

# Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2025

## Second Sunday of Epiphany



### Collect for the Week

Eternal Lord,  
our beginning and our end:  
bring us with the whole creation  
to your glory, hidden through past ages  
and made known  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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**Please note 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: Wendy Anderson, Link: Chris Bassett

Hymns            Oh Lord the world belongs to you  
                      I am a new creation  
                      How great thou art  
                      Take my life and let it be

Reading:        1 Corinthians 12: 1-11 (NIV page 1153)

#### **6.30 pm Evensong (BCP)**

Minister & Preacher: Rev Nicholas Burton

Hymn:            NEH 366 God of mercy, God of grace  
Psalm:            101 (BCP page 473)  
1st Reading:    1 Samuel 3. 1-20 (NRSV page 264)    Paul Barter  
Magnificat:     D  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:    Ephesians 4. 1-16 (NRSV page 207) Debbie Millar  
Nunc Dimittis: D  
Anthem:        Never weather-beaten sail - Wood  
Hymn:            NEH 393 Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us  
Amen:            14

## THE WEEK AHEAD

**MONDAY 20<sup>th</sup>** *Richard Rolle of Hampole, spiritual writer, 1340*  
*Fabian, Bishop of Rome and martyr, 250*

10.00 am Church at the Church Centre open for private prayer

**TUESDAY 21<sup>st</sup>** *Agnes, child martyr at Rome, 304*

Parish Office closed

**WEDNESDAY 22<sup>nd</sup>** *Vincent of Saragossa, deacon, first martyr of Spain, 304*

9.00 am Play Time at St Paul's

10.00 am Church at the Church Centre open for private prayer

**THURSDAY 23<sup>rd</sup>**

10.00 am Church at the Church Centre open for private prayer

12.30 pm Lunch Club at the Church Centre

**FRIDAY 24<sup>th</sup>** *Francis de Sales, Bishop of Geneva, teacher of the faith, 1622*

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 25<sup>th</sup>** **The Conversion of Paul**

**NEXT SUNDAY 26<sup>th</sup> January**

**PATRONAL FESTIVAL**

**The Third Sunday of Epiphany**

**10.00 am Parish Eucharist (CW)**

**JOINT PATRONAL FESTIVAL**

President & Preacher: The Vicar

**10.00 am No Family Service at the Church Centre this week**

**6.30 pm A Celebration of St Paul.**

**The choir will sing excerpts from Mendelssohn's Saint Paul with Readings and Prayer**



### **Altar Flowers at the Parish Church**

The altar flowers are given today in joyful remembrance of Marina Alvena Cross with the deepest love and thanksgiving of all her family.

## NEWS AND NOTES

**Today we welcome Nicholas** who will be at both the 10 am Parish Eucharist and 6.30 pm Evensong. Our thanks go to Nicholas for his help during Ronnie's holiday.

### **Family Service Children's Group, Church Centre**

Unfortunately due to a shortage of leaders we are unable to run the Children's Group on the following Sundays: 19 January, 2 February, 2 March, 16 March, 13 April.

We also won't be running a group when the joint service takes place at the Parish Church on the following dates: 26 January (Patronial Service), 30 March (Mothering Sunday), 20 April (Easter Sunday).

Children of all ages are of course welcome at all services when the group isn't running.

If you feel you would like to help with our children's group please do get in touch with Mary Holmes: 07881371684 or [mary@mandmcreative.co.uk](mailto:mary@mandmcreative.co.uk)

### **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 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.

### **Holocaust Memorial Day – Monday 27<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **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.

## **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, by the end of January, please.

## **Flower Banner**

Many thanks to all the people who have been making flowers for the 175 Banner to be displayed outside the church centre from Easter. So far just over 700 flowers have been made but that is about half the number needed. Please keep making flowers and dropping them into the bright pink boxes which are located in both churches. If anyone needs any patterns or yarn, please get in touch with me, Jean Kerr, [jeak4000@gmail.com](mailto:jeak4000@gmail.com)

## **Patronal Festival 26<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

Next Sunday at 6.30 pm, to celebrate our Patronal Festival in our 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary year, we will have a special service of readings and music to mark St. Paul's conversion. The choir will sing a few movements from Mendelssohn's oratorio, St. Paul, and there will be congregational hymns for you to join in with. Refreshments will also be available after the service, so please come along for this exciting evening service.

## **R.I.P.**

We remember those recently departed and our prayers go to family and friends

Diana Coker. Her funeral will be on 19<sup>th</sup> February at 12noon in the parish church  
Pam Francis and John Francis – details to follow.

Roger Burton (Ginette's father) who died earlier this week.

Horace James Hole "Jimmy", (father of Christine Dent) who died on Thursday

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