# Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2025 EPIPHANY SUNDAY



### Collect for the Week

God our Father, In love you sent your Son that the world may have life: lead us to seek him among the outcast and to find him among those in need, for Jesus Christ's sake.

### <u>Please note</u> that there will not be any 8:00 am BCP Communion in January.

#### **10.00 am Parish Eucharist (CW)** President & Preacher: Reverend Nicholas Burton

#### 10.00 am Family Service at the Church Centre + Zoom Lead: Viv Littlechild, Link: Rosemary Romano

We Three Kings.	
Darkness like a shroud.	
Longing for Light.	
Shine Jesus Shine.	

Reading: John 1: 1-9, 10-18 (NIV page 1063)

### 6.30 pm Evensong (BCP)

Minister & Preacher: Tim Harrold

Hymn:	NEH 49 (2nd tune) Brightest and best of the		
	sons of the morning		
Psalm:	29 (BCP page 378)		
1st Reading:	Isaiah 60.1-9 (NRSV page 717)	Cherry Mead	
Magnificat:	В		
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading:	John 2.1-11 (NRSV page 99)	Carole Mitchell	
Nunc Dimittis:	В		
Anthem:	When Jesus, our Lord - Mendelssohn		
Hymn:	NEH 48 Bethlehem, of noblest cities		
Amen:	13		

## 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 prayer12.30 pm Lunch Club at the Church Centre

FRIDAY 10<sup>th</sup> 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

**<u>SATURDAY 11<sup>th</sup></u>** 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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. **HAPPY NEW YEAR**! Please make supporting St Paul's Church on #easyfundraising your 2025 resolution! Sign up and raise free donations for us every time you shop online without it costing you anything. Over 8,000 retailers will donate, including eBay, Tesco, Marks & Spencer, John Lewis & Partners, Argos, Booking.com, Just Eat, Sainsbury's, Morrisons, Asda and many more! Plus, once you've raised your first £5, easyfundraising will double it! Sign up here: https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/stpaulsrusthall/4GZ22W/c2s/BitKTnG4/CE004/ facebook/

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