

Sunday 18th May 2025

Fifth Sunday of Easter

St. Paul's
Church
Rusthall



Collect for the Week

Risen Christ,
your wounds declare your love for the world
and the wonder of your risen life:
give us compassion and courage
to risk ourselves for those we serve,
to the glory of God the Father.

8:00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

President & Preacher: The Vicar

10.00 am Matins (BCP)

Minister: Tim Harrold, Preacher: Daphne Pilcher

10.00 am Family Service with Holy Communion at the Church Centre + Zoom

President & Preacher: The Vicar, Link: Viv Littlechild

Hymns: Come just as you are
A new commandment I give unto you
Jesus, Jesus (Holy and anointed)
I go in the strength of the Lord

Readings: Acts 11.1-18 (NIV page 1105)
John 13.31-35 (NIV page 1081)

4.00 pm Confirmation Service at the Parish Church

**Including the Dedication of the Processional Banner in Celebration of
175 years of God's Mission at St Paul's**

President and Preacher: Bishop Jonathan, Minister: The Vicar

Please see separate booklet



THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY 19th May *Dunstan, Archbishop of Canterbury, Restorer of the Monastic Life, 988*

9.00 am Morning Prayer at the Parish Church – The Vicar

10.00 am Church at the Church Centre open for private prayer

TUESDAY 20th *Alcuin of York, Deacon, Abbot of Tours, 804*

Parish Office closed

WEDNESDAY 21st *Helena, Protector of the Holy Places*

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

THURSDAY 22nd

10.00 am Church at the 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

1.00 pm Funeral of Tony Bourne at the Parish Church

FRIDAY 23rd

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 24th *John and Charles Wesley, Evangelists, Hymn Writers, 1791 & 1788*

10am-4pm Choristers Café in the Lodge

6.30 pm Choir Summer Concert

NEXT SUNDAY 25th May

The Sixth 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: Susan Powley, Link: TBC

10am-4pm Choristers Café in the Lodge

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 Fifth Sunday of Easter. Special welcome to our Confirmation Service at the Parish Church during which Bishop Jonathan will dedicate the Processional Banner, created by volunteers in the village, as we celebrate the 175th anniversary of the Parish Church. A big thank you to them for creating such a masterpiece. As we worship together, may Almighty God continue to nurture us that the fruits of the Holy Spirit may abound in our lives, to his praise and glory and for the good of all creation.

Ronnie

Musical Treats

As part of our 175th Anniversary this year the Choir have an event planned every month. The next two are our **Summer Concert next Saturday (24th May) at 6.30 pm** (with refreshments) and a **Jazz Eucharist on Sunday the 8th June at 10 am**. Please do come and join us at the Parish Church and enjoy some summer music and a very special Communion Service.

New Processional Banner


During the Confirmation Service today at 4 pm Bishop Jonathan will Dedicate the 175th Anniversary Processional Banner. A huge thank you to everyone involved in making the banner as part of our celebrations.

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.

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.

	Altar Flowers at the Parish Church
	The altar flowers are given today
	by Christine Dent
	In loving memory of
	her husband Michael
	and parents Dorothy & Jimmy Hole

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 31st May 2025.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

The Annual Vestry Meeting and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place at 7:45 pm on Tuesday 27th 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.

St Paul's News for June

The copy deadline for the magazine is today, please forward any articles or information as soon as possible. Thank you.

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 5th 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 23rd June

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

Flower Festival and Wedding Dresses Display 7th & 8th June

We are now getting close to our special festival at the Parish Church next month. A big thank you to all ladies who have so kindly agreed to loan their dresses. If convenient please deliver your dresses, memorabilia and photos to the Parish Church on Friday 30th May between 12 noon and 3 pm. If you would like us to collect your dress please contact Ginette in the office or Jill (532817). Thank you.

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