

Sunday 10th March 2024

The Fourth Sunday of Lent

Mothering Sunday



Collect for the Week

Merciful Lord,
you know our struggle to serve you:
when sin spoils our lives and overshadows our hearts,
come to our aid and turn us back to you again;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

8:00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
Minister & Preacher: The Vicar

10.00 am Joint Family Parade Service
with the Blessing and Distribution of Posies
Ministers: The Vicar and Daphne Pilcher
Speaker: Girlguiding Rusthall

Please see separate booklet

6.30 pm Parish Eucharist (CW)
President & Preacher: The Vicar

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY 11th

10.00 am Church at the Church Centre open for private prayer

2.00 pm Funeral at Parish Church of Betty Irene Chatterton with the Choir
Followed by burial at the NCY

TUESDAY 12th *Gregory the Great, Bishop of Rome, 604*

Parish Office closed

10.00 am Lent Group at the Church Centre

WEDNESDAY 13th

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

10.00 am Church at the Church Centre open for private prayer

THURSDAY 14th

- 10.00 am Church at the Church Centre open for private prayer
- 12.30 pm Lunch club at the Church Centre
- 7.00 pm Lent Group at the Church Centre

FRIDAY 15th

- 10.00 am Church at the Church Centre open for private prayer
- 12.30 pm Community Larder at the Church Centre
- 6.30 pm No Junior Choir practice
- 7.30 pm Full Choir practice

SATURDAY 16th

- 2.00 pm Interment of Ashes of Michael Millins, New Churchyard

NEXT SUNDAY 17th March

The fifth Sunday of Lent (Passiontide begins)

8:00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

Minister and Preacher: The Vicar

10.00 am Parish Eucharist (CW)

President: Rev. Nicholas Burton

Preacher: The Vicar

10.00 am Family Service at the Church Centre

Lead: Wendy Anderson, Link: Karen Miller

6.30 pm Evensong (BCP)

Minister & Preacher: The Vicar

NEWS AND NOTES

From The Vicarage

Greetings to you all and a very warm welcome to our services today, the fourth Sunday of Lent. Special welcome to our joint 10:00 am service as we celebrate Mothering Sunday. It is good that we could all come together to give thanks for mothers and mother-figures in our families, communities, the nation and society at large. As we worship together and continue our journey through Lent towards Passiontide, I pray that we will grow in humility, boldness and courage to stay the course and remain faithful to Christ.

Ronnie

175th Anniversary

St Paul's Parish Church will be 175 years old in 2025. The PCC has proposed a year-long programme of celebrations, from January to December. A committee, chaired by Chris Dobson, has been set up to plan and coordinate this. If you have any ideas and/or suggestions as to how to enrich the celebrations, please contact Chris Dobson via email at dgrusthall@gmail.com, or phone 07757 680165, or speak to him in Church.

Mothering Sunday Posies

A very big thank you to members of the Flower Team for making the posies for our Mothering Sunday service today. Also thank you also to all who donated flowers/greenery and joined the Flower Team in making the posies. We appreciate your acts of love.

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.

100 Club

The monthly draw was made last Sunday and the winning numbers are – 19, 41 and 75. If you would like to join in the draw, please contact Chris Dobson.

Youth Council

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.

Getting Ready for the Bees

The Youth Council are organising a work party to prepare the proposed bee area on Saturday 6th April at 10.00 am in the Parish Churchyard. All help and interest would be gratefully received and volunteers will be rewarded with a BBQ! We are very grateful for the donation of paving slabs and fencing. Should anyone have a small shed they no longer want we would be delighted to accept it and arrange transport! Please see/contact Angela or Chris.



Lent Course

This year we are using a USPG resource entitled "All Things Are Possible", copies of which are available in both churches. There are 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. It is not too late join in if you would like to.

Easter Lilies

Traditionally at Easter we make it possible for you to place a lily in Church in memory of someone who has died. We purchase lilies and make the flower arrangements at the altar and windowsills. The names of those in whose memory the lilies are given are placed on the altar for our Easter Day Services. If you wish to give a lily/lilies please complete the form below and send to the Parish Office or Daphne Hodges, 25 Allan Close, Rusthall, TN4 8PL. The minimum donation is £6 per lily. You can pay cash, by cheque (made payable to "St Paul's Church Rusthall") or by Bacs – Lloyds 30-98-77 a/c 00680470 reference "lilies"

EASTER LILIES 2024



Name of Person/s to be remembered:

Name of Sponsor: _____

Address: _____

Telephone number: _____

Donation of £ cash..... cheque..... BACS...../ (please tick)

Signed: _____ Date: _____

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