

Sunday 7th February 2021
THE SECOND SUNDAY 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

Almighty God,
give us reverence for all creation
and respect for every person,
that we may mirror your likeness
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: Daphne Pilcher

Reading: Deuteronomy 8.1-10, read by May Graves

Intercessions: led by John Bazley

10.00 am Parish Church open for private prayer until 11 am

10.00 am Family Service via Zoom

Lead: Jenny Cooper, Link: Susan Powley

Reading: Mark 1.29-39

Hymns: Christ's is the world in which we move
In Christ alone

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY 8th February

10 am -12 noon Church Centre open for private prayer

TUESDAY 9th

Parish Office closed

WEDNESDAY 10th *Scholastica, sister of Benedict, Abbess of Plombariola, c. 543*

10 am -12 noon Church Centre open for private prayer

THURSDAY 11th

10 am -12 noon Church Centre open for private prayer

FRIDAY 12th

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 February

The Third Sunday Next Before Lent

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

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 meet via Zoom

From The Vicarage

Warm greetings to you all and thank you for all that you do. I hope you've been able to join in the Archbishops' prayer initiative. Some of you may have even combined that with clapping for Captain Tom, a person who inspired and gave hope to so many, especially in the latter part of his earthly life.

Captain Tom reminded us that we can all do something to bring/give hope to those around us.

We will soon be in Lent, a time most of us usually set aside for 'spirituality discipline' and 'give up' something.

You may have already given up many things, including chocolate as a result of the lockdown. I encourage you to take up something else this Lent by joining us on our first online Lent Course via Zoom. The material we will be using is entitled *Living in Love and Faith* and deals with identity, sexuality, relationships and marriage. It should enlighten and equip us in our faith journeys as, together, we strive to better understand our human and Christian identity within the gaze of God's amazing love the context.

It would be great if you could join us on five Tuesdays during Lent, starting from the 23rd of February for this study. Please contact me or Ginette in the Parish office for more details.

Ronnie

Special Birthday

This week Jenny Baker, celebrates her 80th birthday. Our love and best wishes to Jenny for her special day and we hope that she can celebrate at home with Hugh.

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.

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.

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.



Rusthall's

Community

Larder

Every Friday

12:30 - 2:15pm

St Paul's Church Centre



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