

Sunday 25th January 2026
Third Sunday of Epiphany
PATRONAL FESTIVAL
The Conversion of St Paul

Collect for the Week

God of all mercy,
your Son proclaimed good news to the poor,
release to the captives,
and freedom to the oppressed:
anoint us with your Holy Spirit
and set all your people free
to praise you in Christ our Lord.

10.00 am Joint Parish Festival Eucharist (CW)

President: The Vicar

Minister: Daphne Pilcher Preacher: Tim Harrold

Please see separate booklet

4.00 pm Taizé Service at the Church Centre

Tim Harrold

6.30 pm Compline (BCP)

Minister: The Vicar



The Altar Flowers
are given today by Ginette, Mick and
Daniele Di Palmo in loving memory of
Maureen and Roger (Granny and Pa Pa)

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY 26th January *Timothy and Titus, companions of Paul*

9.00 am **Morning prayer at the Parish Church – the Vicar**

10.00 am Church Centre open for private prayer

TUESDAY 27th

Parish Office closed

8.00 pm **Holocaust Memorial Service – the Vicar and Tim Harrold**

WEDNESDAY 28th *Thomas Aquinas, priest, philosopher, teacher of the faith, 1274*

9.00 am **Morning prayer at the Church Centre – the Vicar**

9.00 am Playtime at St Paul's

10.00 am Church Centre open for private prayer

THURSDAY 29th

9.00 am **Holy Communion at the Church Centre- the Vicar**

10.00 am Church Centre open for private prayer

12.30 pm Lunch Club at the Church Centre

FRIDAY 30th *Charles, king and martyr 1649*

10.00 am 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 *John Bosco, priest, founder of the Salesian Teaching Order, 1888*

10.00 am – 4.00 pm Choristers Café

NEXT SUNDAY 1st February 2026

The Presentation of Christ in the Temple - Candlemas

8.00 am **Holy Communion (BCP)**

President and Preacher: The Vicar

10.00 am **Parish Eucharist (CW)**

President: The Vicar

Minister and Preacher: Reverend Nicholas Burton

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

Lead: Susan Powley Link Rosemary Romano

10.00 am – 4.00 pm Choristers Café

6.30 pm **Evensong (BCP)**

Minister Preacher: The Vicar

NEWS AND NOTES

Back at the Vicarage

A warm welcome home to Ronnie who has safely returned from Sierra Leone, especially for our Patronal Festival.

Taizé Service

Today at 4.00 pm at the Church Centre, Tim Harrold extends a warm welcome to all who would like to attend this simple, informal, contemplative service featuring songs, psalms, readings from Scripture, prayers and silent meditation

Family Service Christmas Charity Collection 2025

Many thanks to those from the congregation of the Family Service who made donations in lieu of swapping Christmas cards, which have been sent on to the two charities chosen at the FS meeting.

We have had messages back from the recipients:

Oxfam Water for All - received £50

Card received and on display at the Church Centre

Porchlight - received £50

"We just wanted to say how grateful we are for your donation of £50. We appreciate your sense of mission, and hope that the family service you raised these funds in was very joyful!

Our outreach teams are out across Kent, working with people sleeping on the streets and giving them the support they need to get them into the warm and recovering from the trauma of living on the streets. With the recent funding cuts, the ongoing housing crisis and rapidly rising rental prices, this winter is particularly tough for so many people across Kent.

Therefore, your generosity will provide vital help for people in crisis for whom homelessness seems inevitable this winter - your donation will make a life changing difference to those experiencing, and at risk of, homelessness."

Holocaust Memorial Day – Tuesday 27th January

We will once again be observing this with a service at 8 pm in the Parish Church led by the Vicar and Tim Harrold.

Car Parking at the Parish Church

Some of you will be aware that we had problems with the car parking over Christmas.

The PCC have decided that it would be good if we could have somebody to direct the traffic when we have large attendances at certain services, such as Christmas, Harvest Festival and Remembrance Sunday.

If anybody is interested in helping with this, please contact May or Chris.

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 jeak4000@gmail.com

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