

Sunday 7th March 2021
THE THIRD 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

Eternal God,
give us insight
to discern your will for us,
to give up what harms us,
and to seek the perfection we are promised
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

During this continued period of lockdown both Churches will remain closed for public worship. This will be reviewed at the end of March, with the aim of re-opening for Easter Sunday.

**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: Mark 8.31-end, read by Jenny Beaumont

Intercessions: led by Vreni Gould

10.00 am Parish Church open for private prayer until 11 am

10.00 am Family Service via Zoom

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY 8th March *Edward King, Bishop of Lincoln, 1910*

10 am -12 noon Church Centre open for private prayer

8.00 pm Standing Committee via Zoom

TUESDAY 9th

Parish Office closed

7.00 pm Lent Course via Zoom

WEDNESDAY 10th

10 am -12 noon Church Centre open for private prayer

THURSDAY 11th

10 am -12 noon Church Centre open for private prayer

12.30 pm Organ tuning at the Parish Church

FRIDAY 12th *Gregory the Great, Bishop of Rome and Confessor*

10 am -12 noon Church Centre open for private prayer

12.30 – 2.15 pm Community Larder at the Church Centre

SATURDAY 13th

NEXT SUNDAY 14th March

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MOTHERING SUNDAY

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

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

Reading: Colossians 3.12-17, read by Bill Barter

Intercessions: Led by Shirley Barter

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. Even though the weather has turned a bit cold recently I trust that you are all keeping motivated and getting on, maybe not particularly “driven” by the science but definitely by the Holy Spirit who resides within each one of us. It will not be long before we have the opportunity to meet in Church and worship there together. You will need to let the office know though that you would like to be at that first service back since January. I thank God for watching over each one of us.

Ronnie

6th May Elections

This year the Parish Hall will be the Polling Station for Rusthall. It is great that we can offer this facility to the community.

Church Opening – Covid Update

The Vicar and PCC have made the decision that our Churches will remain closed during March. Permission has been given for this to happen. The aim is that we will open for Easter Sunday when the rates are hopefully considerably lower and more people are vaccinated. There will be more details nearer the time. Both Churches will continue to open for private prayer at the usual times.

Lent Course

Our Lent Course is being held via Zoom, on Tuesday evenings between 7 pm and 8.30 pm. There are three more sessions using the book “Living in love and faith”, there are copies available at the Parish Office, 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 is underway. 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



Struggling with Debt or Money Issues?

Free, confidential expert advice and support is available over the phone now.

Crosslight is a specialist debt and money advice charity that has been working in the local community for many years.

We are open, and our experienced debt advisers and money coaches are ready to provide you with support and advice over the phone, especially if you've been affected by the current Covid 19 crisis.

Although many creditors aren't chasing debts at the moment, you should contact us now to make sure you won't face difficulty in the future. We can give advice on all debts including ;

- Rent arrears
- Council Tax arrears
- Bailiff debt
- Utility debts and other bills
- Court recovery action
- Loans, Credit Cards etc
- Benefit overpayments and other benefit problems
- Budgeting and general money worries

If necessary, and with your permission we can negotiate a debt repayment plan with your creditors.

Contact us now: [crosslightadvice.org](https://www.crosslightadvice.org)

020 7052 0318 (Mon-Fri 9.30-4.30)

<https://www.crosslightadvice.org/help>

During the Covid 19 crisis we are giving support by telephone or internet based meetings. We do however have branches locally in Tunbridge Wells, Tonbridge and Sevenoaks and hope to reintroduce face to face meetings in the near future. You can make an appointment using the above London number where our appointments team will put you in touch with an adviser from a branch local to you.

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