

Sunday 14th April 2024
THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



Collect for the Week

Risen Christ,
you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope:
strengthen us to proclaim your risen life
and fill us with your peace,
to the glory of God the Father.

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: Susan Powley, Link: Chris Bassett

Hymns: From heaven you came helpless babe
Father hear the prayer we offer
Amazing Grace
How Lovely are the mountains (our God Reigns)

Reading : Acts 3 verses 11-19 (NIV page 1095)

6.30 pm Choral Evensong (BCP)
Minister: The Vicar
The service begins on page 16

Introit: Now the green blade riseth - Lindley
Hymn: NEH 353 Dear Lord and Father of mankind
Responses: Radcliffe
Psalm: 73 verses 1-19 (BCP page 436)
1st Reading: Deuteronomy 7:7-13 (NRSV page 265) Nia Lucas
Magnificat: Collegium Regale - Howells
2nd Reading: Revelations 2:1-11 (NRSV page 254) Deborah Bruce
Nunc Dimittis: Collegium Regale - Howells
Anthem: Ye choirs of new Jerusalem - Stanford
Hymn: NEH 373 (tune Coe Fen) How shall I sing that majesty
Amen: Finzi

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY 15th

10.00 am Church at the Church Centre open for private prayer
8.00 pm PCC meeting in the Lodge

TUESDAY 16th *Isabella Gilmore, Deaconess, 1923*

Parish Office closed

WEDNESDAY 17th

9.00 am Play Time at St Paul's
10.00 am Church at the Church Centre open for private prayer

THURSDAY 18th

10.00 am Church at the Church Centre open for private prayer
12.30 pm Lunch club at the Church Centre
1.15-4 pm Muskerry Court meeting in the Lodge

FRIDAY 19th *Alphege, Archbishop of Canterbury, Martyr, 1012*

12.30 pm Community Larder at the Church Centre
6.30 pm Junior Choir practice
7.30 pm Full Choir practice

SATURDAY 20th

NEXT SUNDAY 21st April

The Fourth 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: Wendy Anderson, Link: Liz Mankelow

6.30 pm Evensong (BCP)

Minister and Preacher: The Vicar

NEWS AND NOTES

From The Vicarage

Easter greetings to you all and a very warm welcome to our services today, the third Sunday of Easter. As we continue our journey of faith, I pray that we would do so in the name of the Risen Lord, and draw our strength, encouragement and comfort through his divine presence. 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 – 30th April 7/14/21 May and the 4th and 11th June. It will be held between 7.45 pm and 9 pm. Please speak with Ronnie for more details.

Family Service

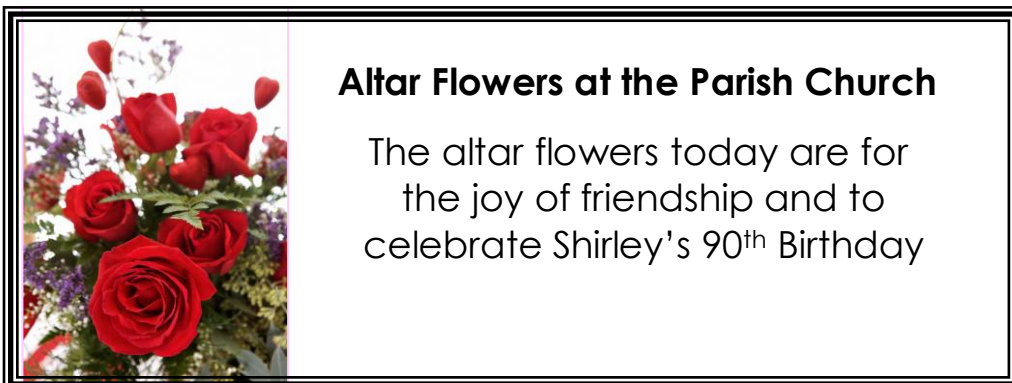
We are holding a Songs of Praise service on the 12th of May. If you would like a favourite hymn included in this service please will you let Jean Kerr know by Sunday 28th April at the latest. No requests can be accepted after the 28th April - Sorry. Please speak to Jean in church or contact her via the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

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.

Celebrations

You are most welcome to come and join us in the Lodge this morning after the 10 am service as we wish Shirley a very happy 90th birthday and raise a toast.



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 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 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.

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.

Bee News

A huge thank you and congratulations to members of the Church Youth Council who turned up last Saturday and worked extremely hard to dig through the mud and clay to build the base for our bee hives. They can be really proud of what they have achieved and the camaraderie and laughter was a joy. It was terrific to have Ronnie working alongside them and visits from the church wardens was greatly appreciated. The first hive has been purchased and due to arrive next week. They are only £60 short for a second hive so a raffle and bacon and egg breakfast are being planned.

Prayer for World Peace

There will be prayers for world peace at the URC on Manor Road today, Sunday 14th April 2024, from 3 pm to 4 pm. Everyone is most welcome.

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