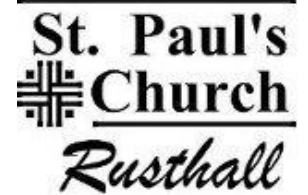


**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2024**  
**THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**



**Collect for the Week**

Risen Christ,  
for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred:  
open the doors of our hearts,  
that we may seek the good of others  
and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace,  
to the praise of God the Father.

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

Hymns: Bind us together  
Brother, sister  
Lord of all hopefulness  
Shine Jesus shine

Reading : Acts 4.32–35 (NIV page 1096)

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

Hymn: NEH 117 The day of Resurrection!  
Psalm: 37 verses 1-12 (BCP page 389)  
1st Reading: Genesis 3.8-15 (NRSV page 3) Cherry Mead  
Magnificat: C  
2nd Reading: Galatians 4.1-5 (NRSV page 202) Barbara Bourne  
Nunc Dimittis: C  
Anthem The strife is o'er - Ley  
Hymn: NEH 113 Love's redeeming work is done  
Amen: 2

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### **MONDAY 8th April THE ANNUNCIATION OF OUR LORD TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

10.00 am Church at the Church Centre open for private prayer

### **TUESDAY 9th *Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Lutheran Pastor, Martyr, 1945***

Parish Office closed

### **WEDNESDAY 10th *William Law, Priest, Spiritual Writer, 1761***

9.00 am Play Time at St Paul's

10.00 am Church at the Church Centre open for private prayer

3.00 pm Communion to Chamberlain Court – The Vicar and Elaine Bruce

### **THURSDAY 11th *George Selwyn, First Bishop of New Zealand, 1878***

10.00 am Church at the Church Centre open for private prayer

12.30 pm Lunch club at the Church Centre

10.45 am Communion to Rusthall Lodge – May Graves

### **FRIDAY 12th**

12.30 pm Community Larder at the Church Centre

6.30 pm Junior Choir practice

7.30 pm Full Choir practice

### **SATURDAY 13th**

### **NEXT SUNDAY 14th April**

#### **The Third 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: Susan Powley, Link: Chris Bassett

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

Minister: The Vicar

# NEWS AND NOTES

## **From The Vicarage**

Easter greetings to you all and a very warm welcome to our services today, the second Sunday of Easter. As we continue to rejoice and give thanks for the resurrection of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, I pray that we will all be reinvigorated through our worship and energised through our fellowship to share the resurrection story with others. Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Ronnie

## **Leading Worship Course**

The Diocese is organising a course for those who would like to lead worship grounded in a 'Service of the Word' in their Church or another setting, such as a care home or school. The course is being run by Tunbridge Wells Deanery at St Philip's Church, Birken Road on Tuesdays – 30<sup>th</sup> April 7/14/21 May and the 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> June. It will be held between 7.45 pm and 9 pm. Please speak with Ronnie for more details.

## **Family Service**

We are holding a Songs of Praise service on the 12<sup>th</sup> of May. If you would like a favourite hymn included in this service please will you let Jean Kerr know by Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April at the latest. No requests can be accepted after the 28<sup>th</sup> April - Sorry. Please speak to Jean in church or contact her via the Parish Office - a note or an email will work.

## **Commons Path from St Paul's to the Beacon**

This week work began on the renovations and improvements to the path through to Happy Valley. At the moment the focus is on the drainage and area around the 100 steps. Signs have been erected to notify people.

## **APCM – Electoral Roll**

Our annual meeting will be on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May at the Church Centre beginning at 7.45 pm The revision of the electoral roll is underway. If any of your details have changed please let me know. If you would like to join the list 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 10<sup>th</sup> May, using the correct form, to the Parish Office. Copies of the forms are available at both the Parish Church and the Church Centre.*

## **175<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:dgrusthall@gmail.com), or phone 07757 680165, or speak to him in Church.

## **Ride and Stride**

We never expected the 9<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:jane_goldsworthy@yahoo.co.uk), Tel: 07846 266085.

## **A Date For Your Diary**

On Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April there will be prayers for world peace at the URC on Manor Road. This will be from 3 pm to 4 m and everyone is most welcome. Please ring 536727 for more details.

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