

Sunday 26th November 2023
Christ the King
Sunday next before Advent



Collect for the Week

God the Father,
help us to hear the call of Christ the King
and to follow in his service,
whose kingdom has no end;
for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God one glory.

8:00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
President & Preacher: The Vicar

10.00 am Matins (BCP)
Minister and Preacher: Rev. Nicholas Burton

10.00 am Family Service with Holy Communion at the Church Centre + Zoom
President: The Vicar, Link: Viv Littlechild

Hymns: Jesus is King and I will extol him
Bless the Lord O my soul
I want to serve the purpose of God
I want to sing you praises

Readings: Ephesians 1.15 to end (NIV page 1173)
Matthew 25.31 to end (NIV page 995)

6.30 pm Parish Eucharist (CW)
President & Preacher: The Vicar



Altar Flowers at the Parish Church

The altar flowers are given today
by Deborah Bruce
in loving memory of her husband,
Greg Bruce and his parents
Steve and Hazel

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY 27th November

- 10.00 am Church at the Church Centre open for private prayer
1.00 pm Funeral of Danielle Baines at the Parish Church with the Choir

TUESDAY 28th

Parish Office closed

WEDNESDAY 29th

- 10.00 am Church at the Church Centre open for private prayer
1.00 pm Burial of Geoffrey Richards at NCY

THURSDAY 30th

- 10.00 am Church at the Church Centre open for private prayer
12.30 pm Lunch Club at the Church Centre

FRIDAY 1st December *Charles de Foucauld, Hermit , 1916*

- 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 2nd

- 1.00 pm Christmas Market at the URC
6.00 pm Christmas Tree lighting outside the URC
7.30 pm Quiz Night with supper at the Church Centre

NEXT SUNDAY 3rd December

ADVENT SUNDAY

8:00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

President and Preacher: The Vicar

10.00 am Eucharist (CW)

President & Preacher: The Vicar

10.00 am Family Service at the Church Centre + Zoom

Lead: Daphne Pollard, Link: Chris Bassett

6.30 pm Service of Readings and Music for Advent

Minister: The Vicar

NEWS AND NOTES

From the Vicarage

Greetings to you all and a very warm welcome to our services today, the Sunday before Advent when we celebrate Christ the King. As we worship together today I pray that we will also acknowledge, afresh, Christ's kingship over our lives and continue to grow in humility and acceptance of one another.

Ronnie

Save Our Post Office

A week ago it was announced that the Post Office in the One Stop in the village is to be downgraded to a small counter within the shop from some point next year. Staff will lose their jobs. If you would like to sign the petition to save the PO you can access it via this link. <https://chnq.it/Z64qgRvJ> (also on the Parish Council Website). Alternatively you can sign the hard copy (available in both Churches today). It is important that you do not sign by both methods.

St Paul's News

We are currently finishing off the new addition of the magazine (for December and January). If you or your organisation have any dates for the diary section, please let me know. Thank you – Ginette.

Autumn Fayre

Following our wonderful fayre we can announce that the current total raised is over £3,000. Well done all.

Play Time at St Paul's

From Wednesday 10th January we are delighted that a new children's and parent /carers group will begin. It will run from 9 am to 11 am at the Church Centre every Wednesday, children from birth upwards will be welcome with their adults. Drinks and biscuits will be available to accompany a fun session of play and friendship. Do please spread the word. For details please contact Liz on 07840 837968 or Annie on 07730 771818.

Quiz Night Saturday 2nd December at 7:30 pm at the Church Centre

Our Quiz Night is nearly upon us, tickets are still available from Chris. Entry fee is £60 per team of 6, which includes food, either Chilli or Lasagne. Bring your own drinks. Please do join in with what promises to be a great evening and will raise some funds for St Paul's.

For more information please contact Chris Dobson on 07757 680165.

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!

Christmas Market and Christmas Tree Light Switch On

Saturday 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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