

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2024**  
**Sunday Next before Lent**



**Collect for the Week**

Holy God,  
you know the disorder of our sinful lives:  
set straight our crooked hearts,  
and bend our wills to love your goodness  
and your glory  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**8:00 am Holy Communion (BCP)**  
President & 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

Hymns: Colours of Day  
Go Tell it on the Mountain  
Be Still  
Shine Jesus Shine

Reading: Mark 9.2-9 (NIV page 973)

**6.30 pm Choral Evensong (BCP)** The service begins on page 16  
Minister: The Vicar

Hymn: NEH 494 (tune 413) Christ is the world's true light  
Responses: Aylward  
Psalm: 59 verses 1-9 (BCP page 417)  
1st Reading: 1 Kings 19.1-16 (NRSV page 349) Roland Millar  
Magnificat: Stanford in B flat  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 2 Peter 1.16-end (NRSV page 254) Mione Palmer  
Nunc Dimittis: Stanford in B flat  
Anthem: Cantique de Jean Racine – Fauré  
Hymn: NEH 252 The day thou gavest, Lord is ended  
Amen: A Belfast Amen - Stopford

# THE WEEK AHEAD

## **MONDAY 12<sup>th</sup>**

10.00 am Church at the Church Centre open for private prayer

11.30 am Funeral at the Parish Church, Rodney Bradbury, followed by burial

## **TUESDAY 13<sup>th</sup>**

Parish Office closed

## **WEDNESDAY 14<sup>th</sup> ASH WEDNESDAY**

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

12.15 pm Funeral at the Crematorium, Margaret Coulstock

**8.00 pm Ash Wednesday service at the Parish Church**

## **THURSDAY 15<sup>th</sup>** *Sigfrid, Bishop, Apostle of Sweden, 1045*

*Thomas Bray, Priest, founder of SPCK & the SPG, 1730*

10.00 am Church at the Church Centre open for private prayer

11.00 am Worship Committee in the Lodge

12.30 pm Lunch club at the Church Centre

2.00 pm Funeral of Iain Hamilton at the Parish Church with the Choir followed by burial

## **FRIDAY 16<sup>th</sup>**

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 17<sup>th</sup>** *Janani Luwum, Archbishop of Uganda, Martyr 1977*

## **NEXT SUNDAY 18<sup>th</sup> February**

### **The First Sunday of Lent**

#### **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, Susan Powley, Link: Liz Mankelow

#### **6.30 pm Evensong (BCP)**

Minister & Preacher: The Vicar

# NEWS AND NOTES

## From The Vicarage

Greetings and a very warm welcome to our services today, the Sunday next before Lent. As we worship together today in the various services, I pray that we will be continually led by the Holy Spirit, even as we prepare for Lenten tide.

## Advance Notice

The Tunbridge Wells Half Marathon is taking place next Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> 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 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:pilgrimage@stpaulsrusthall.org.uk).



### Altar Flowers at the Parish Church

The altar flowers are given today  
by Barbara and Tony Bourne  
in loving memory of their parents  
Amy and Nevill Turner and  
May and Gordon Bourne

## **Iain Hamilton †**

Iain's funeral will be held in the Parish Church this Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February at 2 pm. We continue to hold his family and friends in our prayers at this very sad time.

## **100 Club**

The winning numbers for February are: 1<sup>st</sup> prize 78, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize, 57 and 3<sup>rd</sup> prize 75. Congratulations to the winners!

## **Youth Council**

*Future meetings:*

Thursday March 7<sup>th</sup> - 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 20<sup>th</sup> February to 19<sup>th</sup> March, and on Thursday evenings from 7 pm to 8.30 pm, from 22<sup>nd</sup> February to 21<sup>st</sup> 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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