

# Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2025

## Second Sunday of Easter

St. Paul's  
Church  
*Rusthall*



### Collect for the Week

Risen Christ,  
for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred:  
open the doors of our hearts,  
that we may seek the good of others  
and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace,  
to the praise of God the Father.

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

President & Preacher: The Vicar

#### 10.00 am Joint Eucharist at the Church Centre (CW) + Zoom

President: The Vicar, Preacher: Rev. Nicholas Burton, Link: Jean Kerr

Hymns: From Heaven you came (The Servant King)  
Be still for the presence of the Lord  
It is a thing most wonderful  
Thine be the glory risen conquering Son

Readings: Acts 5.27 – 32 (NIV page 1097) Maddie Shoard  
John 20.19 -31 (NIV page 1089) Jean Kerr

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#### 6.30 pm Evensong (BCP)

Minister & Preacher: Rev. Nicholas Burton

Hymn: NEH 113 Love's redeeming work is done  
Psalm: 127 (BCP page 516)  
1st Reading: Jeremiah 15.15-end (NRSV page 744) Mione Palmer  
Magnificat: B  
2nd Reading: Hebrews 11.32-12.2 (NRSV page 242) Cherry Mead  
Nunc Dimittis: B  
Anthem: The strife is o'er - Ley  
Hymn: NEH 117 The day of Resurrection!  
Amen: 8

# THE WEEK AHEAD

## **MONDAY 28<sup>th</sup> April *George, Martyr, Patron Saint of England***

- 9.00 am Morning Prayer at the Parish Church – The Vicar
- 10.00 am Church at the Church Centre open for private prayer  
Clock repair – Parish Church
- 8.00 pm PCC at Church Centre

## **TUESDAY 29<sup>th</sup>**

Parish Office closed

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

- 9.00 am Morning Prayer at the Church Centre – The Vicar**
- 9.00 am Playtime at St Paul's
- 10.00 am Church at the Church Centre open for private prayer
- 6.00 pm Confirmation Preparation at the Church Centre

## **THURSDAY 1<sup>st</sup> May**

### **7.am-10pm Church Centre halls closed for Polling Station**

- 11.30 am Holy Communion to Mount Ephraim House – Elaine Bruce
- 12.30 pm Lunch Club at the Church Centre in the Church

## **FRIDAY 2<sup>nd</sup>**

- 12.30 pm Community Larder at the Church Centre
- 6.30 pm Junior Choir practice
- 7.30 pm Full Choir practice

## **SATURDAY 3<sup>rd</sup>**

10am-4pm Choristers Café in the Lodge

## **NEXT SUNDAY 4<sup>th</sup> May**

### **The Third Sunday of Easter**

- 8.00 am Holy Communion**  
President & Preacher: The Vicar
- 10.00 am Eucharist (CW)**  
President & Preacher: The Vicar
- 10.00 am Family Service at the Church Centre + Zoom  
Lead: Liz Goddard, Link: Viv Littlechild
- 10am-4pm Choristers Café in the Lodge
- 6.30 pm Evensong (BCP)**  
Minister & Preacher: The Vicar

# NEWS AND NOTES

## **From The Vicarage**

Easter greetings to you all and a very warm welcome to our services today. Special welcome to our joint 10am service at the Church Centre, and a big thank you to the leaders and members of the Youth Council for providing us with breakfast. As we continue to celebrate Jesus's resurrection, I pray that we will all filled afresh with the Holy Spirit and the joy of his resurrection. Alleluia, Christ is risen!

## **The Choir**

We are now recruiting boys and girls aged 6 and over to our Junior Section, as we continue to grow and maintain our high musical standards. Please speak to Fiona for more information. There are posters in both Churches.

## **Treasurer for the Parish**

We are urgently looking for someone to take on this role. 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.

## **London Pilgrimage 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2025**

There are still spaces available for those who would like to join us. Details of the itinerary, a map showing our route, and a list of all the Churches and places of interest we will be visiting can be viewed at

<https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/16960/page/93196/view/>

If you have any questions about the Pilgrimage please contact Tim Harrold.

## **Polling Station**

The Church Centre will be used as a Rusthall voting location this Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May from 7 am to 10 pm. The Lunch Club will be meeting in the Church Centre Church this week. If you have any queries please contact me in the office. Ginette.

## **Rusthall Parish Walk Monday 5th May-10 am starting from The Church Centre**

The walk circles the village following the ancient tradition of "Beating the Bounds" around the parish boundary. Along the way we travel through the surrounding commons, woods and fields. It's easy to take a detour and make your own route, as you are never far from the centre of the village.

Finding the answers to the clues for the quiz keeps everyone keen to get to the next marker. There's also the chance for a welcome break at the Choristers' Café in The Lodge. Map and quiz sheet from the Church Centre on the day.

### **Licensing Service of Tim Harrold at Rochester Cathedral**

Tim will be licensed as a Licensed Lay Minister (LLM) by Bishop Jonathan on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May at 2:30 pm. There is a sign-up sheet in both churches for those who would like to attend this service, so we can arrange transport.

### **Cream Tea, Treasure Hunt & Plant Sale at the Church Centre**

Many thanks to everyone who contributed to the success of this event on Easter Bank Holiday Monday. The people who helped on the day, those who made cakes and donated plants, and those who came along and spent their money. £274.60 was taken in cash and some additional money was paid using the card reader so a highly successful afternoon. Thank you all. Jean

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

Our next meeting is this coming Thursday May 1st, 6pm in The Lodge. We are hoping to enjoy a massive treasure/scavenger hunt throughout Happy Valley so please wear trainers and if possible dress appropriately. Those children currently in their final term of Primary School are now very welcome to join us in preparation for their transition to Secondary School. The CYC welcomes all children of secondary school age.

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