

Sunday 19th November 2023
2nd Sunday before Advent
Safeguarding Sunday



Collect for the Week

Heavenly Lord,
you long for the world's salvation:
stir us from apathy,
restrain us from excess
and revive in us new hope
that all creation will one day be healed
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

8:00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

President & Preacher: The Vicar

10.00 am Parish Eucharist

President: The Reverend Nicholas Burton

Minister and Preacher: The Vicar

10.00 am Family Service at the Church Centre + Zoom

Lead: Mary Holmes Link: Children of Sunday School

Hymns: Be still for the presence of The Lord
Bind us together
I the Lord of Sea and Sky
Shine Jesus Shine

Reading: Matthew 25:14-30 (NIV 994)

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

Minister: The Vicar

Hymn: NEH 377 Immortal, Invisible, God only wise

Responses: Smith

Psalm: 98 (BCP page 471)

1st Reading: 1 Kings 1.1-40 (NRSV 324)

Roland Millar

Magnificat: Brewer in D

2nd Reading: Revelation 1.4-18 (NRSV 265)

May Graves

Nunc Dimittis: Brewer in D

Anthem: How lovely are thy dwellings – Brahms

Hymn: NEH 466 Thou whose almighty word

Amen: Belfast Amen – Stopford

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY 20th November *Edmund, King of the East Angles, Martyr 850*
Priscilla Lydia Sellon, a Restorer of Religious Life in the Church of England, 1876
Edmund, King and Martyr, 870
10.00 am Church at the Church Centre open for private prayer

TUESDAY 21st Parish Office closed

WEDNESDAY 22nd *Cecilia, Martyr at Rome, c 230*
10.00 am Church at the Church Centre open for private prayer
12 noon – 2 pm Charlie's Angels pop-up lunch at the Church Centre

THURSDAY 23rd *Clement, Bishop of Rome, Martyr c. 100*
10.00 am Church at the Church Centre open for private prayer
11:30 am Communion at Mount Ephraim House – May Graves
12.30 pm Lunch Club at the Church Centre

FRIDAY 24th
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 25th *Catherine of Alexandria, Martyr, 4th Century*
Isaac Watts, Hymn Writer, 1748
Catherine, Virgin and Martyr at Alexandria, 4th century
9.00 am Community Coffee - URC

NEXT SUNDAY 26th November

CHRIST THE KING Sunday next before Advent

8:00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

President and Preacher: The Vicar

10.00 am Matins at the Parish Church

Minister & Preacher: The Revd. Nicholas Burton

10.00 am Holy Communion at Family Service at the Church Centre + Zoom

Lead: The Vicar, Link: Viv Littlechild

6.30 pm Parish Eucharist at the Parish Church

President and Preacher: The Vicar



Altar Flowers at the Parish Church

The altar flowers are given today
by Tony Rutherford
in loving memory of
Janet Rutherford

NEWS AND NOTES

From the Vicarage

Greetings to you all and a very warm welcome to our services today, the second Sunday before Advent. A very big thank you to everyone who joined us last week at our Remembrance services, and at our Parish Fayre yesterday.

As we worship together today, I pray that we will all feel strengthened and encourage on our journey of faith, even as we continue to pray for God's peace and goodwill to be experienced by everyone.

Autumn Fayre

Thank you so much to all who helped in anyway with the Autumn Fayre. To everyone who made things, donated things, came and helped and came along and spent money. A huge THANK YOU and a pat on the back too. Hopefully the total of money raised will be available to be announced in the services today.

Flower Team

There will be a meeting on Thursday 23rd November @ 10:30 am in the Lodge – Daphne Hodges

Quiz Night

There will be a Quiz Night on Saturday 2nd December at 7:30 pm at the Church Centre. Entry fee is £60 per team of 6, which includes food, either Chilli or Lasagne. Bring your own drinks. For more information please contact Chris Dobson on 07757680165.

Magazine – Corrections to Service details

There have been some changes to the services since the magazine was first published. The latest version is on the church website and correction slips are available in church if you have already bought your copy of the magazine. All current copies have the updated diary.

November 100 Club Winners

1st Prize £100 – Number 80, 2nd Prize £60 – number 13, 3rd Prize £40 – number 15. There are still numbers available for £10 per number per month. Contact Chris Dobson on 07757680165.

Youth Council

After a very busy November meeting the following has been agreed:
Two social gatherings – Escape Room and burger before Christmas and Ice Skating after Christmas, Carol Singing with the choir at Mt Ephraim House – Friday 22nd December at 4 pm.

Future Meetings

Thursday December 7th, Ranger Dan (postponed due to Storm Cieran).

Thursday January 4th New Year Celebrations at Mount Ephraim House.

Thursday February 1st 'Managing your money wisely!'

Thursday March 7th Cooking on a Budget – Fajitas for supper!

All meetings are held in the Lodge between 6 and 7:30 pm.

All years 7 -13 (ages 11 to 18 are very welcome).

I have no doubt there will be many additions to the list – all led by the Council!

Community Coffee – 25th November (9 am to 12 noon) – URC Hall, Manor Road

Please do come along and join us to celebrate 2 years of Community Coffee, following the volunteers of the Fair Trade Café taking a well-deserved break. Join us for a hot drink, some cake, good company and browse the wares of a few select stallholders.

Christmas Market and Christmas Tree Light Switch On

2nd December from 1 pm (light switch on from 6 pm) – URC Hall, Manor Road.

Join the Rusthall Bonfire and Fete Group at the Christmas Market (1-5 pm) along with Rusthall School who will be running the Santa's grotto. We would also love to see you at the Christmas Tree Light Switch On from 6 pm followed by some singing supported by Rusthall School and Rusthall Scout Group amongst others.

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