

Sunday 23rd February 2020
The Sunday Next Before Lent



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

Holy God,
you know the disorder of our sinful lives:
set straight our crooked hearts,
and bend our wills to love your goodness
and your glory
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) – The Vicar
The service begins on page 237. The readings begin on page 82
The Affirmation of Faith is on page 240.

10.00 am Matins (BCP)
Minister & Preacher: Tim Cripps

10.00 am Family Service with Holy Communion at the Church Centre
President: The Vicar, Link: Hilary Shanahan

Hymns: WT 107 Give thanks
WT 288 Majesty
WT 195 I will offer up my life
WT 280 Shine Jesus shine
Readings: 2 Peter 1:16-21 (NIV page 1222)
Matthew 17:1-9 (NIV page 984)

6.30 pm Parish Eucharist (BCP)
President: The Vicar, Preacher: Rev. Michael Dent



Altar Flowers at the Parish Church

The altar flowers are given today
By Tony & Barbara Bourne
In loving memory of their parents
Amy & Neville Turner and
May & Gordon Bourne

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

MONDAY 24th *St Matthias, Apostle and Martyr*

9.00 am Morning Prayer at the Parish Church - The Vicar

TUESDAY 25th

Parish Office closed

WEDNESDAY 26th **ASH WEDNESDAY**

9.00 am Morning Prayer at the Church Centre – The Vicar

2.00 pm Funeral of Joyce Cole at the Parish Church - The Vicar

8.00 pm Sung Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes

– The Vicar, Tim Cripps & Daphne Pilcher

THURSDAY 27th *George Herbert, Priest, Poet, 1633*

11.45 am Holy Communion at the Church Centre - The Vicar

11.30 for 12.30 Lunch Club at the Church Centre

FRIDAY 28th

6.30 pm Junior Choir Practice

7.30 pm Senior Choir Practice

SATURDAY 29th

10.00 am Fairtrade Café at the URC

NEXT SUNDAY 1st March

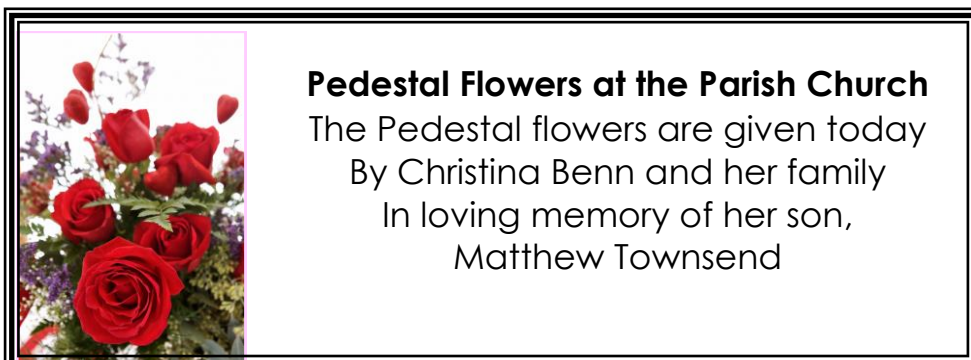
The First Sunday of Lent

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



Pedestal Flowers at the Parish Church

The Pedestal flowers are given today

By Christina Benn and her family

In loving memory of her son,

Matthew Townsend

NEWS and NOTES

Christmas Charities Appeal 2019

Thank you for all the help distributing the appeal letters. We have had a good response. All four charities have gratefully acknowledges receipt of over £1.300 each, with a little more to be distributed. Than you once again.

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 3rd March.

Family Service Songs for Lent – 8th March

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

All requests by February 3rd 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/ On completion, please send certificates to: 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 to those who have already completed courses.

Parish Magazine - St Paul's News

Our Parish Magazine relies on advertising revenue to cover printing costs, 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 6th 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.

Rusthall St Paul's CE Primary

We are looking for a Relief Midday Supervisor to work on an ad hoc basis as and when required. The hours would be 12 noon to 1.15 pm. More details from the school.

Rusthall St Pauls CE Primary
High Street
Rusthall
Tunbridge Wells
TN4 8RZ Tel: 01892 520582

Advice from the Diocese - Coronavirus

The Church of England and the Diocese have sent out a letter this week with guidance on reducing the risks of spreading Coronavirus and other pathogens.

We have been asked to avoid intincting: "Intinction (dipping), often thought to be a practice at the time of communion which reduces the risk of contagion, may actually increase such risk. Our hands are far more likely to be a source of contagious pathogens than lips.

Consider receiving Holy Communion in one kind: It is Anglican teaching that to receive the sacrament in one kind only is to receive the sacrament in its entirety. Should a communicant not wish to drink from the chalice then he or she ought to receive the consecrated bread alone."

As with all infection control, good hand hygiene is paramount.

Fair Trade Cafe – February 2020

A warm welcome awaits at the Fairtrade Cafe on Saturday 29th February opening from 10 am – 11.30 am and held in the URC Hall, Manor Road, Rusthall. Come and join your friends for coffee, tea and homemade cakes. There will also be a Traidcraft stall and a Fairtrade Raffle. For more details please contact Rosemary Romano on 01892 539005.

CONTACTS

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Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 10 am-1 pm
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