

Sunday 21st February 2021
THE FIRST SUNDAY OF 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

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.

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: 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 via Zoom

Lead: Daphne Pollard, Link: Viv Littlechild

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY 22nd February

10 am -12 noon Church Centre open for private prayer
3.00 pm Funeral of Peter Histed at the Parish Church

TUESDAY 23rd *Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna, Martyr, c. 155*

Parish Office closed
1.30 pm Interment of Ashes of Gilbert Baker at the New Churchyard
7.00 pm Lent Course vis Zoom

WEDNESDAY 24th

10 am -12 noon Church Centre open for private prayer

THURSDAY 25th

10 am -12 noon Church Centre open for private prayer

FRIDAY 26th

10 am -12 noon Church Centre open for private prayer
12.30 – 2.15 pm Community Larder at the Church Centre

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

NEXT SUNDAY 28th February

The Second Sunday of Lent

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

Ministers: The Vicar & Tim Cripps, Preacher: Daphne Pilcher
Reading: Mark 8.31-end, read by Suzie Toombs
Intercessions: Led by Grace Kumara Swami Lela Bai

10.00 am Parish Church open for private prayer until 11 am

10.00 am Family Service meet via Zoom

From The Vicarage

Warm greetings to you all. I thank God for your resilience during this period of lockdown and for the many ways that you have been encouraging and supporting one another. I hope that you would use this period of Lent to draw strength and encouragement from the God and Father of our Lord, Jesus Christ, who constantly comforts us in order that we may effectively comfort others also, to his praise and glory.

Ronnie

St Paul's News

As you probably know our fantastic Parish Magazine has continued to be produced all throughout the lockdowns. We are so grateful to Deborah and the Team for all their hard work and helping to lift our spirits. For those who can, you can view it online via the website, but if this is not possible do, let us know and we can arrange to send you a copy (call Ginette in the office). Also if you have any news or stories you would like to share, please get in touch.

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.

Electoral Role

The revision of the Electoral Roll will begin on Monday 1st March. 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
- Have turned 16 and would like to join

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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