

Sunday 25th May 2025

Sixth Sunday of Easter

St. Paul's
Church
Rusthall



Collect for the Week

Risen Christ,
by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples:
help your Church to obey your command
and draw the nations to the fire of your love,
to the glory of God the Father.

8:00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

President & Preacher: The Vicar

10.00 am Eucharist (CW)

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10.00 am Family Service at the Church Centre + Zoom

Lead: Susan Link: Chris Bassett

Hymns: One more step
Father I place into your hands
Bind us together
Colours of day

Reading: Acts 16.9-15 (NIV page 1111)

6.30 pm Evensong (BCP)

Minister & Preacher: The Vicar

Hymn: NEH 490 Judge eternal, throned in splendour
Psalm: 119 verses 97-104 (BCP page 507)
1st Reading: Zephania 3.14-end (NRSV page 911) Mione Palmer
Magnificat: D
2nd Reading: Matthew 28.1-10, 16-end (NRSV page 35) Deborah Bruce
Nunc Dimittis: D
Anthem: The Lord bless you and keep you - Rutter
Hymn: NEH 493 Rejoice, o land, in God thy might
Amen: 11

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY 26th May

Bank Holiday

Parish Office closed

TUESDAY 27th

Parish Office closed

11.30 am Interment of ashes of Diana Coker at the Parish Church

7.45 pm APCM at the Church Centre

WEDNESDAY 28th *Lanfranc, Monk, Archbishop of Canterbury, Scholar, 1089*

9.00 am Morning Prayer at the Church Centre – The Vicar

9.00 am Playtime at St Paul's with litter pick and lunch

10.00 am Church at the Church Centre open for private prayer

THURSDAY 29th

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

8.00 pm Eucharist Service for the Ascension of our Lord – The Vicar

FRIDAY 30th *Josephine Butler, Social Reformer 1906, Joan of Arc, Visionary 1431*

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 31st *The Visit of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth*

10am-4pm Choristers Café in the Lodge

NEXT SUNDAY 1st June

The Seventh Sunday of Easter – The Sunday after Ascension

8.00 am Holy Communion

President & Preacher: The Vicar

10.00 am Joint Parish Eucharist (CW)

President : The Vicar, Minister & Preacher: Rev. Nicholas Burton

10am-4pm Choristers Café in the Lodge

6.30 pm Choral Evensong (BCP)

Minister: The Vicar

NEWS AND NOTES

From The Vicarage

Greetings to you all and a very warm welcome to our services today, the Sixth Sunday of Easter. It is good that we are able to worship together today and continue our celebration of the resurrection of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, and look forward to his ascension (on Thursday) and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. I pray that we may all continue to experience God's divine presence with and within us, even as we daily renew our trust in God's benevolence.

Ronnie

Jazz Eucharist on Sunday the 8th June at 10 am.

Please do come and join us at the Parish Church on Sunday the 8th as we celebrate the Eucharist with Jazz settings and music. This promises to be a service to remember.

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.

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.



Altar Flowers at the Parish Church

The altar flowers are given today
by Margaret Brown
In loving memory of her dear husband
John & brother in law John, who shared
the same birthday

Stationary for Sierra Leone

We are hoping to send small stationary kits to Freetown (Ronnie's home town) for 250 primary school children. If you would like to make a donation towards this please see Ginette or Ronnie. We hope to ship this over in July. Thank you in advance.

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.

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).

Also if you have photographs of your bouquet/flowers please drop round to 7 Rustwick by the end of tomorrow. Thank you.

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