

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2020**  
**The Third Sunday Before Lent**  
**EDUCATION SUNDAY**

*We wish you a very warm welcome today to St Paul's Church, especially if you are a visitor or a newcomer, please introduce yourself to the minister or sidesmen.*

**Collect for the Week**

Eternal God  
Whose son went among the crowds  
And brought healing with his touch  
Help us to show his love,  
In your church as we gather together  
And by our lives as they are transformed  
Into the image of Christ our Lord

- 8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)** – Rev. Michael Dent  
The service begins on page 237. The readings begin on page 78  
The Affirmation of Faith is on page 240.
- 10.00 am Joint Service for Education Sunday**  
Ministers: The Vicar & Tim Cripps, Preacher: Daphne Pilcher  
*Please see separate booklet*
- 4.30 pm Taizé Service at the Church Centre** – The Vicar
- 6.30 pm Parish Eucharist (CW)**  
President & Preacher: The Vicar



**Altar Flowers at the Parish Church**  
The altar flowers are given today  
by Anne Vernon  
in Loving Memory of  
John and Margaret Fleming  
& Harvey Fleming and Catherine McNair

## **THIS WEEK'S EVENTS**

**MONDAY 10<sup>th</sup>** *Scholastica, sister of Benedict, Abbess of Plombariola*  
9.00 am Morning Prayer at the Parish Church

**TUESDAY 11<sup>th</sup>**  
Parish Office closed

**WEDNESDAY 12<sup>th</sup>**  
9.00 am Morning Prayer at the Church Centre – The Vicar  
10.15 am Vicar's Drop In at the Church Centre

**THURSDAY 13<sup>th</sup>**  
11.45 am Holy Communion at the Church Centre – The Vicar  
11.30 for 12.30 Lunch Club at the Church Centre

**FRIDAY 14<sup>th</sup>** *Cyril and Methodius, Missionaries to the Slavs, 869 & 885*  
6.30 pm Junior Choir Practice  
7.30 pm Senior Choir Practice

**SATURDAY 15<sup>th</sup>**

**NEXT SUNDAY 16<sup>th</sup> February**

**The Second Sunday before Lent**

8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) – The Vicar  
10.00 am Parish Eucharist (CW) – The Vicar  
10.00 am Family Service at the Church Centre  
6.30 pm Evensong (BCP) – Tim Cripps & Daphne Pilcher

## **NEWS and NOTES**

### **Pew Collections Today**

As we celebrate Education Sunday, collection will be taken for St Paul's School, Rusthall. Traditionally we have paid for the bus to take year 6 children to Rochester. This year the cost will be £450 for the bus and £2.50 per child for the visit to the Cathedral. Please give generously to help cover costs. Thank you.

### **Lent Course for 2020**

This year Ronnie will be using a Bible Study book by Bruce Wilkinson called "The Prayer of Jabez". There will be copies of the book available from the Parish Office or Ronnie at a cost of £4. The course will be held twice on Tuesdays at 10 am to 11.30 am and then again at 7.30 pm to 9 pm, both at the Church Centre. The first date is Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March.

### **Sunday School**

There will be no Sunday School during the 10 am service today, but you are welcome to use the books and toys in the area around the Font.

### **Family Service Songs of Praise – 8<sup>th</sup> March**

If you would like a favourite hymn included in that service please let me know. If you could also let me have a few words about why you want that particular hymn that would be helpful too. Contact details Jean Kerr :- jeak4000@gmail.com or 07905 758799 or 01892 524326

All requests by February 3<sup>rd</sup> please.

### **Safeguarding**

Please would everyone in any role at church kindly undertake online safeguarding training at the level of Basic Awareness (C0), which is available at: [www.rochester.anglican.org/resources/safeguarding/](http://www.rochester.anglican.org/resources/safeguarding/) On completion, please send certificates to: [office@stpaulsrusthall.org.uk](mailto:office@stpaulsrusthall.org.uk)

Many roles require the next level of training (C1). For guidance please see the Rochester website above, or speak to May Graves – 07792 511296.

Thank you.

### **Fairtrade Stall**

Next week Barbara will be in the Lodge after the 10 am service to welcome you at the Fairtrade Stall. Please do come over to browse and buy.

## **Parish Magazine - St Paul's News**

Our Parish Magazine relies on advertising revenue to cover printing cost, but we need a co-ordinator to send invoices to our advertisers. This should be a straightforward job as most invoices are sent annually. If you feel that this is a role you could fulfil please contact Ginette, May or Clive. Thank you.

## **World Day of Prayer Service, Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March at 2 pm at the Church Centre**

This year it has been prepared by the World Day of Prayer Committee in Zimbabwe. We hope that our close links between St Paul's and St Peter's Mabelreign will encourage people from our Parish to attend. It is not just confined to women! Everyone is welcome. If anyone would like to take part in the service could they get in touch with me on 01892 512553. We will be having a rehearsal before the day. Many thanks, Anne Vernon.

## **Altar Flowers**

If you would like to sponsor the flowers at the Parish Church during 2020, there are still plenty of spaces left. Please see the list in the library.

## **Many Happy Returns**

On Thursday this week Clive celebrated a very special birthday. We send our love and best wishes to him as he embarks on a new decade.



### **CONTACTS**

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**Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 10 am-1 pm**  
**(closed Tuesdays)**

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