

Sunday 23rd November 2025

SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE ADVENT

CHRIST THE KING



Collect for the Week

God the Father,
Help us to hear the call of Christ The King
And to follow in his service,
Whose kingdom has no end:
For he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
One God, one glory.



8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

President and Preacher: The Vicar

10.00 am Matins (BCP)

President and Preacher: Reverend Nicholas Burton

10.00 am Family Service at the Church Centre with Baptism + Zoom

Lead: The Vicar Link: Vivien Littlechild

Hymns: Father, I place into your hands
 The Lord's my Shepherd
 One more step along the world I go

Readings: New Testament: Colossians 1. 1 -9 (NIV page 1182)
 Luke 23. 33 – 43 (NIV page 1060)

4.00 pm Taizé

Minister: Tim Harrold at the Church Centre

6.30 pm Parish Eucharist (CW)

President and Preacher: The Vicar



The Altar Flowers

today were donated by
Tony Rutherford and family in loving
memory of Janet.

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY 24th

- 9.00 am** Morning prayer at the Parish Church – The Vicar
10.00 am Church at the Church Centre open for private prayer
10.00 am Strategy meeting, Churchside
8.00 pm PCC meeting at the Lodge

TUESDAY 25th *Catherine of Alexandria, martyr, 4th century.*
Issac Watts hymn writer
Parish Office closed

WEDNESDAY 26th

- 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 27th

- 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 at Mount Ephraim House - Lois Woodhouse
12.30 pm Lunch Club at the Church Centre
7.30 pm Living Hope, Tim Harrold

FRIDAY 28th

- 10.00 am Church at the Church Centre open for private prayer
12.30 pm Community Larder at the Church Centre

SATURDAY 29th *Day of Intercession and Thanksgiving for the missionary Work of the church*
0 am - 4 pm Choristers Café in the Lodge – Congregation Group

NEXT SUNDAY 30th

Advent Sunday

- 8.00 am** Holy Communion (BCP)
President and Preacher: The Vicar
- 10.00 am** Advent Sunday
Minister and Preacher: The Vicar. Minister: Daphne Pilcher
- 10.00 am** Family Service at the Church Centre with Zoom
Leader: Tim Harrold Link: Karen Miller
- 6.30 pm** Readings and Music for Advent
- 10.00 am – 4 pm Choristers Café at the Lodge

NEWS AND NOTES

From the Vicarage

Greetings to you all and a very warm welcome to our service today, when we celebrate Christ as King. Special welcome to Ricardo who is being baptised at the 10 am service at the Church Centre and to his family and friends. As we worship and share fellowship together, I pray that we may each acknowledge afresh that Jesus Christ is King and enthrone him in every aspect of our lives, that his Kingship may be seen and experienced by all with whom we interact.

Autumn Fayre

The annual Autumn Fayre was again a huge success. A staggering amount of £2,800 was raised and still counting! Well done to all and thanks for everyone's contribution and hard work.

The St Paul's Church and Rusthall Village Cookbook

The St Paul's Church and Rusthall Village Cookbook is here! A 175th celebratory collection of recipes by village residents and businesses with all the proceeds going to our church. There's a great selection of family favourites and those who contributed recipes also share lovely memories of connections to the village. It makes a great gift - so please do get one - or two, or more! Perhaps send one former Rusthall folks who now live around the world! Copies cost £7 and are available at both the Parish Church and the Church Centre and from the Parish Office .

Appeal from the Flower Team for Christmas Trees

This Christmas we thought we might do something a little different to decorate the Church by having Christmas trees as a major element of our decorations. If you are thinking your existing artificial tree looks a bit sad and needs replacing could you consider donating the old tree and any surplus decorations to the flower team. We would also be grateful for battery powered tree lights.

FACE TO FAITH - a new book from Tony Rutherford

Tony's second book is called 'Face to Faith' and is designed for those who want to think about and consider those ways in which our faith can affect the way we live. Its subtitle is 'A Book for Discussion Leading to Action'. It was first on sale, at £5, at the Autumn Fayre, with £1 going to the Fayre. It will be available for this and next two Sundays at both our churches. Orders for further copies, including bulk discounts, can be made by e mailing Tony on tony.rutherford37@icloud.com The book focusses on how we can face the world and its massive problems in hope via those groups of which we are members for example our families, church, House Groups, local discussion groups and so on. Copies of Tony's first book "Meeting Christianity Again - for the First Time" are still available, also at £5.

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NEXT MEETING
THURSDAY 4th DECEMBER at 6 pm
In THE LODGE**



We will be welcoming the Samaritans to our meeting whilst we focus on Christmas.

We will also be decorating a Christmas Tree which will be part of the Christmas celebrations in St. Paul's. Please bring any spare decorations and let Angela or Jean know if your family have a tree they no longer want. It can be a fake tree!!



CAFE DUTY
Our next cafe duty is the weekend of
SATURDAY 3rd and SUNDAY 4th JANUARY.

We will be looking for volunteer helpers!

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