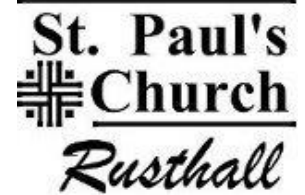


Sunday 3rd March 2024

Third Sunday of Lent



Collect for the Week

Eternal God,
give us insight to discern your will for us,
to give up what harms us,
and to seek the perfection we are promised
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

8:00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

President & Preacher: The Vicar

10.00 am Parish Eucharist (CW)

President: The Vicar

Preacher: Ruth Millard from Christians against Poverty (CAP)

10.00 am Family Service at the Church Centre + Zoom

Lead: Daphne Pilcher, Link: Jean Kerr

Hymns:

Praise my Soul the King of Heaven
Jesus calls us O'er The Tumult
Father hear the prayer we offer
All my hope on God is founded

Reading

Matthew 22 Verses 34-40

6.30 pm Compline with homily

Minister: The Vicar

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY 4th

10.00 am Church at the Church Centre open for private prayer

8.00 pm PCC meeting in the Lodge

TUESDAY 5th

Parish Office closed

10.00 am Lent group at the Church Centre

WEDNESDAY 6th

- 9.00 am Play Time at St Paul's at the Church Centre
- 10.00 am Church at the Church Centre open for private prayer
- 10.30 am Julian Group at Chancellor House

THURSDAY 7th Perpetua, Felicity and companions, martyrs at Carthage, 203

- 10.00 am Church at the Church Centre open for private prayer
- 12.30 pm Lunch club at the Church Centre
- 7.00 pm Lent group at the Church Centre

FRIDAY 8th March Edward King, Bishop of Lincoln, 1910,

- 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 9th

- 10.00 am Flower Team making posies in the Lodge

NEXT SUNDAY 10th March

The fourth Sunday of Lent Mothering Sunday

8:00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

President and Preacher: The Vicar

10.00 am Joint service for Mothering Sunday

Minister: The Vicar

Preacher: Girlguiding Rusthall

6.30 pm Parish Eucharist CW

President and Preacher The Vicar

NEWS AND NOTES

From The Vicarage

Greetings to you all and a very warm welcome to our services at both the Parish Church and the Church Centre today, the Third Sunday of Lent. Special welcome to Ruth Millard who will be speaking at the 10:00 am service at the Parish Church about the work of Christians Against Poverty (CAP). Ruth has been the Debt Centre Manager in Medway for ten years and we look forward to her talk and her sharing fellowship with us.

As we worship together and journey through Lent, I pray that we will be encouraged and always be ever-willing to share our gifts and resources with one another so that, we may all flourish, to the glory of Almighty God and for the good of humanity.

175th Anniversary

St Paul's Parish Church will be 175 years old in 2025. The PCC has proposed a year-long programme of celebrations, from January to December. A committee, chaired by Chris Dobson, has been set up to plan and coordinate this. If you have any ideas and/or suggestions as to how to enrich the celebrations, please contact Chris Dobson via email at dgrusthall@gmail.com, or phone 07757 680165, or speak to him in Church.

Ronnie

Mothering Sunday – 10th March

The Flower Team have kindly agreed to make the posies this year, they will be doing this in the Lodge this Saturday. As the team is quite small it would be lovely to have some extra help. If you are able to do this or donate flowers/greenery etc please contact Daphne Hodges on 533492 or Ginette in the office. Thank you.

Confirmation 2024

This year confirmations in our area will be held at St Mark's Church on Sunday 12th May at 10 am. There are sign-up sheets in both churches. Please see Ronnie if you have any questions.

Pilgrimage to Canterbury Cathedral

Thank you very much to all those who went on the pilgrimage to Canterbury Cathedral and to Tim for organising it. I trust that it was a day of journeying with God and with one another, and of deepening our friendship and relationship with God and with one another.

Youth Council

Our long awaited fajita evening is almost here! Our next meeting is this coming Thursday March 7th. Our focus will be Cooking on a Budget. 6pm in the Lodge all 11 to 18 year olds very welcome. We ask everyone to bring a designated ingredient so please tell Angela or Jean if you are coming. We have huge fun preparing and cooking our supper and then eating it! No CYC member will need supper at home that night!

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.

Getting Ready for the Bees

The Youth Council are organising a work party to prepare the proposed bee area on Saturday 6th April at 10.00 am in the Parish Churchyard. All help and interest would be gratefully received and volunteers will be rewarded with a BBQ! We are very grateful for the donation of paving slabs and fencing.

Should anyone have a small shed they no longer want we would be delighted to accept it and arrange transport! Please see/contact Angela or Chris.

Lent Course

This year we will be using a USPG resource entitled "All Things Are Possible", copies of which are in both churches.

There will be two plenary sessions each week at the Church Centre: on Tuesday mornings from 10 am to 11.30 am, from 20th February to 19th March, and on Thursday evenings from 7 pm to 8.30 pm, from 22nd February to 21st March.

Easter Lilies

Traditionally at Easter we make it possible for you to place a lily in Church in memory of someone who has died. We purchase lilies and make the flower arrangements at the altar and windowsills. The names of those in whose memory the lilies are given are placed on the altar for our Easter Day Services. If you wish to give a lily/lilies please complete the form below and send to the Parish Office or send to Daphne Hodges, 25 Allan Close, Rusthall, TN4 8PL. The minimum donation is £6 per lily. Cheques should be made payable to "St Paul's Church Flower Fund".

EASTER LILIES 2022



Name of Person to be remembered:

Name of Sponsor: _____

Address: _____

Telephone number: _____

Donation of £ _____ enclosed.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

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