

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2025**  
**Third Sunday of Epiphany**  
**PATRONAL FESTIVAL**

**St. Paul's**  
**Church**  
*Rusthall*



**Collect for the Week**

God of all mercy,  
your Son proclaimed good news to the poor,  
release to the captives,  
and freedom to the oppressed:  
anoint us with your Holy Spirit  
and set all your people free  
to praise you in Christ our Lord

**10.00 am Joint Parish Festival Eucharist (CW)**

Presidents: Thew Vicar & Rev. Nicholas Burton, Preacher: The Vicar,  
Minister: Daphne Pilcher

*Please see separate booklet*

**6.30 pm A Celebration of Saint Paul**

With excerpts from Saint Paul by Felix Mendelssohn  
Minster: The Vicar, Choir Leader: Fiona Johnson,  
Organist: Alasdair Friend

*Please see separate booklet*



**The Altar Flowers** are given today  
by Sue Wilby in loving memory of  
Edna, Philip & David Adlam,  
her parents and brother.

**The Pedestal Flowers** have been  
given by The Choir  
in memory of John & Pamela Francis, with love  
and thanks for many years of wonderful music.

# THE WEEK AHEAD

## **MONDAY 27<sup>th</sup>**

10.00 am Church at the Church Centre open for private prayer

**8.00 pm Holocaust Memorial Service**

## **TUESDAY 28<sup>th</sup>** *Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Philosopher, Teacher of the Faith, 1274*

Parish Office closed

## **WEDNESDAY 29<sup>th</sup>** *Charles, King & Martyr*

9.00 am Playtime at St Paul's

10.00 am Church at the Church Centre open for private prayer

## **THURSDAY 30<sup>th</sup>**

10.00 am Church at the Church Centre open for private prayer

12.30 pm Lunch Club at the Church Centre

## **FRIDAY 31<sup>st</sup>** *John Bosco, Priest, Founder of the Salesian Teaching Order, 1888*

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 1<sup>st</sup> February** *Brigid, Abbess of Kildare, c. 525*

## **NEXT SUNDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> February**

### **The Presentation of Christ in the Temple - Candlemas**

**8.00 am Holy Communion**

President & Preacher: The Vicar

**10.00 am Parish Eucharist (CW)**

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**10.00 am Family Service at the Church Centre + Zoom**

Lead: Susan Powley, Link: Viv Littlechild

**6.30 pm Evensong (BCP)**

Minister & Preacher: The Vicar

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# NEWS AND NOTES

## **Back at the Vicarage**

It is wonderful to welcome Ronnie back today, especially for our Patronal Festival. We give thanks for his safe return and look forward to celebrating our 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year with him over the coming months.

## **Thank You**

My grateful thanks for the love, support and prayers of the Parish Family as we prepare for my Dad, Roger's, funeral on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> of January at Grouville Parish Church, in Jersey, at 12 noon. Both Dad and Mum, Maureen have enjoyed worship and a warm welcome here at St Paul's since 1989 and loved singing in the Choir. Ginette.

## **Flower Sponsorship**

Sponsoring the Altar Flowers at the Parish Church is a lovely way to remember a loved one or a special occasion. The calendar with dates available for 2025 can be found in the church library, please write your name in, 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. There is a survey slip available in both churches to gauge your opinions. The PCC would like to apply to the Diocese to make this a permanent arrangement.

## **Plant Sale at the Church Centre**

As part of the 175 Celebrations this year there will be a Treasure Hunt, Plant Sale and Cream Tea at the Church Centre On Monday 21st April. This is the bank holiday Monday after Easter. If you are a gardener, or have friends who are, please, when planting seeds, taking cuttings or splitting plants in the next few weeks will you put any spares into pots to bring along to support this event. All types of plants would be much appreciated. Thank You.

## **Congratulations**

Rusthall Rainbows are celebrating their 30<sup>th</sup> birthday on the 3<sup>rd</sup> February. Anyone who has been involved with Rainbows would be very welcome to join us at the Church Centre from 4.15 pm to 5.15 pm on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb for tea and cakes. RSVP [rusthallrainbows@ad.com](mailto:rusthallrainbows@ad.com)

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

We will once again be observing this with a service at 8 pm tomorrow at the Parish Church, led by the Vicar and Tim Harrold.

## **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 Today**

Please come and join us this evening at 6.30 pm, to continue celebrating our Patronal Festival. We are having 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, we look forward to seeing you.

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

There will not be a Children's Group on the following Sundays: 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 16<sup>th</sup> March, 13<sup>th</sup> April. We also won't be running a group when the joint services take place at the Parish Church today, 30<sup>th</sup> March (Mothering Sunday) and the 20<sup>th</sup> 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)

## **Family Service**

...are looking for pictures of their services, events and outings, suitable to use on their website page. If you have anything please can you email them to me ([jeak4000@gmail.com](mailto:jeak4000@gmail.com)).

Now Christmas is behind us I wonder if anyone else, like me, has any unwanted Christmas gifts. If you have and you think they might be suitable for the next Autumn Fayre, either to use directly on stalls like the Bathroom Tombola or bottle stall or as raffle prizes, please will you consider donating them. There will be boxes in the Church Centre and in the Library at the Parish Church for your donations. Thank you. Jean.

## **St Paul's Church Youth Council**

Our next meeting is on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February at 6 pm in The Lodge. We will be discussing and exploring the marketing strategy for our honey and ensuring that we remain ethical in all we decide. All children of secondary school age are warmly welcome to join us. Please contact Angela Culley or Jean Kerr for further details.