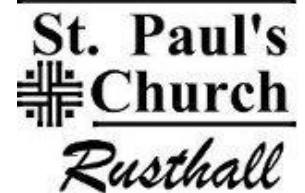


Sunday 4th January 2026

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS – THE EPIPHANY



Collect for the Week

God our Father,
In love you sent your Son
that the world may have life:
lead us to seek him among the outcast
and to find him among those in need,
for Jesus Christ's sake.

Please note that there will not be any 8:00 am BCP Communion in January.

10.00 am Parish Eucharist (CW))

President & Preacher: Reverend Nicholas Burton

10.00 am Family Service at the Church Centre + Zoom

Lead: Daphne Pollard Link: Rosemary Romano

Hymns In Christ Alone
 Beauty for Brokenness
 We Three Kings
 You shall go out with Joy

Reading: Matthew 2. 1 -12 (NIV page 966)

6.30 pm Evensong (BCP)

Minister: Tim Harrold Preacher: Daphne Pilcher

Hymn: NEH 48 Bethlehem, of noblest cities
Psalm: 23
1st Reading: Isaiah 41. 21 - 42 (NRSV page 727) Deborah Bruce
Magnificat: D
2nd Reading: Colossians 1. 1-14 (NRSV page 1182) May Graves
Nunc Dimittis: D
Anthem: When Jesus, our Lord - Mendelssohn
Hymn: NEH 51 Hail, thou source of every blessing
Amen: 9

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY 5th January The Epiphany

- 10.00 am Church at the Church Centre open for private prayer
8.00 am PCC meeting at the Lodge

TUESDAY 6th

Parish Office closed

WEDNESDAY 7th

- 10.00 am Church at the Church Centre open for private prayer
8.00 pm Family Service meeting at the Church Centre

THURSDAY 8th *Lucian, priest and martyr, 290 (BCP)*

- 10.00 am Church at the Church Centre open for private prayer
12.30 pm Lunch Club at the Church Centre
7.30 pm Living Hope at the Sanctuary

FRIDAY 9th *William Laud, Archbishop of Canterbury, 1645*

- 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 10th *William Laud, Archbishop of Canterbury, 1645*

10.00 am – 4.00 pm Choristers Café

NEXT SUNDAY 11th January

The Baptism of Christ

The first Sunday after the Epiphany

10.00 am Parish Eucharist (CW)

President & Preacher: Rev. Nicholas Burton

10.00 am Family Service at the Church Centre + Zoom

Lead: Wendy Anderson Link: Vivien Littlechild

6.30 pm Choral Evensong (BCP)

Minister: Tim Harrold



The Altar Flowers

are given today by
John Frederick Bazley
In loving memory of
John and Josephine Bazley and
Frank and Ada Eddy

NEWS AND NOTES

Recycling Christmas Cards

We will be providing a box at both Churches for the annual collection of your Christmas cards once they have been taken down. **Please cut off the front cover beforehand if you can.**

They will all go to the Anglican Church of St Thomas Beckett in Hamburg, Germany where they will be recycled beautifully (you can't see the joint) and sold good as new to the ex-pat community in Hamburg for the funds of St Thomas Church. Thank you, Tony Rutherford

Holocaust Memorial Day – Monday 27th January

We will once again be observing this with a service at 8 pm in the Parish Church. Please put it in your diary.

Notice

The Parish Office will be experiencing staffing difficulties over the next fortnight as I have been summoned to Jury Service in Lewes, East Sussex from Monday 5th January until 16th January 2026. I am hopeful that I will not be required and intend to return to work immediately. I will be liaising closely with the Church Wardens to keep them informed of any developments.

Chorister's Café

The Church Youth Club is running the Café this weekend. Please pop along to enjoy a hot beverage in this cold weather.

Westminster Abbey

We have secured four tickets which provide free entry to Westminster Abbey. They can be used multiple times in a 12-month period. If anyone would like to make use of these tickets and visit this beautiful building, then please see Tim Harrold.

Church Youth Council

The first meeting of the CYC is on 5th February 2026. The CYC will be exploring the topic 'MEET YOUR ANCESTORS! The Earth Story, Human Story told through fossils and skulls! Sandy Elsworth will be speaking on this crucial topic. Please contact Angela Culley email culley.angela@yahoo.com or Jean Kerr email jeankerr@stpaulsrusthall.org.uk for further details

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