

Sunday 14th January 2024
Second Sunday of Epiphany



Collect for the Week

Eternal Lord,
our beginning and our end:
bring us with the whole creation
to your glory, hidden through past ages
and made known
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

8:00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

President & Preacher: Rev. Jane Edwards

10.00 am Eucharist (CW)

President & Preacher: Rev. Nicholas Burton

10.00 am Family Service at the Church Centre + Zoom

Lead: Daphne Pollard, Link: Jean Kerr

Hymns: Lord of all hopefulness
The Lord's my Shepherd
Be still for the presence of the Lord
I the Lord of sea and sky

Reading: 1 Samuel 3.1-10 (NIV page 273)

6.30 pm Evensong (BCP)

Minister & Preacher: Rev. Nicholas Burton

Hymn: NEH 390 Jesus, where'er thy people meet
Psalm: 73 verses 1-12 (BCP page 436)
1st Reading: Isaiah 60.9-end (NRSV p. 717) Paul Barter
Magnificat: A
2nd Reading: Hebrews 6.17-7.10 (NRSV p. 236) Roland Millar
Nunc dimittis: A
Anthem: Save us, O Lord - Bairstow
Hymn: NEH 366 God of mercy, God of grace
Amen: 14

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY 15th January

10.00 am Church at the Church Centre open for private prayer

TUESDAY 16th

Parish Office closed

WEDNESDAY 17th *Antony of Egypt, Hermit, Abbot, 356, Charles Gore, Bishop, founder of the Community of the Resurrection, 1932*

10.00 am Church at the Church Centre open for private prayer

9.00 am Play Time at St Paul's at the Church Centre

THURSDAY 18th *Amy Carmichael, Founder of the Dohavnur Fellowship, Spiritual Writer, 195, Prisca, Martyr at Rome, c. 265*

10.00 am Church at the Church Centre open for private prayer

11.30 am Communion to Mount Ephraim House – May Graves

12.30 pm Lunch club at the Church Centre

FRIDAY 19th *Wulfstan, Bishop of Worcester, 1095*

10.00 am Church at the Church Centre open for private prayer

12.30 pm Community Larder at the Church Centre

6.30 pm Junior Choir practice

7.30 pm Full Choir practice

SATURDAY 20th *Richard Rolle of Hampole, Spiritual Writer, 1349, Fabian, Bishop of Rome, and Martyr, 250*

NEXT SUNDAY 21st January

The Third Sunday of Epiphany

8:00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

President and Preacher: Rev. Simon Whiteside

10.00 am Parish Eucharist (CW)

President and Preacher: Rev. Anthony Hammill

10.00 am Family Service at the Church Centre + Zoom

Lead: Daphne Pilcher, Link: Viv Littlechild

6.30 pm Evensong (BCP)

Minister & Preacher: Rev. Anthony Hammill

NEWS AND NOTES

The Vicar

Ronnie is now on annual leave. Please contact the Parish Office with any queries, thank you.

We are pleased to welcome Rev. Jane Edwards who is taking our 8 am service today, we are most grateful to her and also to Nicholas who is taking our 10 am and 6.30 pm services at the Parish Church.

Advance Notice

The Tunbridge Wells Half Marathon is taking place on Sunday 18th February Beginning at 9 am and ending at 12 noon. There will be road/junction closures which will affect travel to and from Church between 9.45 am and 11.30 am. Please check signs nearer the time.

Play Time at St Paul's

This new group had a fantastic start on Wednesday and welcomed 25 children and their 19 grown-ups. Thank you to Liz, Jane and Annie for all their work to bring this about. Please continue to spread the word. If you would like to help we would love to hear from you.

For details please contact -

Liz on 07840 837968 or Annie on 07730 771818.

Holocaust Memorial Service

Please note that this service scheduled for 27th January 2024 has now been cancelled.

Mount Ephraim House

The team are looking for someone to lead a music/singing activity on a regular basis, if this might something you could do please speak to Angela Culley.

Recycling Christmas Cards

Once again, I am collecting used Christmas cards. The church of St Thomas Becket in Hamburg makes them into new ones and sells them mostly to the ex-pats in Hamburg, where Christmas Cards are not so often found in shops. They have raised hundreds of euros over the years and they're all beautifully made. Sometimes, you don't notice they have been recycled!

I can collect them from either of our churches up to the end of January. I then hand them over to a contact who has a house in Sussex!

BUT PLEASE, first cut off the front cover of each card - ie you keep the personal part! - and no glitter ! Thank you in advance. Tony Rutherford.

Youth Council

The Youth Council have already held their first meeting of 2024 where the discussion point 'What could, or should, Rusthall offer young people' was the focus. We were delighted to welcome Councillor Jayne Sharratt and Lisa Coughlin (Rusthall Bonfire and Fete Committee) to this meeting.

Future meetings:

Thursday February 1st - 'Managing your money wisely'

Thursday March 7th - Cooking on a Budget - Fajitas for supper!

We also remain focused on the challenge of obtaining a crossing on the A264 and preparing for our Bees!

All meetings are held in The Lodge on the first Thursday of the month between 6 and 7.30 pm. All years 7-13 (ages 11 to 18) are very welcome

Please see Angela Culley or Jean Kerr if you would like any further details

Family Service donations in lieu of Christmas Cards.

Once again Family Service chose not to send each other individual Christmas cards but to put one up on the board and collect the money saved. We have had donations totalling £63 and have decided to send the money to a school in Malawi which we have supported before.

I received the following reply: "I write to express appreciation for the funds raised by the church. Following the engagement of the headmaster, teachers, PTA, and School management committee, it has been resolved that the funds should be used for school uniforms for the neediest pupils who were left out last time. Funds permitting, in future Nampeya school intends to rehabilitate and re-roof the teachers houses whose roofs were blown off during the last cyclone."

Many thanks everyone. Liz Goddard.

January 100 Club Winners

The numbers drawn this month are **25** 1st prize, **62** 2nd prize and **78** 3rd prize. Congratulations!

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