

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

MONDAY 16th

- 9.00 am Morning Prayer at the Parish Church – Tim Cripps
- 8.45 am School Collective Worship – The Vicar

TUESDAY 17th *Patrick, Bishop, Missionary, Patron Saint of Ireland*

Parish Office closed

- 10.00 am Lent Group at the Church Centre
- 7.30 pm Lent Group at the Church Centre

WEDNESDAY 18th *Cyril, Bishop of Jerusalem, Teacher of the Faith*

- 9.00 am Morning Prayer at the Church Centre – The Vicar

THURSDAY 19th ***Joseph of Nazareth***

- 11.45 am Holy Communion at the Church Centre – The Vicar
- 11.30 for 12.30 Lunch Club at the Church Centre

FRIDAY 20th *Cuthbert, Bishop of Lindisfarne, Missionary 687*

- 6.30 pm Junior Choir Practice
- 7.30 pm Senior Choir Practice

SATURDAY 21st *Thomas Crammer, Archbishop of Canterbury, Reformation Martyr, 1556*

- 9.00 am Rehearsal for Parade Service – Parish Church
- 2.00 pm Wedding couples Time to Think at the Parish Church - The Vicar

NEXT SUNDAY 22nd March

The Fourth Sunday of Lent – Mothering Sunday

THE ANNUNCIATION OF OUR LORD TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

- 8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) – The Vicar
- 10.00 am Joint Parade Service for Mothering Sunday
The Vicar, Tim Cripps & Daphne Pilcher, Speaker: Mary Saunders
- 6.30 pm Parish Eucharist (CW) - The Vicar

NEWS and NOTES

Fairtrade

Barbara will be manning the Fairtrade stall today in The Lodge after the 10 am service. This is an opportunity for you to stock up on Easter chocolate either for yourself or for gifts, also you will be able to place orders for the 'original Real Easter Eggs'. Do come over and enjoy refreshments and fellowship and browse the Fairtrade goodies.

Collections Next Week

All money collected at services on Mothering Sunday will be in aid of our Parish supported charities.

Advice from the Diocese - Coronavirus

The Church of England and the Diocese have updated their advice in accordance with government and WHO guidelines.

The use of the chalice for wine has now been suspended.

Communion to be taken in one kind, ie: the host (bread) only.

Shaking of hands should be replaced by other gestures such as a wave, nod or elbow touches.

Laying on of hands for blessings is also suspended.

Regular handwashing, as per advice, with soap for 20 seconds, regularly.

Avoid touching your face, nose or eyes.

Use of alcohol based sanitizer is recommended.

Use disposable tissues to catch sneezes. Bin them afterwards.

If you are unwell stay at home.

PRAYER FROM THE DIOCESE OF ROCHESTER

Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy.

Sustain and support the anxious, be with those who care for the sick, and lift up all who are brought low: that we may find comfort knowing that nothing can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Amen

Rusthall Lodge Closed to Visitors

Due to the corona virus, the home has been closed for the time being to minimize the risk to residents. Please remember both staff and residents in your prayers.

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.

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.

Message from the Pinks

Tricia and David have sent a lovely card thanking us for all the years of fellowship and friendship and also for their cards and gifts. They are gradually settling in but still have boxes to unpack. They look forward to seeing anyone who is visiting the area, their number is 01243 585302.

Easter Eggs

If anyone would like me to order any of the 'original Real Easter Eggs', please could you let me know by next Sunday (March 15th) – Liz Goddard 535042 or liz.goddard2017@hotmail.com.

CONTACTS

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

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