

Sunday 2nd February 2025

PRESENTATION OF CHRIST AT THE TEMPLE - CANDLEMAS

St. Paul's
Church
Rusthall



Collect for the Week

Lord Jesus Christ,
light of the nations and glory of Israel:
make your home among us,
and present us pure and holy
to your heavenly Father,
your God, and our God.

8:00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

President & Preacher: The Vicar

10.00 am Eucharist (CW)

President & Preacher: The Vicar

Please see separate booklet

10.00 am Family Service at the Church Centre + Zoom

Lead: Susan Powley, Link: Viv Littlechild

Hymns

1. My god is so great
2. Let there be love
3. Christ is the world
4. I the Lord of sea and sky.

Reading

Luke 4:21-30

6.30 pm Evensong (BCP)

Minister & Preacher: The Vicar

Hymn: NEH 157 Hail to the Lord who comes

Psalm: 12 (BCP page 358)

1st Reading: Hebrews 2.14-end (NRSV page 234) Brad Collins

Magnificat: A

2nd Reading: Luke 2.22-40 (NRSV page 63) Tim Harrold

Nunc Dimittis: A

Anthem: O thou, the central orb - Wood

Hymn: NEH 408 Love Divine, all loves excelling

Amen: 16

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY 3rd Anskar, Archbishop of Hamburg, missionary in Denmark and Sweden, 865
Blasius, Armenian Bishop of Sebastopol, martyr, c.316

10.00 am Church at the Church Centre open for private prayer

8.00 pm PCC meet in the Lodge

TUESDAY 4th *Gilbert of Sempringham, Founder of the Gilbertine Order, 1189*

Parish Office closed

7.00 pm 175 Committee meet in the Church Centre

WEDNESDAY 5th Agatha, martyr in Sicily, c.251

9.00 am Playtime at St Paul's

10.00 am Church at the Church Centre open for private prayer

11.00 am Boiler service Lodge and Church Centre

THURSDAY 6th The Martyrs of Japan, 1597

10.00 am Church at the Church Centre open for private prayer

12.30 pm Lunch Club at the Church Centre

6.00 pm Youth Council meet in The Lodge

FRIDAY 7th

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 8th

10am - 4pm Choristers Café in the Lodge

NEXT SUNDAY 9th February

The Fourth Sunday before Lent

8.00 am Holy Communion

President & Preacher: The Vicar

10.00 am Parish Eucharist with Baptism (CW)

President & Preacher: Rev. Nicholas Burton, Minister: The Vicar

10am - 4pm Choristers Café in the Lodge

10.00 am Family Service at the Church Centre + Zoom

Lead: Tim Harrold, Link: Jean Kerr

6.30 pm Choral Evensong (BCP)

Minister: Rev Nicholas Burton

NEWS AND NOTES

From The Vicarage

Warm greetings to you all and welcome to our services today when we celebrate Candlemas – The feast of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple and also commemorate the purification of Mary, Jesus' mother.

As we worship together, may Almighty God purify our hearts through the Holy Spirit and flood our lives with his divine light.

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. 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.

Flower Banner

Many, 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 over 1050 flowers have been made and handed in. This is over two thirds of the way to the estimated total needed. Well done everyone and thank you very much. Please don't stop now. Any flowers made can be left in the bright pink boxes which are located in both churches. Please can all completed flowers be handed to me or put in the boxes in the churches by the 23rd March, the Sunday before Mothering Sunday. If anyone needs any more yarn or would like to try a different pattern, please get in touch with me on jeak4000@gmail.com and I will be happy to arrange to drop some off. Thank you - Jean Kerr.



The Altar Flowers are given today
by Angela Culley
in loving memory of
Alex, Jean & Jonathan Harrold
and Esme Eason

Funeral information for Diana Coker

The funeral for Diana Coker will take place at 12noon on Wednesday 19th February at the Parish Church. There will be a Wake at the Spa hotel after the service. All are welcome but it is very important that the Spa have an accurate idea of numbers. Please leave a message on 01892 523202 if you intend to join us. Also, there will be an Open House on Thursday 20th February from 10am until 4pm at 28^A Manor Road, Rusthall. All are welcome to stop by.

Funeral information for John and Pamela Francis

The funeral of Pamela Francis will be held at St Peter and St Paul's Church, Church Road, Hellingly BN27 4HA on Thursday 13th February at 2.30pm. The funeral for John Francis will be held here at St Paul's Church on Friday 21st February at 2.30pm.

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 at jeak4000@gmail.com.

Unwanted gifts

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 this Thursday 6th 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.

Lego Cafe

On Wednesday 19th February 9 – 11.30 am pupils in years R – 7 will be welcome to attend the Lego Café in the main hall at the Church Centre with their parents/carers. There will be loads of bricks to build with and tea, coffee and cake for parents and carers supervising their children.

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