

Sunday 21st January 2024
Third Sunday of Epiphany



Collect for the Week

God of all mercy,
your Son proclaimed good news to the poor,
release to the captives,
and freedom to the oppressed:
anoint us with your Holy Spirit
and set all your people free
to praise you in Christ our Lord.

8:00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

President & Preacher: Rev. Simon Whiteside

10.00 am Eucharist (CW)

President & Preacher: Rev. Anthony Hammill

10.00 am Family Service at the Church Centre + Zoom

Lead: Daphne Pilcher, Link: Viv Littlechild

Hymns

Fight the good fight
I want to walk with Jesus Christ
Jesus calls us o'er the tumult
O Jesus I have promised

Reading

Mark 1.14 -20 (NIV page 1002)

6.30 pm Evensong (BCP)

Minister & Preacher: Rev. Anthony Hammill

Hymn:

NEH 360 Firmly I believe and truly

Psalm:

106 verses 1-12 (BCP page 483)

1st Reading

Jeremiah 3.21-4.2 (NRSV p.728) May Graves

Magnificat:

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2nd Reading:

Titus 2.1-8,11-14 (NRSV p.230) Emma Hope

Nunc dimittis:

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Anthem:

Locus Iste - Bruckner

Hymn:

NEH 54 O Trinity of blessed light

Amen:

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THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY 22nd *January Vincent of Saragossa, Deacon, First Martyr of Spain, 304*

10.00 am Church at the Church Centre open for private prayer

8.00 pm PCC meeting in the Lodge

TUESDAY 23rd

Parish Office closed

WEDNESDAY 24th *Francis de Sales, Bishop of Geneva, Teacher of the Faith, 1622*

10.00 am Church at the Church Centre open for private prayer

9.00 am Play Time at St Paul's at the Church Centre

THURSDAY 25th *The Conversion of Paul*

10.00 am Church at the Church Centre open for private prayer

12.30 pm Lunch club at the Church Centre

FRIDAY 26th *Timothy and Titus, Companions of Paul*

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 27th

9.00 am Community Coffee at the URC

7.30 pm Burns Night Quiz at the Church Centre

NEXT SUNDAY 28th January

The Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

PATRONAL FESTIVAL

8:00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

President and Preacher: The Vicar

10.00 am Joint Festival Eucharist (CW)

President : The Vicar, Minister and Preacher: Rev. Nicholas Burton

6.30 pm Choral Evensong (BCP)

Minister & Preacher: The Vicar

NEWS AND NOTES

The Vicar

Ronnie is now on annual leave. Please contact the Parish Office with any queries, thank you.

We are pleased to welcome Rev. Simon Whiteside who is taking our 8 am service today, we are most grateful to him and also to Rev. Anthony Hammill who is taking both our 10 am and 6.30 pm services at the Parish Church.

Special News

Pat and Ray Steven's daughter, Rev Sam Quilty, is to be licensed today as Associate Priest of St Mary's on the Holy Island of Lindisfarne. We hold her in our prayers and wish her every blessing as she starts this new chapter in her ministry.

Advance Notice

The Tunbridge Wells Half Marathon is taking place on Sunday 18th February Beginning at 9 am and ending at 12 noon. There will be road/junction closures which will affect travel to and from Church between 9.45 am and 11.30 am. Please check signs nearer the time.

Play Time at St Paul's

The group had another fantastic time on Wednesday with 25 families enjoying time together (and banana cake!) There is now an open Facebook page "Play Time at St Paul's" to keep people up to date with information. If you would like to help on a Wednesday please get in touch.

For details please contact -

Liz on 07840 837968 or Annie on 07730 771818.



Altar Flowers at the Parish Church

The altar flowers are given today
In thanks for the Flower Team who do
so much to make our Church
welcoming and give us another
opportunity to remember loved ones.

St Paul's News

The February edition of the Parish Magazine is now being prepared. If you have any diary events that you would like included then please send to Ginette in the office by Monday. Thank you.

Youth Council

Future meetings:

Thursday February 1st - 'Managing your money wisely'

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

We also remain focused on the challenge of obtaining a crossing on the A264 and preparing for our Bees!

All meetings are held in The Lodge on the first Thursday of the month between 6 and 7.30 pm. All years 7-13 (ages 11 to 18) are very welcome

Please see Angela Culley or Jean Kerr if you would like any further details

Recycling Christmas Cards

Once again, I am collecting used Christmas cards. The church of St Thomas Becket in Hamburg makes them into new ones and sells them mostly to the ex-pats in Hamburg, where Christmas Cards are not so often found in shops. They have raised hundreds of euros over the years and they're all beautifully made. Sometimes, you don't notice they have been recycled!

I can collect them from either of our churches up to the end of January. I then hand them over to a contact who has a house in Sussex!

BUT PLEASE, first cut off the front cover of each card - ie you keep the personal part! - and no glitter ! Thank you in advance. Tony Rutherford.

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