Sunday 21st April 2024 THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Collect for the Week

Risen Christ,
faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:
teach us to hear your voice
and to follow your command,
that all your people may be gathered into one flock,
to the glory of God the Father.

8:00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

Minister & Preacher: The Vicar

10.00 am Parish Eucharist (CW)

President & Preacher: The Vicar

10.00 am Family Service at the Church Centre + Zoom

Lead: Wendy Anderson, Link: Liz Mankelow

Hymns For I'm building a people of power

You are the vine In Christ alone

The Lord's my Shepherd

Reading: Acts 4.5-12 (NIV page 1095)

6.30 pm Evensong (BCP)

Minister: The Vicar

The service begins on page 16

Hymn: NEH 374 How sweet the name of Jesus sounds

Psalm: 106 verses 1-12 (BCP page 483)

1st Reading: Exodus 16.4-15 (NRSV page 67) Mione Palmer

Magnificat: D

2nd Reading: Revelation 2.12-17 (NRSV page 266) Brad Collins

Nunc Dimittis: D

Anthem: This joyful Eastertide – arr. Ledger Hymn: NEH 118 The Lord is risen indeed

Amen: 3

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY 22nd

10.00 am Church at the Church Centre open for private prayer

TUESDAY 23rd George, Martyr, Patron Saint of England, c. 304

Parish Office closed

WEDNESDAY 24th Mellitus, Bishop of London, First Bishop at St Paul's, 624 The Seven Martyrs of the Melanesian Brotherhood, Solomon Islands, 2003

9.00 am Play Time at St Paul's

10.00 am Church at the Church Centre open for private prayer

THURSDAY 25th Mark the Evangelist

10.00 am Church at the Church Centre open for private prayer

12.30 pm Lunch club at the Church Centre

FRIDAY 26th

12.30 pm Community Larder at the Church Centre

6.30 pm Junior Choir practice

7.30 pm Full Choir practice

SATURDAY 27th Christina Rosetti, Poet, 1894

NEXT SUNDAY 28th April

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

Minister and 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

6.30 pm Parish Eucharist (CW)

President & Preacher: Rev. Nicholas Burton

NEWS AND NOTES

From The Vicarage

Easter greetings to you all and a very warm welcome to our services today, the fourth Sunday of Easter. As we worship together today, I pray that our trust in Almighty God will be encouraged and strengthened through our services and that we will all be refilled with the joy of Jesus' resurrection.

Ronnie

Playtime at St Paul's

During the holidays the group welcomed older siblings who were on their break from school. It was great fun and very well attended. As the sessions are going from strength to strength more help is needed. If you could spare some time on a Wednesday morning, even once a month, it would be great to welcome you to the team. Call Liz on 07840 837968 or speak to Ginette in the office.

Leading Worship Course

The Diocese is organising a course for those who would like to lead worship grounded in a 'Service of the Word' in their Church or another setting, such as a care home or school. The course is being run by Tunbridge Wells Deanery at St Philip's Church, Birken Road on Tuesdays – 30th April 7/14/21 May and the 4th and 11th June. It will be held between 7.45 pm and 9 pm. Please speak with Ronnie for more details.

Family Service

We are holding a Songs of Praise service on the 12th of May. If you would like a favourite hymn included in this service please will you let Jean Kerr know by Sunday 28th April at the latest. No requests can be accepted after the 28th April - Sorry. Please speak to Jean in church or contact her via the Parish Office - a note or an email will work.

Green Café Today at 11 am

Come and hear our plans and share your ideas to make a greener Rusthall, Everyone is very welcome to join us at the Rackcliff Centre.



Altar Flowers at the Parish Church

The altar flowers are given today
By Jane Goldsworthy
In loving memory of her parents,
Kenneth and Aneliese Wooton

100 Club for April

The winning numbers this month were 1st 81, 2nd 59, 3rd 90. Congratulations!

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 dgsrusthall@gmail.com. or phone 07757 680165, or speak to him in Church.

APCM - Electoral Roll

Our annual meeting will be on Thursday 16th May at the Church Centre beginning at 7.45 pm The revision of the electoral finishes today. If any of your details have changed please let me know. If you would like to join the list there are forms in both churches. This is open to all aged 16 or over who are baptised and have attended services for 6 months or more. Thank you, Ginette.

If you would like to nominate someone for the position of Churchwarden, Deputy Churchwarden or PCC representative please do so by 10th May, using the correct form, to the Parish Office. Copies of the forms are available at both the Parish Church and the Church Centre.

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