
Sunday 13th December 2020
THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



At this time of great difficulty we hold you all in our prayers and ask God to be with each one of us and all those who are unwell, worried or lonely.

Collect for the Week

God for whom we watch and wait,
you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son:
give us courage to speak the truth,
to hunger for justice,
and to suffer for the cause of right,
with Jesus Christ our Lord.

10.00 am Short Said Communion

President: The Vicar, Minister & Preacher : Tim Cripps
Please see separate booklet

10.00 am Family Service at the Church Centre

Lead: Viv Littlechild, Link: Susan Powley

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY 14th December *John of the Cross, Poet, Teacher of the Faith, 1591*

TUESDAY 15th

Parish Office closed

WEDNESDAY 16th *Eglantyne Jebb, Social Reformer, Founder of 'Save the Children, 1928*

10.30 – 12 noon Church at the Church Centre open for private prayer

THURSDAY 17th

10.30 – 12 noon Church at the Church Centre open for private prayer

FRIDAY 18th

10.30 – 12 noon Church at the Church Centre open for private prayer
7.15 pm Full Choir Practice at the Parish Church

SATURDAY 19th

NEXT SUNDAY 20th December

THE FOURTH SUNDAY ADVENT SUNDAY

- 10.00 am Service of the Word at the Parish Church – Tim Cripps
(this service will be live streamed and posted on YouTube later)
- 10.00 am Family Service at the Church Centre – The Vicar

From the Vicarage

Season's greetings to you all. It is lovely that we are together on this 3rd Sunday of Advent. Our service of Nine Lessons and carols will be online this year on the 20th December, I hope you will be able to join us for that and for our 10 am Christmas Day joint service at the Parish Church which will be followed by a short Holy Communion Service. May we continue to grow in grace as we wait for the Lord's coming.

Every blessing.

Ronnie

Christmas Day

We will be having a 10 am Joint Service at the Parish Church this year followed by Holy Communion. Please could you add your name to the sign-up sheet if you will be attending, there is one in both churches. If you are not able to sign up but would like to come on Christmas Day, please call the office. Thank you.

Christmas Message

Janet Cook was in touch with Tim and Pat. She is very well and would like to extend Christmas and New Year greetings to all in the Parish Family who remember her. Janet's daughter Alison's condition continues to deteriorate but she is positive and receives lots of help not least from her sister.

Pop Up Preserves

Many thanks to all those who contributed to this stall for the USPG with donations of money or produce or both - we have made around £350. There are a only few jars of apple chutney left if anyone would still like to make a purchase. They would make lovely Christmas gifts.

Contact Jane Goldsworthy for more details on 07846 266085 or jane_goldsworthy@yahoo.co.uk

RIP

We were very sad to learn that Bill Waghorn died unexpectedly earlier this week. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends at this very sad time.

Community Larder

Rusthall village has come together to start a Community Larder in the New Year. Beginning on Friday 8th January, we will be based at the Church Centre. Volunteers will be required, the more the merrier. Set up will begin at 11.15 am, if you would like to be involved please let me know, or go to the RVA website. My email is p.cripps@talk21.com and telephone number is 543355 - Pat Cripps

Christmas Charity Appeal 2020

It has been decided, whilst we still suffer under the Pandemic, that there will be no door to door deliveries of appeal letters this year. However, the PCC felt it would be good to help a couple of local charities and the ones that have been chosen are Tunbridge Wells Nourish Community Foodbank and Tunbridge Wells Citizen Advice Bureau, both of whom are very important in the present circumstances.

We are hoping to set up a 'Just Giving' site but are not there yet so keep a lookout in the weekly leaflet and on our website.

If you wish to contribute to the appeal, then place your donation in an envelope with cash or a cheque payable to 'St Pauls Church Rusthall' and posted to Parish Office, Church Centre, Rusthall, TN4 8RE (not cash please) or posted through the Church Centre post box. Please clearly mark the envelope with 'Christmas Appeal'. Unless otherwise stated the donations will be divided equally between the two charities mentioned above.

Our annual appeal has always been very successful in raising money for local charities and it would be good if this year we can continue the good work.





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