

Sunday 29th March 2026

PALM SUNDAY



Collect for the Week

True and humble King,
hailed by the crowd as Messiah:
grant us the faith to know you and love you,
that we may be found beside you
on the way of the cross,
which is the path of glory.

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

10.00 am **Parish Eucharist (CW)**
President: The Vicar
Minister: Tim Harrold

10.00 am **Family Service**
Lead: Wendy Anderson Link: Rosemary Romano

Hymns: Make Way
 At the name of Jesus
 In Christ Alone
 Hosanna

Reading: Matthew 21:1-11 (NIV page 988)

6.30 pm **Evensong (BCP)**
Minister and Preacher: The Vicar
Hymn: 83 Glory be to Jesus
Psalm: 143
1st Reading: Isaiah 6. 1 – 7 (NRSV page 662) Emma Hope
Magnificat: D
2nd Reading: Matthew 21. 33 – end (page 25) Cherry Hope
Nunc Dimittis: D
Anthem: Lift up your heads – Mathias
Hymn: 96 O Thou who through this holy week
Amen: 15

THE WEEK AHEAD
Holy Week

MONDAY 30th March

- 9.00 am **Morning prayer at the Parish Church – the Vicar**
9:30 am **Rusthall St Paul's School Easter Service at the Parish Church**
10.00 am Church Centre open for private prayer
8.00 pm **Stations of the Cross – Tim Cripps**

TUESDAY 31st

- Parish Office closed
8.00 pm **Compline with Homily – Daphne Pilcher**

WEDNESDAY 1st April

- 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
8.00 pm **Compline with Homily – Tim Harrold**

THURSDAY 2nd

- Maundy Thursday**
10.00 am Church Centre open for private prayer
11.30 am **No Holy Communion at the Church Centre today**
12.30 pm Lunch Club at the Church Centre
8.00 pm **Eucharist with Washing of Feet & Stripping of Altars – The Vicar**

FRIDAY 3rd

- Good Friday**
9.45 am **Procession of Witness around the Village from the Church Centre**
12.00 noon **Three Hours Devotion at the Parish Church**
The Vicar, Reverend Nicholas Burton and Tim Harrold
12.30 pm Community Larder at the Church Centre

SATURDAY 4th

- 9.00 am Flower Team decorating the Parish Church
10.00 am – 4.00 pm Choristers Café
6.30 pm **Handel's Messiah**

NEXT SUNDAY 5th April 2026 Easter DAY

- 8.00 am **Holy Communion (BCP) with Hymns**
President and Preacher: The Vicar
10.00 am **Parish Eucharist (CW)**
President and Preacher: The Vicar Minister: Daphne Pilcher
10.00 am **Family Service at the Church Centre (No Zoom)**
Lead: Reverend Nicholas Burton Link: Wendy & Graeme
Anderson, followed by Easter Egg hunt
6:30 pm **No evening service today**
10.00 am – 4.00 pm Choristers Café

NEWS AND NOTES

The Vicarage

Greetings and a very warm welcome to our Palm Sunday services today when we celebrate Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. As we worship together, I pray that we may always hail Jesus as our Lord and Saviour.

Parish Office: - The Parish Office has unfortunately been unable to send or receive emails this week. If you have been waiting for a response please accept my apologies over the delay. Hopefully, the problem will be resolved as soon as possible.

Funeral Service: - Funeral service for Pat Lesley will be at the parish church at 12 noon on Wednesday 8th April, followed by committal at the Kent and Sussex Crematorium.

Notice

PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO EVENING SERVICE ON EASTER DAY.

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.

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

Easter Day Lilly/Lillies:- Please be advised there is an ample supply of request forms behind the font for anyone wishing to give an Easter Lily/Lillies. Simply complete the form and place in the white envelope provided.

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

Please 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 website 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 Renovation Fund. Tickets selling fast!

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