

# Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2025

## Fourth Sunday Before Lent

St. Paul's  
Church  
*Rusthall*



### Collect for the Week

Lord of the hosts of heaven,  
our salvation and our strength,  
without you we are lost:  
guard us from all that harms or hurts  
and raise us when we fall;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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#### 8:00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

President & Preacher: The Vicar

#### 10.00 am Eucharist with Baptism (CW) (please separate booklet)

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

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

Lead: Tim Harrold, Link: Jean Kerr

Hymns: Lord of all Hopefulness

Confidence

Will you come and follow me

Go Forth and tell

Reading: Luke 5. 1 – 11 (NIV page 1032)

#### 6.30 pm Choral Evensong (BCP)

Minister: Rev. Nicholas Burton

Hymn: NEH 433 (omit verses 4 & 5) O worship the King

Responses : Radcliffe

Psalm: 47 (BCP page 404)

1st Reading: Hosea 1 (NRSV page 868) Emma Hope

Magnificat: Stanford in A

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Colossians 3.1-22 (NRSV page 216) Barbara Bourne

Nunc Dimittis: Stanford in A

Anthem: Evening Hymn - Gardiner

Hymn: NEH 408 Love Divine, all loves excelling

Amen: Finzi

## THE WEEK AHEAD

**MONDAY 10<sup>th</sup>** *Scholastica, Sister of Benedict, Abbess of Plombariola, c. 543*

10.00 am Church at the Church Centre open for private prayer

**TUESDAY 11<sup>th</sup>**

Parish Office closed

**WEDNESDAY 12<sup>th</sup>**

9.00 am Playtime at St Paul's

10.00 am Church at the Church Centre open for private prayer

**THURSDAY 13<sup>th</sup>**

10.00 am Church at the Church Centre open for private prayer

12.30 pm Lunch Club at the Church Centre

1.00 pm Funeral of Jimmy Hole at the Crematorium – The Vicar

2.30 pm Funeral of Pamela Francis at St Paul's, Hellingly

**FRIDAY 14<sup>th</sup>** *Cyril & Methodius, Missionaries to the Slavs, 869 and 885*

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 15<sup>th</sup>** *Sigfrid, Bishop, Apostle of Sweden, 1045, Thomas Bray, Priest, Founder of the SPCK and the SPG, 1730*

10am-4pm Choristers Café in the Lodge

**NEXT SUNDAY 16<sup>th</sup> February**

**The Third Sunday before Lent**

**8.00 am Holy Communion**

President & Preacher: The Vicar

**10.00 am Parish Eucharist (CW)**

President & Preacher: The Vicar

10am-4pm Choristers Café in the Lodge

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

Lead: Rev. Liz Goddard, Link: Rosemary Romano

**6.30 pm Evensong (BCP)**

Minister & Preacher: The Vicar

## NEWS AND NOTES

### From The Vicarage

Greetings to you all and a very warm welcome to our services today, the Fourth Sunday before Lent. Special welcome to Olivia who is being baptised today during the 10 am service at the Parish Church, and to her parents, Godparents, family and friends. As we give thanks and worship together in the different services today, I pray that God would pour his Holy Spirit on us afresh and re-energise us in our worship of him and our service of one another.

### Treasurer for the Parish

As you know Pat has now retired from this role and we are now looking for some one to replace her. This can be a shared position with two or more people taking on different aspects of the job. Full training and support will be given. If you feel this is something you could do as part of the ministry of St Paul's please speak with Ronnie.

### Morning Prayer and Said Holy Communion

From the beginning of March we are going to reintroduce morning prayer at both Churches. At the Parish Church it will be at 9 am on Mondays and at the Church Centre it will be on at 9 am on Wednesdays.

We are also going to restart Holy Communion at the Church Centre on Thursdays at 11.30 am. We do hope some of you will be able to attend these services.

### Confirmation 2025

This year the Confirmation service will be held here at St Paul's on Sunday the 18<sup>th</sup> May at 4 pm. If you, or anyone you know, would like to be confirmed this year please speak with Ronnie

### 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.



#### The Altar Flowers

are given today to give thanks for all who help to keep the Church looking lovely, including the Marthas, Flower Team and Wardens

## **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 13<sup>th</sup> February at 2.30 pm. The funeral for John Francis will be held here at the Parish Church on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February at 2.30 pm.

## **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.

## **Lego Cafe**

On Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February 9 – 11.30 am pupils in years R – 7 will be welcome to attend the Lego Café in the small 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.

## **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.

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