

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2022**  
**THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**



**Collect for the Week**

Almighty God,  
purify our hearts and minds,  
that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as  
judge and saviour  
we may be ready to receive him,  
who is our Lord and our God.

**10.00 am Eucharist (CW)**

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

10.00 Family Service at the Church Centre  
and on Zoom  
Lead: Liz Goddard, Link: Viv Littlechild

Hymns: O come! O come! Emmanuel  
10,000 reasons  
Longing for light we wait in darkness  
All I once held dear  
Reading: Matthew 3.1-12 (NIV page 967)

**6.30 pm Evensong (BCP)**

Minister & Preacher: The Vicar

Hymn	NEH 5 Hark! A herald voice is calling	
Psalm	23 (BCP page 372)	
1st Reading	1 Kings 18.17-39 (NRSV page 348)	Tim Cripps
Magnificat	A	
2nd Reading	John 1.19-28 (NRSV page 98)	Paul Barter
Nunc dimittis	A	
Anthem	How beautiful upon the mountains - Stainer	
Hymn	NEH 15 The Lord will come and not be slow	
Amen	19	

	<p><b>Altar Flowers at the Parish Church</b></p> <p>The altar flowers are given today by Shirley &amp; Bill Barter Commemorating their parents Rene &amp; Wilson Barter And Millicent &amp; Cecil Rhodes</p>
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## THE WEEK AHEAD

### **MONDAY 5<sup>th</sup> December**

10 am – 1 pm Church Centre open for private prayer

### **TUESDAY 6<sup>th</sup>** *Nicholas, Bishop of Myra c. 326*

Parish Office closed

### **WEDNESDAY 7<sup>th</sup>** *Ambrose, Bishop of Milan, Teacher of the Faith, 397*

9.00 am Holmewood House rehearsals at the Parish Church

10 am – 1 pm Church Centre open for private prayer

10.30 am Julian Group at Chancellor House

12 noon - 2 pm Charlie's Angels pop-up lunch at the Church Centre

### **THURSDAY 8<sup>th</sup>** *The Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

9.00 am Holmewood House rehearsals at the Parish Church

10 am – 1 pm Church Centre open for private prayer

12 for 12:30 Lunch Club at the Church Centre

3.00 pm Parish Fellowship Quiz at the Church Centre

### **FRIDAY 9<sup>th</sup>**

9.00 am Holmewood House Junior Carol Service at the Parish Church

10 am – 1 pm Church Centre open for private prayer

12:30 pm Community Larder at the Church Centre

2.30 pm Holmewood House Senior Carol Service at the Parish Church

6:30 pm Junior Choir Practice

7:30 pm Full Choir Practice

### **SATURDAY 10<sup>th</sup>**

### **NEXT SUNDAY 11<sup>th</sup> December**

#### **THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

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

President & Preacher: The Vicar

#### **10.00 am Family Service with Christingle at the Church Centre**

and on Zoom

Lead: Daphne Pilcher, Link: Wendy Anderson

#### **6.30 pm Evensong (BCP)**

Minister & Preacher: The Vicar

# NEWS AND NOTES

## **From the Vicarage**

Warm Christian greetings to you all on this second Sunday of Advent – and apologies for a rather cold Parish Church.

Engineers are working on the boiler and we will soon have a warm Church. In the meantime, I trust that our 'Christian warmth' will continually radiate from within us and create a lasting glow, even as we wait for the glorious appearing of our Lord and Saviour.

*Ronnie*

## **URGENT - DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE FUTURE OF ST PAUL'S RUSTHALL**

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2023 10 am to 3 pm (including lunch provision)

At the Church Centre.

To run our Parish Churches costs significantly more than our current income. This is unsustainable and we seek God's guidance for our future.

ALL WELCOME - YOUR SUPPORT IS VITAL

YOUR PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

## **New Baby**

We were delighted to hear that Grace and Prathap have a new baby daughter called Iwana, a little sister for Nanetta. Mother and baby are doing well and we hope that we might see the family in the not too distant future.

## **Christingle Sunday 11th December**

The 10.00 am service at the Church Centre will be a special Christingle Service when the youngsters will have the chance to make their own Christingle.

## **Julian Group**

The next meeting for the Julian Group is on Wednesday 7th December at 10.30 am. Ann Loxley will kindly host the group at 30 Chancellor House. Vreni Gould will lead the music and Pat Stevens will be offering the meditation. All are welcome. For more information ring Pat on 529187.

## **Parish Fellowship**

Our next meeting is on Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> December, at 3 pm at the Church Centre. It's our annual Quiz, followed by tea and mince pies. Everybody is very welcome.

## **Rota January and February**

We are now preparing the first rota for 2023. It would be most helpful if you could let me know when you are unavailable for readings and prayers. Many thanks, Ginette.

## **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 Staff and Pupils of Rusthall St Paul's Primary School are holding their annual KS2 Carol Service at St Paul's Parish Church again this year.

We would like to invite parishioners to join us on Monday 12th December at 9.30 am for the service. We look forward to celebrating with you.

## **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](mailto: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 26<sup>th</sup> November from 9.30 am to 1 pm. For more details see the posters in both Churches or go to - [themoneycourse.org/join](http://themoneycourse.org/join)

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