

Sunday 17th March 2024

The Fifth Sunday of Lent

Passiontide Begins



Collect for the Week

Gracious Father,
you gave up your Son
out of love for the world:
lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion,
that we may know eternal peace
through the shedding of our Saviour's blood,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

8:00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

Minister & Preacher: The Vicar

10.00 am Parish Eucharist (CW)

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

10.00 am Family Service at the Church Centre + Zoom

Lead: Wendy Anderson, Link: Karen Miller

Hymns:

O Jesus I have promised
I the Lord of sea and sky
Father we love you, we worship and adore you
O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder

Reading:

Jeremiah 31.31-34 (NIV page 794)

6.30 pm Evensong (BCP)

The service begins on page 16

Minister & Preacher: The Vicar

Hymn:

NEH 92 There is a green hill far away

Psalm:

89 verses 1-10 (BCP page 459)

1st Reading:

Exodus 7.8-24 (NRSV page 57) Barbara Bourne

Magnificat:

A

2nd Reading:

Romans 5.12-end (NRSV page 166) Emma Hope

Nunc Dimittis:

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Anthem:

God so loved the world - Stainer

Hymn:

NEH 242 As now the sun's declining rays

Amen:

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THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY 18th *Cyril, Bishop of Jerusalem, Teacher of the Faith, 386*
Edward, King of the West Saxons

10.00 am Church at the Church Centre open for private prayer

TUESDAY 19th **Joseph of Nazareth**

Parish Office closed

10.00 am Lent Group at the Church Centre

WEDNESDAY 20th *Cuthbert, Bishop of Lindisfarne, Missionary 687*

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 21st *Thomas Cranmer, Archbishop of Canterbury, Reformation*
Martyr, 1556, Benedict Abbot of Monte Cassino, c. 550

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 22nd

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 23rd

NEXT SUNDAY 24th March

Palm Sunday

8:00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

Minister and Preacher: The Vicar

10.00 am Festival Eucharist (CW)

President & Minister: Rev. Nicholas Burton

10.00 am Family Service with Holy Communion at the Church Centre

President: The Vicar, Link: Rosemary Romano

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 Fifth Sunday of Lent and the beginning of Passiontide. As we journey with Christ through the remaining weeks of Lent, I pray that we will all have renewed trust in God's amazing love and allow this love to flow through us to those around us. *Ronnie.*

APMC

Our annual meeting will be on Thursday 16th May at the Church Centre beginning at 7.45 pm The revision of the electoral roll will begin on 31st March.

Playtime at St Paul's

Our Wednesday children's group is going from strength to strength, this week we welcomed over 30 little ones and their grown-ups. Over Easter we will be open as usual **EXCEPT** for Wednesday 6th April. Next week we will be welcoming residents from Mount Ephraim House, for coffee and a chat as well as a chance to meet local families.

Canterbury Pilgrimage

Twenty one intrepid pilgrims started and finished the Canterbury Pilgrimage on Saturday the 2nd of March. Not even weather that was at times Biblical could dampen our spirits as we walked the nearly 4 km from St. Duncan's Church to Canterbury Cathedral, taking in St. Martin's and St. Pauls Without the Walls on the way. The Cathedral was as awe-inspiring as ever. Aided by two incredibly informative guides, our tour of the Cathedral could have been a day just by itself. I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who came along and who made this pilgrimage so enjoyable. It will be a tough experience to better, but wherever our next destination I think I will aim for the summer months next time. A St Paul's pilgrims passport has been started and will be kept in the office so we can have a record of all the places we visit in the future. I have started to load some photos of the pilgrimage onto our website. If you have any pictures from the day that you would like to share please send them to my email - tim.harrold@outlook.com and I will add them. Thank you, Tim Harrold

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.

Elsie Emes †

Elsie's funeral will be held at 1 pm at the Kent and Sussex Crematorium on Wednesday 27th March. Anyone who wishes to come to the service is most welcome. Refreshments will be served at the Nevill Golf Club following the service, RSVP emesfamily@gmail.com, 07943 937120.

Green Ideas for Rusthall

There will be an informal meeting over coffee at the Daily Bread on Sunday 24th March at 11 am to share ideas about how the Rusthall community can come together over environmental issues. All welcome.

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.

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 dgsrusthall@gmail.com, or phone 07757 680165, or speak to him in Church.

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: _____

