

Sunday 12th January 2025
THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST
First Sunday after Epiphany



Collect for the Week

Heavenly Father
at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son:
may we recognise him as our Lord
and know ourselves to be your beloved children;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Please note that there will not be any 8:00 am BCP Communion in January.

10.00 am Parish Eucharist (CW)

President & Preacher: Reverend Anthony Hammill

10.00 am Family Service at the Church Centre + Zoom

Lead: Liz Goddard, Link: Karen Miller

Hymns The Spirit lives to set us free.
 Peace is flowing like a river.
 Spirit of the living god.
 I want to walk with Jesus Christ.

Reading: Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22 (NIV page 1029)

6.30 pm Evensong (BCP)

Minister & Preacher: Rev Nicholas Burton

Hymn: NEH 324 Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old
Psalm: 65 (BCP page 423)
1st Reading: Isaiah 55. 1-11 (NRSV page 712) Tony Johnson
Magnificat: C
2nd Reading: Romans 6. 1-11 (NRSV page 166) Rosie Holder
Nunc Dimittis: C
Anthem: Behold, the tabernacle of God - Harris
Hymn: NEH 52 O Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness
Amen: 14

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY 13th *Hilary, Bishop of Poitiers, teacher of the faith, 367.*

Kentigern (Mungo), missionary bishop in Strathclyde and Cumbria, 603.

George Fox, founder of the Society of Friends (the Quakers), 1691

10.00 am Church at the Church Centre open for private prayer

TUESDAY 14th

Parish Office closed

WEDNESDAY 15th

10.00 am Church at the Church Centre open for private prayer

THURSDAY 16th

10.00 am Church at the Church Centre open for private prayer

12.30 pm Lunch Club at the Church Centre

FRIDAY 17th *Antony of Egypt, 356. Charles Gore, bishop founder of the
Community of the Resurrection, 1932*

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 18th **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**

Amy Carmichael, founder of the Dohnavur Fellowship, spiritual writer, 1951

NEXT SUNDAY 19th January

The Second Sunday of Epiphany

10.00 am Parish Eucharist (CW)

President & Preacher: Rev. Nicholas Burton

10.00 am Family Service at the Church Centre + Zoom

Lead: Wendy Anderson Link: Chris Bassett

6.30 pm Evensong (BCP)

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NEWS AND NOTES

Today we welcome Rev Anthony Hammill as president of our 10 am Eucharist. Our thanks go to Anthony for his help during Ronnie's holiday.

Parish Church Work on the flat roof begins on Thursday. Scaffolding will be erected on Monday. Please take care when walking in the work areas.

Flower Sponsorship

Sponsoring the Altar Flowers at the Parish Church is a lovely way to remember a loved one or a special occasion. Details of dates available for 2025 can be found in the church library along with a form to complete for your dedication. Payment can be made online or you can liaise with the Parish Office if you prefer to pay with a cheque or cash.

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.

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.

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.

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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