

Sunday 1st March 2020
The First Sunday of 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

Heavenly Father,
your Son battled with the powers of darkness,
and grew closer to you in the desert:
help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer
that we may witness to your saving love
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) – Rev. Michael Dent
The service begins on page 237. The readings begin on page 86
The Affirmation of Faith is on page 240.

10.00 am Parish Eucharist (CW)
President & Preacher: Rev. Michael Dent

10.00 am Family Service at the Church Centre
Lead: Tim Cripps, Link: Susan Powley

Hymns: WT 365 Seek ye first the kingdom of God
WT 458 What a friend we have in Jesus
MP 400 Lead us heavenly Father, lead us
WT 291 Meekness and majesty
Reading: Matthew 4. 1-11

6.30 pm Evensong (BCP)
Minister & Preacher: Tim Cripps

Hymn: NEH 65 Christian, dost thou see them
Psalm: 7 verses 1-8 (BCP page 351)
1st Reading: Deuteronomy 6.4-9, 16-end Tony Bourne
Magnificat: B
2nd Reading: Luke 15.1-10 Barbara Bourne
Nunc Dimittis: B
Anthem: Hear my prayer - Mendelssohn
Hymn: NEH 66 (tune 63) 'Forgive our sins as we forgive'
Hymn: NEH 445 Rock of ages, cleft for me
Amen: 11

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

MONDAY 2nd *Chad, Bishop of Lichfield, Missionary 672*

- 9.00 am Morning Prayer at the Parish Church – Tim Cripps
- 8.00 pm Worship Committee

TUESDAY 3rd *David, Bishop of Menevia, Patron of Wales, c. 60*

Parish Office closed

- 9.15 am Foundation Governors Meeting at St Paul's School
- 10.00 am Lent Group at the Church Centre
- 7.30 pm Lent Group at the Church Centre

WEDNESDAY 4th

- 9.00 am Morning Prayer at the Church Centre – Tim Cripps
- 9.30 am School visit to the Parish Church – Angela Culley
- 11.30 am Interment of ashes of Ruth Webster – Tim Cripps

THURSDAY 5th

- 11.45 am Holy Communion at the Church Centre – Rev. Michael Dent
- 11.30 for 12.30 Lunch Club at the Church Centre

FRIDAY 6th

- 2.00 pm World Day of Prayer at the Church Centre
- 6.30 pm Junior Choir Practice
- 7.30 pm Senior Choir Practice

SATURDAY 7th *Perpetua, Felicity & their Companions, Martyrs at Carthage 203*

NEXT SUNDAY 8th March

The Second Sunday of Lent

- 8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) - The Rev. Michael Dent**
- 10.00 am Parish Eucharist with Baptism (CW) The Vicar**
- 10.00 am Family Service at the Church Centre**
- 4.00 pm Taizé Service at the Church Centre – The Vicar**
- 6.30 pm Choral Evensong (BCP)**
– Minister: Tim Cripps, Preacher: Daphne Pilcher

NEWS and NOTES

The Vicar

As you will see from the diary, Ronnie will not be taking services this week, as he is still unwell. Our thanks to Michael Dent and the home team for covering in his absence. Our thoughts and prayers are with Ronnie and we wish him a speedy recovery.

RIP

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of Gwen Noble, who died last week. Her funeral will be held here at St Paul's on Wednesday 11th March at 12 noon.

Julian Group

The next Julian Group will be held at 35, Westwood Road on Wednesday 4th March at 10.30 am. Vreni Gould will be leading a time of reflection and music followed by twenty minutes of silence. If you are able to do come and join in. There is an opportunity to share during the time of refreshments. For more information ring Pat on 529187.

Parish Fellowship

We will be holding a Coffee Morning on Saturday 7th March at the URC hall on Manor Road. Beginning at 10 am, entrance £1, there will be cakes, bric a brac, plus tombola and raffle. All proceeds will be in aid of Brains Matter and Street Child Sierra Leone. Please do come along, have a coffee, and support us and help raise funds for these good causes.

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.

St Paul's Festival June 2020

Our next planning meeting will be held in the Lodge on Saturday 14th March at 10 am. If you are already involved we look forward to seeing you. If not but you are able to be a part of this exciting weekend, do come along. The more help the merrier!

Lent Course for 2020

This year Ronnie is using a Bible Study book by Bruce Wilkinson called "The Prayer of Jabez". Copies of the book are 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.

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.

CONTACTS

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