

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY 25th *Monday of Holy Week*

- 9.00 am Vintage Roadshow antiques valuation - Church Centre
10.00 am Church at the Church Centre open for private prayer
8.00 pm Stations of the Cross – Shirley Barter

TUESDAY 26th *Tuesday of Holy Week*

Parish Office closed

- 8.00 pm Compline – The Vicar**

WEDNESDAY 27th *Wednesday of Holy Week*

- 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
1.00 pm Elsie Emes funeral – The Crematorium
8.00 pm Compline – Rev. Nicholas Burton

THURSDAY 28th *Maundy Thursday*

- 10.00 am Church at the Church Centre open for private prayer
12.30 pm Lunch club at the Church Centre
8.00 pm Parish Eucharist followed by The Watch

FRIDAY 29th **GOOD FRIDAY**

- 9.45 am Procession of Witness around the Village
12.00 noon Three hours Devotion concluding with Liturgical Hour (2 pm)
12.30 pm Community Larder at the Church Centre
NB. No Choir practice

SATURDAY 30th **Easter Eve**

- 9.00 am Flower Team at the Parish Church all day

NEXT SUNDAY 31st March

EASTER DAY

(NB clocks go forward)

8:00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

Minister and Preacher: The Vicar

10.00 am Festival Parish Eucharist (CW)

President & Preacher: The Vicar

10.00 am Family Service at the Church Centre + Zoom

Lead: Graeme Anderson, Link: Liz Goddard

6.30 pm Service of Readings and Music for Passiontide and Easter

Minister: The Vicar

NEWS AND NOTES

From The Vicarage

Greetings to you all and a very warm welcome to our Palm Sunday services, when we "celebrate" Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem - in the knowledge that most of those who acclaimed him on that special day were soon to betray and abandon him once he was arrested. As we come to the end of our Lenten journey, I pray that God would give us grace to always be loving and supportive of one another, especially during difficult and challenging times.

And, please remember that the clocks  go forward on Easter Sunday!

Message from the Parish Church Flower Team

We are inviting all those coming along to the Parish Church on Easter Day to bring a flower or sprig of greenery to place on the wooden cross which will be outside the church. The flowers will be to symbolize the new life which emerges from Jesus' death on Good Friday. So please bring a small something which will help bring the message of the cross to life and proclaim that Christ is Risen. Thank you.

APCM

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

This past Wednesday our children's group welcomed residents from Mount Ephraim House. It was a great success and we hope to make these visits a regular event. Over Easter we will be open as usual **EXCEPT** for Wednesday 6th April.

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. Please no black, thank you. To access the service online go to: watch.obitus.co, user name: vize3475, pin: 273462

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

Ride and Stride

We never expected the 9th September 2023 to be the hottest day of the year in Kent! It didn't put off our intrepid riders and striders and overall the event has raised around £15,000 more than 2022 – congratulations to all!

So this comes with huge thanks for your church's support and congratulations to those who ventured forth into the heat and also welcomed people.

Your combined efforts raised £610.00 which will help to support your own church (£305.00) as well as providing funds to enable The Friends of Kent Churches to continue awarding annual grants to churches of all denominations throughout the county of Kent. If you would like to take part this year – cycling or walking, please let me know – Jane Goldsworthy – jane_goldsworthy@yahoo.co.uk, Tel: 07846 266085

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: _____

