card and giving the money saved to a charity. This year we have raised £121.32 which we are donating to Porchlight. Thank you everyone for your contributions.

Recycling Christmas Cards

Please bring any old Christmas Cards for recycling. They will be given to the church of St Thomas Becket in Hamburg for recycling and selling to the ex pats of their area. There will be a box at the back of the Parish Church or take them to the Parish Office or to Tony Rutherford.

Holocaust Memorial Day – Monday 27th January

We will once again be observing this with a service at 8 pm in the Parish Church led by the Vicar and Tom Harrold. Please put it in your diary.

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