

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY 24th *St Matthias, Apostle and Martyr*

10.00 am Church at the Church Centre open for private prayer

TUESDAY 25th

Parish Office closed

WEDNESDAY 26th

9.00 am Playtime at St Paul's

10.00 am Church at the Church Centre open for private prayer

2.30 pm Funeral of Gwen Parker at the Crematorium – The Vicar

THURSDAY 27th *George Herbert, Priest, Poet, 1633*

10.00 am Church at the Church Centre open for private prayer

12.30 pm Lunch Club at the Church Centre

FRIDAY 28th

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 1st March *David, Bishop of Menevia, Patron Saint of Wales, c. 601*

10am-4pm Choristers Café in the Lodge

NEXT SUNDAY 2nd March

The Sunday Next before Lent

8.00 am Holy Communion

President & Preacher: The Vicar

10.00 am Eucharist (CW)

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10am-4pm Choristers Café in the Lodge

10.00 am Family Service at the Church Centre + Zoom

Lead: Wendy Anderson , Link: Karen Miller

6.30 pm Evensong (BCP)

Minister & Preacher: Rev. Nicholas Burton

NEWS AND NOTES

From The Vicarage

Greetings to you all and a very warm welcome to our services today, the Second Sunday before Lent. Special welcome to Cabin Worship, a local christian band from Edendbridge, who are providing the music for the Family Service today. As we move even closer to the season of Lent, I pray that we will continue to grow in our desire to serve God and one another.

Sponsored Sing-A-Thon

What a super day Saturday was. The Choir did indeed sing all 100 Anthems from 'Fat Anthems' and had a thoroughly good time. Thank you to everyone involved especially Fiona and her family and our two organists Paul and Alasdair. Also a huge thank you to those who came to support and sponsor us and help with the café and catering. Here we come France!

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.

Also from the beginning of March we are 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.

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.

New Electoral Roll (Full Revision)

Under the Church Representation Rules every six years every parish in the country must create a new Electoral Roll. This means everyone who wishes to have their name entered on the new Roll, whether it is entered on the present Roll or not, is requested to apply for enrolment not later than Sunday 20th April 2025. The new Roll will take effect on Sunday 27th April 2025 in readiness for the APCM on Thursday 15th May. Only those registered on the Electoral Roll are entitled to attend the APCM. Electoral Roll application forms are available at the back of both the Parish Church and the Church Centre.

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.

Family Service Children's Group, Church Centre

Unfortunately due to a shortage of leaders we are unable to run the Children's Group this week. Going forward we are unable to provide a group on the following Sundays: 2 March, 16 March and 13 April.

We also won't be running a group when the joint service takes place at the Parish Church on the following dates: 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. We are terribly short of leaders and would love to recruit some more! 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

Lent Groups

Sheets have gone up in both the Church and Church Centre for those interested in registering for one of the Lent Groups this year. There is one group already meeting on Thursdays at 7.30 pm in the Lodge. On the sheet, along with your name and contact details, please indicate your preferred time (morning, afternoon, or evening) and Day(s). The topic for this year's Lent Course is Living Hope. If you would like more information about the course, please contact Tim Harrold (07413 805814 or timharrold@duck.com).

Pilgrimage 2025

Following in the footsteps of last year's successful, if wet, pilgrimage to Canterbury Cathedral and as part of our 175th celebrations, we will be organising another pilgrimage for Monday 23rd June. This year we will be following the Martyr's Way which will take us from Tower Bridge to St. Bartholomew the Great in the City of London. After some refreshments in Borough Market, the day will finish with Evensong in Southwark Cathedral. Please register your interest on the sheets that have gone up in the Church or the Church Centre. If you have any questions about the pilgrimage please contact Tim Harrold (07413 805814 -timharrold@duck.com).

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