

Sunday 4th May 2025

Third Sunday of Easter

St. Paul's
Church
Rusthall



Collect for the Week

Risen Christ,
you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope:
strengthen us to proclaim your risen life
and fill us with your peace,
to the glory of God the Father.

8:00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

President & Preacher: The Vicar

10.00 am Eucharist (CW)

President and Preacher: The Vicar, Minister: Daphne Pilcher

10.00 am Family Service at the Church Centre + Zoom

Lead: Liz Goddard, Link: Viv Littlechild

Hymns: He's got the whole world in his hands
Jesus stand among us
Christ's is the world in which we live
Lord Jesus Christ you have come to us

Reading: John 21: 1-19 (NIV page 1090)

6.30 pm Evensong (BCP) – (followed by refreshments)

Minister & Preacher: The Vicar

Hymn: NEH 112 Jesus lives! Thy terrors now
Psalm: 23 (BCP page 372)
1st Reading: Isaiah 38. 9-20 (NRSV page 693) Emma Hope
Magnificat: C
2nd Reading: John 11. 17-44 (NRSV page 112) ?????
Nunc Dimittis: C
Anthem: O for a closer walk with God - Stanford
Hymn: NEH 486 We have a gospel to proclaim
Amen: 9

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY 5th May Bank Holiday

Parish Office closed

10.00 am Parish Walk starting at the Church Centre

TUESDAY 6th *St John the Evangelist*

Parish Office closed

WEDNESDAY 7th

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

11.00 am Julian Meeting at Chancellor House

2.30 pm VE Day service at Rusthall Lodge

8.00 pm Family Service meeting at the Church Centre

THURSDAY 8th *Julian of Norwich, spiritual writer, c. 1417* **VE DAY**

10.00 am Church Centre open for private prayer

11.30 am Holy Communion at the Church Centre – The Vicar

12.30 pm Lunch Club at the Church Centre

FRIDAY 9th

12.30 pm Community Larder at the Church Centre

6.30 pm Junior Choir practice

7.30 pm Full Choir practice

SATURDAY 10th

10am-4pm Choristers Café in the Lodge

10.00 am Demonstration at the Parish Church – flower arranging oasis free

2.30 pm Licensing Service of Tim Harrold at Rochester Cathedral

NEXT SUNDAY 11th May

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

8.00 am Holy Communion

President & Preacher: The Vicar

10.00 am Eucharist with Baptisms (CW)

President: The Vicar, Minister & Preacher: Tim Harrold

10.00 am Family Service Songs of Praise at the Church Centre + Zoom

Lead: Jean Kerr, Link: Karen Miller

10am-4pm Choristers Café in the Lodge

6.30 pm Choral Evensong (BCP)

Minister: Rev. Nicholas Burton

NEWS AND NOTES

From The Vicarage

Greetings to you all and a very warm welcome to our services today, the Third Sunday of Easter. Special thanks to the Youth Council for providing a sumptuous breakfast and 'brunch' at our joint service at the Church Centre last Sunday. It was great that we could worship and share food and fellowship together and dedicate our 175th Anniversary floral banner. A big thank you to Jean and her team of volunteers for making the banner. We will be having refreshments after Evensong at the Parish Church tonight, and on the first Sunday of every month. Please stay and join us for a drink and a chat. As we continue to rejoice and give thanks to Almighty God for the resurrection of Jesus Christ, I pray that our lives will daily reflect the victory and joy of Easter.

Tony Bourne

Tony's funeral will take place at the Parish Church on Thursday 22nd May at 1 pm. Please continue to remember Barbara and the family in your prayers.

Playtime at St Paul's - Half Term


On Wednesday 28th May Playtime will be running as usual from 9 am. Following on there will be lunch and then everyone is invited to join in with a community litter pick. This is open to everyone, equipment will be supplied by the council.

Arranging Flowers Without Oasis Demonstration at the Parish Church

On Saturday 10th May at 10 am Veronica Knight, an ambassador for sustainable flower arranging, will be giving a demonstration of flower arranging without the use of oasis. Floral foam is plastic. Because of its cellular foam structure, it very easily crumbles into microscopic fragments, adding to the global problem of microplastics. The session is open to all. Refreshments will be available.

Julian Meeting

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 7th May at 11 am, at the home of Ann Loxley, 30 Chancellor House. Please let Ann know if you are planning to come. Anyone interested in a time of silence and reflection is very welcome.

	<p>Altar Flowers at the Parish Church The altar flowers are given today by Margaret Brown In loving memory of her dear husband John</p>
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Family Service Children's Group

We will restart on Sunday 11th May. As we are currently very short of leaders we may not be able to run the group every week again this term and I will update in the leaflet with any further dates we can't do. If you would like to help or have any queries please contact Mary mary@mandmcreative.co.uk or on 07881371684.

London Pilgrimage 23rd 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.

Rusthall Parish Walk Tomorrow starting from The Church Centre

Please join us for the a Bank Holiday walk following the Parish Boundary. The Choristers' Café in The Lodge will be open for refreshments. Map and quiz sheet will be available from the Church Centre.

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.

Licensing Service of Tim Harrold at Rochester Cathedral next Saturday

Tim will be licensed as a Licensed Lay Minister (LLM) by Bishop Jonathan next week on Saturday 10th 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. Please hold Tim in your prayers. Tim will preach at the 10 am service on Sunday 11th May.

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