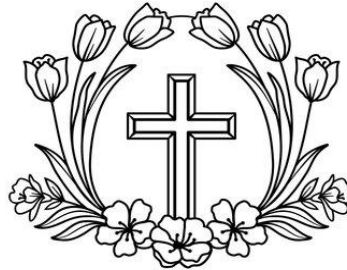


Sunday 5th April 2026

EASTER SUNDAY

St. Paul's
Church
Rusthall



Collect for the Week

God of glory,
by the raising of your Son
you have broken the chains of death and hell:
fill your Church with faith and hope;
for a new day has dawned
and the way to life stands open
in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

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- 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 Communion at the Church Centre – no zoom**
Lead: Reverend Nicholas Burton
Link: Graeme and Wendy Anderson
- Hymns: Crown Him with Many Crowns
 In Christ Alone
 The Wonderful Cross
 See what a morning
- Readings: Acts 10: 34 – 43 (NIV)
 Matthew 28: 1 – 10 (NIV)
- See separate hymn sheet**
Nb. There is no evening service today

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY 6th April Parish Office Closed

- 9.00 am **Morning prayer at the Parish Church – the Vicar**
- 10.00am Church Centre open for private prayer
- 10 am to 4 pm Parish Church and the Choristers Café Open

TUESDAY 7th Parish Office closed

WEDNESDAY 8th

- 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
- 12.00 pm Funeral of Pat Lesley at the Parish Church

THURSDAY 9th

- 10.00 am Church Centre open for private prayer
- 11.30 am **Holy Communion at the Church Centre – The Vicar**
- 12.30 pm Lunch Club at the Church Centre
- 3.00 pm Communion at Chamberlain Court with Ginette Di Palma

FRIDAY 10th

- 12.30 pm Community Larder at the Church Centre

SATURDAY 11th

- 10.00 am – 4.00 pm Choristers Café

NEXT SUNDAY 12th April 2026

Second Sunday of Easter

- 8.00 am **Holy Communion (BCP)**
President: The Vicar
- 10.00 am **Parish Eucharist (CW)**
President: The Vicar Minister and Preacher: Tim Harrold
- 10.00 am **Family Service at the Church Centre + Zoom**
Lead: Susan Powley Link: Jean Kerr
- 10.00 am – 4.00 pm Choristers Café
- 6:30 pm **Evensong** Minister: The Vicar

NEWS AND NOTES

The Vicarage

Alleluia. Christ is risen! A very warm welcome to our Easter services today at both the parish Church and the Church Centre, when we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. As we worship together, I pray that we may be re-energised and strengthened by the same Holy Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead to continually be effective witnesses of God's love.

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.

Opening Times on Easter Sunday and Bank holiday Monday

The Church and the Choristers Café will be open on Sunday and Monday from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm so that passers-by can come in and enjoy the flowers and refreshments in the café.

Family Service at the Church Centre

Apologies to all who would normally join Family Service on Zoom. Due to unavailability of operators, there is no Zoom this week. If anyone reading this could help, even on a very occasional basis, please get in touch with Susan Powley via the Parish Office. Thank you.

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

The Church Youth Council

The Youth Council are off to PaintNGo on April 15th. We are expecting a lot of fun and a lot of mess!!

We have been asked if others ie adults could join us at our May meeting for the talk by Anne Goldstein entitled, 'The Story of The Beacon'

Thursday 7th May 6pm in The Lodge.

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.



The Altar flowers are given today by The Flower Team who would like to wish everyone a joyous and Happy Easter.

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