

# Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2025

## Fourth Sunday of Easter

St. Paul's  
Church  
*Rusthall*



### Collect for the Week

Risen Christ,  
faithful Shepherd of your Father's sheep:  
teach us to hear your voice  
and to follow your command,  
that all your people may be gathered into one flock,  
to the glory of God the Father.

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

President & Preacher: The Vicar

#### 10.00 am Eucharist with Baptisms (CW)

President The Vicar, Minister and Preacher: Tim Harrold

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

Lead: Jean Kerr, Link: Karen Miller

Hymns: Come on and celebrate  
Whenever God shines his light  
In Christ alone  
The Lord's my Shepherd  
How great thou art  
We wanna see Jesus lifted high  
The first hymn  
World in union  
Brother, sister let me serve you  
Shine Jesus shine  
10000 reasons

Reading: Psalm 30 (NIV page 558)

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## **6.30 pm Choral Evensong (BCP)**

Minister: Rev. Nicholas Burton

Introit:	Locus Iste – Bruckner
Responses:	Shepherd
Hymn:	NEH 457 (2 <sup>nd</sup> tune) The King of love my Shepherd is
Psalms:	60 (BCP page 419)
1st Reading:	Isaiah 63.7-14 (NRSV page 720) Cherry Mead
Magnificat:	Simsion in A
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading:	Luke 24.36-49 (NRSV page 96) Tony Johnson
Nunc Dimittis:	Simsion in A
Anthem:	Ye choirs of new Jerusalem - Stanford
Hymn:	NEH 119 (tune 107) The strife is o'er, the battle done
Amen:	Finzi

## **THE WEEK AHEAD**

### **MONDAY 12<sup>th</sup> May** *Gregory Dix, Priest, Monk, Scholar*

- 10.00 am Church at the Church Centre open for private prayer
- 4.00 pm Lunch Club AGM at the URC
- 7.30 pm Road Association AGM – small hall

### **TUESDAY 13<sup>th</sup>**

Parish Office closed

### **WEDNESDAY 14<sup>th</sup>** *Matthias the Apostle*

- 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
- 1.45 pm Funeral at the Crematorium of Pamela Gray – The Vicar
- 3.00 pm Communion to Chamberlain Court – Ginette

### **THURSDAY 15<sup>th</sup>**

- 10.00 am Church at the Church Centre open for private prayer
- 11.30 am Holy Communion at the Church Centre – The Vicar**
- 11.30 am** Communion to Mount Ephraim House – Lois Woodhouse
- 12.30 pm Lunch Club at the Church Centre
- 1.45 pm Funeral at the Crematorium of Gladys Cooper – The Vicar
- 2.30 pm Communion to Rusthall Lodge

### **FRIDAY 16<sup>th</sup>** *Caroline Chisolm, Social Reformer, 1877*

- 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 17<sup>th</sup>**

- 10am-4pm Choristers Café in the Lodge
- 6.30 pm Quiz Night and supper at the Church Centre

## **NEXT SUNDAY 18<sup>th</sup> May**

### **The Fifth Sunday of Easter**

#### **8.00 am Holy Communion**

President & Preacher: The Vicar

#### **10.00 am Matins (BCP)**

Minister: Tim Harrold , Preacher: Daphne Pilcher

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

Lead: Susan Powley, Link: Chris Bassett

10am-4pm Choristers Café in the Lodge

#### **4.00 pm Confirmation Service at the Parish Church**

President & Preacher: Bishop Jonathan, Minister: The Vicar

## **NEWS AND NOTES**

### **From The Vicarage**

Greetings to you all and a very warm welcome to our services today, the Fourth Sunday of Easter. A special welcome to George, Rose, and Alex, who are being baptised today and to their parents, godparents, and sponsors. We also give thanks today for the 80th anniversary of VE Day (Victory in Europe). As we worship and give thanks together, I pray that we will all continue to seek peace within ourselves and others, and to promote acceptance and reconciliation among people groups.

Please note that Bishop Jonathan will be presiding and preaching at our service of baptism, confirmation, and reception into the communion of the Church of England at 4 pm on the 18th of May at the Parish Church. The Floral Banner in celebration of the 175th anniversary of the dedication of the Parish Church will also be dedicated during this service. A big thank you to Elaine for coordinating this and the team of volunteers for making the banner.

### **Tony Bourne**

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



#### **Altar Flowers at the Parish Church**

The altar flowers are given today  
by Geraldine & Nicholas Byrne

In loving memory of  
Pamela & Charles Byrne  
and Florence & George Curr

### **Playtime at St Paul's - Half Term**

On Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **Annual Parochial Church Meeting**

The Annual Vestry Meeting and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place at 7:45 pm on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> May. All those registered on the new Electoral Roll are welcome to attend. Nomination forms for Churchwardens, Deputy Churchwardens, PCC Members and Deanery Synod Representatives are available in both churches.

### **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.

### **Molyneux Almshouses**

The Molyneux Almshouses in the High Street, Rusthall, is a charitable trust providing housing accommodation for "poor men and women". There is currently a one bedroom bungalow vacant and if you are (or you know anyone who might be) interested in living at the Almshouses please contact the Administrator, Nick, on 07504 839 548 for more information.

Applicants must be current or past long-term residents of Tunbridge Wells. The Trustees are hoping to fill the vacancy by the middle of June 2025. Any applications must be received by 31<sup>st</sup> May 2025.

### **Living Hope Group**

The Living Hope group will be meeting on the first Thursday of every month at the Parish Church at 7.30 pm starting from the 5<sup>th</sup> June 2025. We are a welcoming group and anyone is free to join us. Over the next few months we will be reflecting on the Nicene Creed but topics will change over time. If anyone is interested in a Living Hope group to meet once a month during the day in the village please see Tim Harrold.

### **London Pilgrimage – Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> June**

There is still time to sign up for this, sheets are in both Churches.