

Sunday 4th February 2024
Second Sunday before Lent, Sexagesima
Candlemas



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.

8:00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

President & Preacher: The Vicar

10.00 am Eucharist on the Presentation of Christ in the Temple (CW)

President: The Vicar, Minister & Preacher: Rev. Nicholas Burton

Please see separate booklet

10.00 am Family Service at the Church Centre + Zoom

Lead: Wendy Anderson Link: Chris Bassett

Hymns: Confidence
We are walking in the Light of God
Come now is the time to worship
Take my Life at let it be

Reading: Mark 1.29-39

6.30 pm Evensong (BCP) The service begins on page 16

Minister & Preacher: The Vicar

Hymn: NEH 157 Hail to the Lord who comes
Psalm: 22 verses 23 -32 (BCP page 371)
1st Reading: Genesis 2.4b-end (NRSV page 2) Emma Hope
Magnificat: C
2nd Reading: Luke 8. 22-35(NRSV page 72) Deborah Bruce
Nunc Dimittis: C
Anthem: O thou the central orb - Wood
Hymn: NEH 247 O Gladsome light, O grace
Amen: 16

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY 5th February *Agatha, martyr in Sicily, c. 251*

10.00 am Church at the Church Centre open for private prayer

TUESDAY 6th *The Martyrs of Japan, 1597*

Parish Office closed

WEDNESDAY 7th

10.00 am Church at the Church Centre open for private prayer

10.30am Julian Meeting - 30 Chancellor House

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

THURSDAY 8th

10.00 am Church at the Church Centre open for private prayer

12.30 pm Lunch club at the Church Centre

FRIDAY 9th

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

NEXT SUNDAY 11th February

The Sunday Next before Lent, Quinquagesima

8:00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

President and Preacher: The Vicar

10.00 am Eucharist (CW)

President & Preacher: The Vicar

10.00 am Family Service at the Church Centre + Zoom

Lead: Liz Goddard, Link: Rosemary Romano

6.30 pm Choral Evensong (BCP)

Minister: The Vicar



Altar Flowers at the Parish Church

The altar flowers are given today by Vreni, David, Tim & Jeremy Gould in loving memory of Vroni Gysel, a special Mother & Grandmother

NEWS AND NOTES

From The Vicarage

Greetings to you all and a very warm welcome to our services today, when we celebrate Candlemas – The Presentation of Jesus Christ in the Temple. As we worship together today, I pray that Almighty God will fill us afresh with the Holy Spirit and flood every aspect of our lives with his glorious light.

R.I.P.

We are sorry to announce the death of Iain Hamilton, peacefully in his sleep on Thursday morning, following his recent illness. Details of his funeral will be published as soon as they are available.

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.

Please do come and join us in the Lodge from 9 am if you are planning to come to Church early, we will be serving coffee and croissants.



Confirmation 2024

This year confirmations in our area will be held at St Mark's Church on Sunday 12th May at 10 am. There are sign-up sheets in both churches. Please see Ronnie if you have any questions.

Pilgrimage to Canterbury Cathedral

St. Paul's Rusthall is arranging a one day pilgrimage to Canterbury Cathedral during Lent. The Pilgrimage, organised and led by Tim Harrold, will be on Saturday 2nd March. The walk is approximately 3.7 km long and is accessible by all, both the young and the not-so-young alike. The day will conclude with a meal of fellowship for the weary pilgrims followed by attending choral evensong in the cathedral. For more information, including details of the places of interest the pilgrims will be visiting and to register your interest in taking part, please contact Tim Harrold on 07413 805814 or by email at pilgrimage@stpaulsrusthall.org.uk.

Play Time at St Paul's

We welcomed many new faces on Wednesday; there is now an open Facebook page "Play Time at St Paul's" to keep people up to date with information. If you would like to help on a Wednesday please get in touch. For details please contact - Liz on 07840 837968 or Annie on 07730 771818.

Youth Council

Future meetings:

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

Lent Course

This year we will be using a USPG resource entitled "All Things Are Possible", copies of which are in both churches.

There will be two plenary sessions each week at the Church Centre:

on Tuesday mornings from 10 am to 11.30 am, from 20th February to 19th March,

and on Thursday evenings from 7 pm to 8.30 pm, from 22nd February to 21st March.

There are sign-up sheets in both churches but you can still attend even if you are not signed up.

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