

Sunday 27th November 2022
THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Collect for the Week

Almighty God,
as your kingdom dawns,
turn us from the darkness of sin to the
light of holiness,
that we may be ready to meet you
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

10.00 am Matins (BCP)

Minister & Preacher: The Vicar

10.00

Family Service at the Church Centre
and on Zoom

Lead: Daphne Pilcher, Link: Chris Bassett

Hymns:

Be thou my vision
Longing for light
Blessed assurance
Lord of all hopefulness

Reading:

Isaiah 2.1 - 5 (NIV page 687)

6.30 pm SERVICE OF READINGS AND MUSIC FOR ADVENT

Please see separate booklet



Altar Flowers at the Parish Church

The altar flowers are given
today by Deborah Bruce
in loving memory of her husband
Greg Bruce

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY 28th November

10 am – 1 pm Church Centre open for private prayer
8.00 pm PCC Meeting in the Lodge

TUESDAY 29th

Parish Office closed

WEDNESDAY 30th Andrew the Apostle

10 am – 1 pm Church Centre open for private prayer
12 noon - 2 pm Charlie's Angels pop-up lunch at the Church Centre

THURSDAY 1st December *Charles de Foucauld, Hermit in the Sahara*

10 am – 1 pm Church Centre open for private prayer
12 for 12:30 Lunch Club at the Church Centre

FRIDAY 2nd

10 am – 1 pm 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 3rd *Francis Xavier, Apostle of the Indies*

NEXT SUNDAY 4th December

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

10.00 am Eucharist (CW)

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

10.00 am Family Service at the Church Centre

and on Zoom

Lead: Liz Goddard, Link: Viv Littlechild

6.30 pm Evensong (BCP)

Minister & Preacher: The Vicar

NEWS AND NOTES

From the Vicarage

Greetings to you all and a big thank you for all the support that you have all been showing towards Nicholas and his family since the death of Daniel. Special thanks to those of you who attended the funeral on Friday. Please continue to lift them up in your prayers.

Nicholas is hoping to be with us on the 4th December.

May the God of hope and encouragement strengthen us in this season of Advent, that we may wait patiently and expectantly for his leading and equipping.

Ronnie

St Paul's Church Fayre

Another big thank you to all involved in our Church Fayre last Saturday. There was a terrific atmosphere in both venues and the youngsters really enjoyed the new Children's Zone at the URC. The total amount of money raised stands at £3139, a great result.

RIP +

We were saddened to learn of the death of Dennis Penfold following replacement heart valve surgery in St Thomas's Hospital. Dennis was of course a regular contributor to our Parish Magazine. He possessed an encyclopaedic knowledge of the History of Rusthall which he was always ready to share with others. He also helped to bring many of his historical exhibitions to the Parish Church during the Heritage Open Days. Additionally he organised the Rusthall History Group for many years. Rusthall has lost one of its great characters and he will be much missed.

PCC

The next PCC meeting will be held in the Lodge this Monday, 28th November at 8 pm.

Tony's Book

Thank you to all who have purchased a copy of Tony Johnson's book, 'Robbie & Alice, A Tudor Adventure'. Unfortunately one copy has been found to have some blank pages. If you find your copy has any blank pages please bring it to be exchanged. You can contact Ginette in the office to arrange the swap.

St Paul's School

The school will be holding its Christmas Carol Service on Monday 12th December from about 9.30 am. The staff and children would like to invite any Parishioners who may like to attend.

Choir CD's

Our Christmas music CD's are now available to buy from the back of both Churches at the end of services throughout December. Price is £7.99. If anyone wants to order one and cannot make it to Church they can email Jennifer(jenniferruthfarman@gmail.com) or contact Ginette in the office.

The Boiler at the Parish Church

The boiler is still out of action, continued apologies for the cold! Hopefully the hired heaters lessen the chill. The parts for the boiler have been ordered and we hope that they will arrive quickly and the heating be back on.

The Money Course

Get to grips with your money. The course aims to help people manage their finances in this difficult time of increasing costs. It is free, face to face and refreshments will be provided. It will be held at TW Baptist Church on Saturday 26th November from 9.30 am to 1 pm. For more details see the posters in both Churches or go to - themoneycourse.org/join

Looking for a Lodger?

I moved to Rusthall about 18 months ago and, like most people that come here, I have fallen in love with it!

I am currently lodging in a house on Manor Road, however the arrangement comes to an end in January, so I am looking for somewhere else to lodge until I can find somewhere to buy.

I am 50, employed, sensible and respectful! I have a very busy life, going out to various classes, doing lots of walking and visiting friends.

Could you use a bit of extra money to help with your bills? And/or an extra pair of hands to do things around the house if ever needed?

If you might be interested, I would love to have a chat. Please call, text or email me - 07939 708992 and claire_betts72@hotmail.com.

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