

Sunday 10th December 2023
Second Sunday of Advent

Collect for the Week

Almighty God,
purify our hearts and minds,
that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as
judge and saviour
we may be ready to receive him,
who is our Lord and our God.



8:00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

President & Preacher: The Vicar

10.00 am Eucharist with Baptism (CW)

President : The Vicar, Minister & Preacher: Rev. Nicholas Burton
Please see separate booklet

10.00 am Family Service with Christingle at the Church Centre + Zoom

Lead: Daphne Pilcher, Link: Rosemary Romano
Please see separate booklet

6.30 pm Evensong (BCP)

Minister & Preacher: The Vicar

Hymn:	NEH 12 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry	
Psalm:	53 (BCP page 411)	
1 st Reading	Isaiah 40.1-11	Angela Culley
Magnificat:	D	
2 nd Reading:	Mark 1.1-8	Alison Whittle
Nunc dimittis:	D	
Anthem:	O remember Adam's Fall - Ives	
Hymn:	NEH 407 Lord, thy word abideth	
Amen:	12	

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY 11th December

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

TUESDAY 12th

Parish Office closed

WEDNESDAY 13th *Lucy, Martyr at Syracuse, 304*

10.00 am Church at the Church Centre open for private prayer
10.30 am Julian Meeting at 30 Chancellor House

THURSDAY 14th *John of the Cross, Poet, Teacher of the Faith, 1591*

10.00 am Church at the Church Centre open for private prayer
11.30 am Communion to Mount Ephraim House - The Vicar
12.00 noon Christmas Lunch Club at the Church Centre
3.00 pm Fellowship Quiz at the Church Centre
4.00 pm Choir Carols at Chartwell Lodge

FRIDAY 15th

10.00 am Church at the Church Centre open for private prayer
11.30 am Communion to Mount Ephraim House – The Vicar
12:30 pm Community Larder at the Church Centre
6.00 pm Wedding rehearsal at the Parish Church
6.30 pm Junior Choir practice
7.30 pm Full Choir practice

SATURDAY 16th

10.00 am Carols in the Village – the Choir & friends
1.00 pm Wedding at the Parish Church

NEXT SUNDAY 17th December

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

10.00 am Joint Crib Service
Followed by Shortened Eucharist (CW)
President: The Vicar

4.30 pm Choir rehearsal

6.30 pm Nine Lessons and Carols
Minister: The Vicar

NEWS AND NOTES

From the Vicarage

Greetings to you all and a very warm welcome to our services today, the second Sunday of Advent. Special welcome to Freddie who will be baptised at our 10 am service at the Parish Church - and to his parents, godparents, family and friends. I pray that as we continue to wait for the 'glorious appearing' of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, we will do so patiently, continually worshipping God together and sharing fellowship, and actively serving one another, for the good of all.

Ronnie

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.

Advanced Notice

Next year the Church Centre will be the Polling Station again for Rusthall. This will be on Thursday 2nd May. The halls will be unavailable for other users on this day, apologies for any inconvenience.

Holmewood House School

We were very pleased to welcome Holmewood pupils, parents and staff back to the Parish Church on Thursday for their Carol Services. A huge thank you to all who helped to enable the smooth running of all three – the school Site Team, Nevill Park residents for allowing parking and our team here at St Paul's. Also a big thank you to parents for their generous donations towards church funds.



Altar Flowers at the Parish Church

The altar flowers are given today by
Sue Wilby in Loving Memory
of her brother David Adlam &
her parents Edna & Philip Adlam

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 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!

Save Our Post Office

It was recently 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://chnng.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.

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