

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2023**  
**THE THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE LENT**  
**CANDLEMAS**



**Collect for the Week**

Lord Jesus Christ,  
light of the nations and glory of Israel:  
make your home among us,  
and present us pure and holy  
to your heavenly Father,  
your God, and our God.

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**10.00 am Joint Family Service at the Church Centre**

Also on Zoom

Lead: Wendy Anderson, Link: Rosemary Romano

Hymns: We are marching in the light of God  
Confidence  
Brother, sister let me serve you  
Come on and celebrate

Reading: Luke 2.22 – 38 (NIV page 1028)

**(11.00 am) Shortened Holy Communion**

President: The Vicar

**6.30 pm Choral Evensong (BCP) AT THE CHURCH CENTRE**

Minister: The Vicar

Hymn: NEH 490 Judge eternal, throned in splendour

Responses: Tomkins

Psalms: 28

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Amos 2.4-end

Barbara Bourne

Magnificat: Dyson in F

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Ephesians 4.17-end

Tony Bourne

Nunc dimittis: Dyson in F

Anthem: When to the temple Mary went - Ecard

Hymn: NEH 248 (2<sup>nd</sup> tune) O Strength and Stay

Amen: Rutter

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### **MONDAY 6<sup>th</sup> February** *The Martyrs of Japan, 1597*

10.00 am Church at the Church Centre open for private prayer

### **TUESDAY 7<sup>th</sup>**

Parish Office closed

### **WEDNESDAY 8<sup>th</sup>**

10.00 am Church at the Church Centre open for private prayer

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

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

10.00 am Church at the Church Centre open for private prayer

12.30 pm Lunch Club at the Church Centre

3.00 pm Parish Fellowship at the Church Centre

### **FRIDAY 10<sup>th</sup>** *Scholastica, Sister of Benedict, Abbess Plombariola*

10.00 am Church at the Church Centre open for private prayer

12:30 pm Community Larder at the Church Centre

6.30 pm Choir pancake party at the Church Centre

8.00 pm Senior Choir practice at the Church Centre

### **SATURDAY 11<sup>th</sup>**

### **NEXT SUNDAY 12<sup>th</sup> February**

**Second Sunday before Lent**

**10.00 am Joint Service of the Word**

**Family Service at the Church Centre (CW)**

Lead: Rev. Nicholas Burton, Link: Daphne Pilcher

**6.30 pm Evensong (BCP) AT THE CHURCH CENTRE**

Minister & Preacher: The Vicar

## **NEWS AND NOTES**

### **From the Vicarage**

A very warm welcome to you all on this our first of many services together as a Parish at the Church Centre. As you know, this has been necessitated by the decommissioning of the boiler at the Parish Church. Obviously, there will be some feelings of unease and anxiety but this gives us an amazing opportunity to be transformed as we worship together and, through God's equipping, be the light and beacon of hope we are called to be. Thank you for all the ways you embody God's benevolence and share God's amazing love in the Parish.

*Ronnie*

### **Heating at the Parish Church**

Unfortunately the temperature in the Parish Church has dropped so low that it has been decided to close the building for the time being. We are waiting for information as to when the flue/boiler can be repaired/replaced.

Both our 10 am and 6.30 pm services will be held at the Church Centre.

Parking may be tricky but if you would like to park at the Parish Church, for 10 am services, shuttle cars will be on hand to drop you into the village if you do not wish to walk down. Alternatively you can park at the Rackcliff Centre, at your own risk, (Old Fire Station, Lower Green Road), for both services.

We do hope that this situation will be resolved in the not too distant future, please bear with us. If you have any concerns or questions please speak to the Wardens or Ginette.

### **St Paul's Fellowship**

Our next meeting is this Thursday the 9<sup>th</sup> February at 3 pm at the Church Centre. John Barber will be speaking to us about the 'All Abilities Path' in Happy Valley' which is our charity for this year. All are warmly welcome.

### **Rusthall Lunch Club**

We are looking for a part time chef, with relevant experience, to cook lunch once a week on a Thursday for a community lunch club in Rusthall (40 people approximately). This is a paid position working with a friendly team of volunteers.

Please apply for further details to Ros Rodwell - 01892 618538 or email [rosamund.rodwell@btopenworld.com](mailto:rosamund.rodwell@btopenworld.com)

## **Rusthall and Langton Life**

You may not be aware but there are audio versions of both magazines available to people who have visual impairment. Do you know any one who uses this facility or someone who may like to? We are trying to ascertain how much the service is or could be used. Please contact Ginette if you can help with this. Thank you.

## **Wellbeing Walks**

The Ramblers Group have launched a series of walks in the Rusthall area. The next one is this coming Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February. Meeting outside the Church Centre the walks will begin at 10 am and all are welcome. For the time being walks will take place every two weeks. You can also stay for coffee and a chat afterwards in the Church Centre. For information please contact [health@tunbridgewells.gov.uk](mailto:health@tunbridgewells.gov.uk) or call 01892 554411. No booking is required, dogs welcome.

## **Lent Course**

This year we will be using Tony Rutherford's book "Meeting Christianity again for the first time" for our Lent study. Copies are available for sale (£5) at church. We will be having two groups – one on Tuesdays during Lent from 10.30 am to 12 noon at the Church Centre, led by Vreni Gould and the other on Monday evenings from 7.30 pm to 9 pm led by Jenny Beaumont and hosted by Ray and Jenny. I hope that you will be able to be a part of this, we will create other groups if there is a need. Sign up sheets will be available from next week at both churches.

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