

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December 2023**  
**Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
**CHRISTMAS EVE**



**Collect for the Week**

Eternal God,  
as Mary waited for the birth of your Son,  
so we wait for his coming in glory;  
bring us through the birth pangs of this present age  
to see, with her, our great salvation  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.



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

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

**10.00 am Family Carol Service at the Church Centre +Zoom**  
Lead: Jean Kerr, Links: Viv Littlechild & Karen Miller

Reading: Mark 1.1-3 *John the Baptist prepares the way*  
Rosemary Romano

Reading: Luke 1.26-33 *The birth of Jesus is announced*  
Viv Littlechild

Reading: Luke 2.1-7 *The birth of Jesus*  
Chris Bassett

Reading: Luke 2.8-18 *The Angel announces the birth to  
the Shepherds*  
Karen Miller

Reading: John 1.1-14 *The word of life*  
Graeme Anderson

**11.30 pm Midnight Mass for Christmas (CW)**  
President & Preacher: The Vicar

*Please see separate booklet*

# THE WEEK AHEAD



## **MONDAY 25<sup>th</sup> December CHRISTMAS DAY**

Parish Office closed

### **8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)**

President & Preacher: The Vicar

### **10.00 am Family Carol Service at the Parish Church**

Followed by **Shortened Holy Communion (CW)**

President & Preacher: The Vicar

## **TUESDAY 26<sup>th</sup> Stephen, Deacon, First Martyr**

### **Bank Holiday**

Parish Office closed

## **WEDNESDAY 27<sup>th</sup> John, Apostle and Evangelist**

Parish Office closed

## **THURSDAY 28<sup>th</sup> The Holy Innocents**

Parish Office closed

## **FRIDAY 29<sup>th</sup>**

Parish Office closed

12.30 pm Community Larder at the Church Centre

NB. No Choir practice

## **SATURDAY 30<sup>th</sup>**

9.00 am Community Coffee at the URC

## **NEXT SUNDAY 31<sup>st</sup> December**

### **The First Sunday of Christmas**

### **8:00 am Holy Communion (BCP)**

President and Preacher: The Vicar

### **10.00 am Eucharist (CW)**

President and Preacher: The Vicar

### **10.00 am Family Service at the Church Centre + Zoom**

Lead: Wendy Anderson, Link: Liz Mankelow

**Please note that there is no evening service**

# NEWS AND NOTES

## From the Vicarage

Warm greetings to you all and welcome to our services today, the fourth Sunday of Advent - which is also Christmas Eve, when we have our Midnight Mass at 11:30 pm.

I wish you all a merry Christmas and trust that you will all experience God's peace even as you share the goodwill of the season with one another.

*Ronnie*

## Refreshments Today

You will be most welcome to come and join us in the Lodge following the 10 am service for mulled wine and mince pies.

## Parish Office

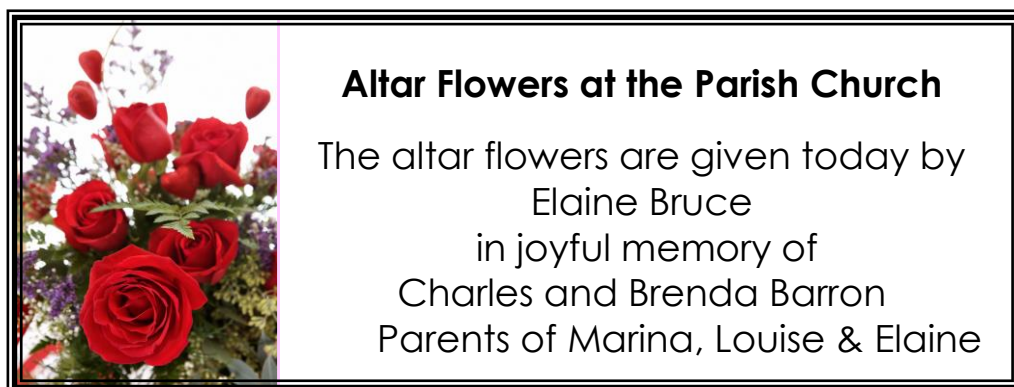
A reminder that the office will be closed now until Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January.

## Cards for Sale

You will find baskets of greetings cards for sale in both churches. Please take a look when you have a chance. They are a bargain for a donation of 20p.

## Charlies Angel's Kitchens – Surplus with Purpose

Charlie is now in her premises at 86 Camden Road. The official opening is on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January at 11 am. We wish the team every success in their new, permanent home.



## **Family Service Children's Group**

Our children's group has now finished for Christmas and will recommence on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January. Please email Mary Holmes with any queries - [mary@mandmcreative.co.uk](mailto:mary@mandmcreative.co.uk)

## **Play Time at St Paul's Starting Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January**

The Elves have been really busy behind the scenes preparing for the exciting opening of our new children's group. Please continue to spread the word, everyone will be warmly welcomed. A hot cuppa will be awaiting you. For details please contact - Liz on 07840 837968 or Annie on 07730 771818.

## **Youth Council**

### *Future Meetings*

Thursday January 4<sup>th</sup> New Year Celebrations at Mount Ephraim House.

Thursday February 1<sup>st</sup> 'Managing your money wisely!'

Thursday March 7<sup>th</sup> 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).

## **CONTACTS**

The Vicar: The Revd. Ronnie Williams 01892 521357, mobile 07796 655225

Parish Office: Mrs Ginette di Palma 01892 521447, mobile 07775 801984

Email: [office@stpaulsrusthall.org.uk](mailto:office@stpaulsrusthall.org.uk)

Website: [www.stpaulsrusthall.org.uk](http://www.stpaulsrusthall.org.uk)

*Registered Charity in England & Wales, Number 1132681*