

Sunday 31st March 2024

EASTER SUNDAY

Collect for the Week

God of glory,
by the raising of your Son
you have broken the chains of death and hell:
fill your Church with faith and hope;
for a new day has dawned
and the way to life stands open
in our Saviour Jesus Christ.



8:00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

Minister & 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

Hymns: Jesus Christ is risen today
In Christ alone
Jesus Christ I think upon your sacrifice
See what a morning

Reading : Acts 10.34-43 (NIV page 1104)

6.30 pm Service of Music and Readings for Passiontide and Easter

Minister: The Vicar

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY 1st April

Bank Holiday

Parish Office closed

TUESDAY 2nd

Parish Office closed

WEDNESDAY 3rd

NB. No Play Time at St Paul's – back next week

10.00 am Church at the Church Centre open for private prayer

THURSDAY 4th

10.00 am Church at the Church Centre open for private prayer

12.30 pm Lunch club at the Church Centre

6.00 pm Youth Council meet in the Lodge

FRIDAY 5th

12.30 pm Community Larder at the Church Centre

7.30 pm Full Choir practice

SATURDAY 6th

10.00 am Bee working party at the Parish Church

NEXT SUNDAY 7th April

The Second Sunday of Easter

8:00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

Minister and Preacher: The Vicar

10.00 am Parish Eucharist (CW)

President & Preacher: The Vicar

10.00 am Family Service at the Church Centre + Zoom

Lead: Daphne Pollard, Link: Rosemary Romano

6.30 pm Evensong (BCP)

Minister & Preacher: The Vicar

NEWS AND NOTES

From The Vicarage

Easter greetings to you all. A very warm welcome to our services today as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

We are so grateful to everyone who has helped to make our Churches look wonderful for Easter and been involved in preparing all of our services. Thank you to the Flower Team, the Easter gardens friends, the Marthas, the Choir, organists and our ministers and leaders.

May the risen Christ fill us with all hope in believing that God is constantly at work in and through us and, that at the right time, makes all things beautiful. Alleluia, Christ is risen!

Commons Path from St Paul's to the Beacon

This week, weather allowing, work should begin on the renovations and improvements to the path through to Happy Valley. This has been made possible by a wide range of generous donations and the work of the Commons Conservators and the Friends of Tunbridge Wells and Rusthall Commons. It will enable more people to access this beautiful area. The project will take several weeks.

APCM – Electoral Roll

Our annual meeting will be on Thursday 16th May at the Church Centre beginning at 7.45 pm The revision of the electoral roll begins today. If any of your details have changed please let me know. If you would like to join there are forms in both churches. This is open to all aged 16 or over who are baptised and have attended services for 6 months or more. Thank you, Ginette.

If you would like to nominate someone for the position of Churchwarden, Deputy Churchwarden or PCC representative please do so by 10th May, using the correct form, to the Parish Office. Copies of the forms are available at both the Parish Church and the Church Centre.

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.



The Family Service altar flowers for this Sunday are placed in by
Wendy and Graeme Anderson in loving memory
of Graeme's parents, Heather and Robin Anderson



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