

Sunday 14th February 2021
THE SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT



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

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.

Please note that due to the current high rates of COVID-19 both Churches are closed for public worship. This will be reviewed at the end of February.

**This week the Churches will open for private prayer:-
on Sunday between 10 am and 11 am at the Parish Church
& Monday/Wednesday/Thursday/Friday at the Church Centre between
10 am & 12 noon.**

10.00 am Service of the Word – posted on YouTube

Ministers: The Vicar & Tim Cripps, Preacher: The Vicar

Reading: 2 Corinthians 4.3-6, read by Daniele di Palma

Intercessions: led by Mione Palmer

10.00 am Parish Church open for private prayer until 11 am

10.00 am Family Service via Zoom

Lead: Wendy Anderson. Link: Graeme Anderson

Reading: Mark 9. 2-9

Hymns : Before the throne of God above
Longing for light

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY 15th February *Sigfrid, Bishop, Apostle of Sweden, 1045*

10 am -12 noon Church Centre open for private prayer

TUESDAY 16th *Shrove Tuesday*

Parish Office closed

WEDNESDAY 17th ASH WEDNESDAY

10 am -12 noon Church Centre open for private prayer

8.00 pm Service of the Word on YouTube

THURSDAY 18th

10 am -12 noon Church Centre open for private prayer

FRIDAY 19th

10 am -12 noon Church Centre open for private prayer

12.30 – 2.15 pm Community Larder at the Church Centre

SATURDAY 20th

NEXT SUNDAY 21st February

The First Sunday of Lent

10.00 am Service of the Word (posted on You Tube)

Ministers: The Vicar & Tim Cripps, Preacher: Tim Cripps

Reading: 1 Peter 3.18-end, read by Lizzie Hughes

Intercessions: Led by Tony Bourne

10.00 am Parish Church open for private prayer until 11 am

10.00 am Family Service meet via Zoom

From The Vicarage

Greetings to you all and thank you for all that you continue to do to support one another. This Sunday is Racial Justice Sunday but it is also Valentine's Day. As well as thinking of our loved ones, we could celebrate friendship and acknowledge the myriad of ways we are supported by our friendship networks. Indeed, having good friends can improve our happiness and I pray that we will continue to stay connected with our friends especially at such challenging times.

Ronnie

Lent Course

This year our Lent Course will be held via Zoom, beginning on Tuesday 23rd February between 7 pm and 8.30 pm. There will be five sessions using the book "Living in love and faith", we have ordered some copies or you can order your own online. Please contact the Parish Office for more details.

APCM

A date for your diary, the annual meeting will be held on Monday 19th April at 8 pm. It is likely that it will take place on Zoom, there will be more details nearer the time.

The Christmas Appeal

The money collected has been distributed to Nourish and Tunbridge Wells Citizen Advice Bureau and we have received the following thanks from them:-

We're so grateful that Citizens Advice Tunbridge Wells & District is to be the beneficiary of the Fund and for St Paul's continuing support for our work, particularly in this hugely challenging year when the need for free, informed advice has soared. Thank you so much.

Alison Kemp, Grants Manager

Citizens Advice Tunbridge Wells & District

The generosity of so many people towards those who have fallen on hard times is heartening amidst so many other emotions that assault us on a daily basis. Thank you so much. We had an extremely busy 2020 and 2021 looks to be possibly busier; we are providing food for over 250 families and individuals each week. We could not do this work without wonderful congregations such as yours. Again our sincere thanks.

Peter Wooster

Treasurer, Nourish

Electoral Role

We are soon to begin the revision of the Electoral Roll in preparation for the APCM. This is NOT a full revision but an update of the current one. You only need to get in touch if you have

- changed any of your details (address/email etc)
- changed your name (marriage)
- wish to join the Electoral Roll
- wish to be removed from the Electoral Roll

You can contact me in the office via phone, email or post. The revision needs to be completed by Sunday 28th March. If you want to check you are on the current roll then do get in touch.

Thank you - Ginette

Zoom Family Service

Thanks to all those who have enabled us to share our Family Service via Zoom and to those who have joined us. It has been lovely to see some faces which have been missed in our congregation since last March. If you would like to join us, please email **jeak.4000@gmail.com** and you will be sent the log in details.

Community Larder

The Rusthall village Community Larder is up and running very successfully. Please continue to spread the word about this great village project, you can follow the Larder on Facebook and also get any updates. It is open to all in the community and no referral is needed. You can also donate food to the Larder, just drop off at the Church Centre during office hours or before the Larder opens on a Friday morning.



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