

Sunday 15th March 2026
The Fourth Sunday of Lent
Mothering Sunday

Collect for the Week

God of love
passionate and strong,
tender and careful:
watch over us and hold us
all the days of our life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

8.00 am **Holy Communion (BCP)**
President and Preacher: The Vicar

10.00 am **Joint Parade Service for Mothering Sunday**
Ministers: The Vicar and Daphne Pilcher
Speakers: Gemma Bradley, Karen Miller and Liz Mankelow
Members of Girlguiding, Rusthall

See separate booklet

6.30 pm **Eucharist (CW)**
President and Preacher: The Vicar



The Altar flowers are given today by
the Church Choir for all mothers,
grandmothers and carers on
Mothering Sunday.

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY 16th March

- 9.00 am **Morning prayer at the Parish Church – the Vicar**
10.00 am Church Centre open for private prayer

TUESDAY 17th *Patrick, Bishop and missionary, Patron of Ireland, circa 460* Parish Office closed

- 2.00 pm Lent Group at the Sanctuary with Tim Harrold

WEDNESDAY 18th *Cyril, Bishop of Jerusalem, teacher of the faith, 386*

- 9.00 am **Morning prayer at the Church Centre – Tim Harrold**
9.00 am Playtime at St Paul's
10.00 am Church Centre open for private prayer

THURSDAY 19th *Joseph of Nazareth*

- 10.00 am Church Centre open for private prayer
11.00 am Communion at Mount Ephraim House with May Graves
11.30 am **Holy Communion at the Church Centre- the Vicar**
12.30 pm Lunch Club at the Church Centre
7.30 pm Living Hope at the Sanctuary, weekly during Lent

FRIDAY 20th *Cuthbert, Bishop of Lindisfarne, missionary, 687*

- 10.00 am Church Centre open for private prayer
12.30 pm Community Larder at the Church Centre
6.30pm Junior Choir practise
7.30 pm Full Choir practise

SATURDAY 21st *Thomas Cranmer, Archbishop of Canterbury, Reformation martyr 1556*

Benedict, Abbot of Monte Cassino circa 550

- 10.00 am – 4.00 pm Choristers Café

NEXT SUNDAY 22nd March 2026

The Fifth Sunday of Lent. Passiontide begins

- 8.00 am **Holy Communion (BCP)**
President and Preacher: The Vicar
10.00 am **Matins**
Minister and Preacher: Reverend Nicholas Burton
10.00 am **Baptism Service at the Church Centre + Zoom**
Lead: The Vicar Link: Chris Bassett
10.00 am – 4.00 pm Choristers Café
4.00 pm **Taizé Service**, Church Centre with Tim Harrold
6.30 pm Parish Eucharist (CW) President and Preacher: The Vicar

NEWS AND NOTES

The Vicarage

Greetings and a very warm welcome to our services today, the fourth Sunday of Lent when we celebrate Mothering Sunday. A special welcome to our joint 10.00 am Mothering Sunday Service at the Parish Church. A big thank you to the Flower Team for preparing the posies and decorating the Church so beautifully. Also, a special thanks to our trio of speakers. May we all be refreshed as we worship and be energised to continue the Lenten journey.

Funeral Announcement

Pat Lesley's funeral will take place at the Parish Church on Wednesday 8th April 2026 at 12.00 noon.

YOUR PARISH NEEDS YOU!

We are looking for someone to serve as Secretary of the Parochial Church Council (PCC). The role of the Secretary is to:

1. Take the Minutes at the PCC meetings and circulate them to the PCC.
2. Prepare the agenda with the Vicar for the PCC meetings.
3. Prepare and distribute documents for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) and take minutes for the meeting.
4. Act as the 'official' liaison between the Parish and The Diocese of Rochester.

The PCC meets for at most two hours on a 6/7 - week cycle. Please speak to Ronnie, May or Chris Dobson if you are interested to serve as the PCC Secretary.

CAN YOU HELP?

Following a recent strategy meeting the church is looking for the following:

1. A co-ordinator to mastermind the Annual Church Fayre
2. Someone to co-ordinate our marketing strategy
3. A St. Paul's Alumni co-ordinator to reach out to St. Paul's Alumni and friends, local, national and International.

If you are interested in any of these roles, please contact either:

Angela Culley. 07779098026 or culley.angela@yahoo.com

Tim Harrold, Lay Minister, 07413805814 or finance@stpaulsrusthall.org.uk

Angela

APCM

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) will take place at the Church Centre at 7.45 pm on Tuesday 12th May 2026. Papers for this meeting will be circulated in due course. During the meeting we will be looking to elect Church Wardens and members to the PCC. If you are interested to serve as a Warden or a member of the PCC please contact Ronnie, May or Chris Dobson.

The Church Youth Council

The Youth Council is busy, fun and flourishing. New members are always very welcome. We are also looking for enthusiastic and committed helpers.

Please contact Angela (07779098026) or Jean Kerr (jeankerr@stpaulsrusthall.org.uk). Future meetings:

OUR APRIL MEETING WILL BE A TREAT! To be announced.

Thursday 7th May. Talk by Anne Krisman Goldstein. The story of The Beacon

Thursday 4th June. Inspirational Talk 'Nothing is impossible!

Saturday 6th June. We are helping at the Commons Fun Day

6 pm to 7.30pm in The Lodge. All children of secondary school age

welcome. Please don't feel shy - we are very welcoming and love meeting new friends!

EXCITING NEWS - "I am Mark" Production

It is with great excitement and anticipation that we can announce that 2026 will see an inaugural Shirley Barter Memorial Production. On 18th July we will be presenting "I am Mark", a daring new staging of the Gospel of Mark. Re-enacted by one person, "I am Mark" takes us through all the stories and drama in Mark's Gospel and presents it in the same way that the very first Christians would have experienced it. Performed in front of sell out audiences at both Rochester Cathedral and Edinburgh Fringe Festival, this is an event not to be missed. Tickets are now on sale via our website. See posters in The Lodge, Church and Church Centre for details. We expect tickets to sell quickly so please make sure you book yours soon.

Choir Concerts

Do not forget to purchase your tickets for the Choir's performance of

Handel's Messiah featuring the iconic **Hallelujah chorus**. The performance will

be on **Saturday 4th April at 6.30pm**. Tickets are available from the Parish

Office at a cost of £10 or can be purchased online via our

bsite www.stpaulsrusthall.org.uk, Eventbrite

<https://stpaulshandelsmessiah.eventbrite.co.uk> or via the QR Code on

posters at a cost of £10 plus booking fee. All proceeds go towards the Organ

Restoration Fund." Tickets selling fast!

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