

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2023**  
**THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**



**Collect for the Week**

Almighty God,  
by the prayer and discipline of Lent  
may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings,  
and by following in his Way  
come to share in his glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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**10.00 am Joint Parish Eucharist at the Church Centre**

Also on Zoom

President: The Vicar, Link & Speaker: Wendy Anderson

Hymns: MP 480 New every morning  
NEH 457 (2<sup>nd</sup> tune) The King of love, my Shepherd is  
NEH 466 Thou whose almighty word  
NEH 239 Lord of all hopefulness

Anthem: Be still for the presence of the Lord – Arr. Hughes

Readings: Romans 4.1-5 read by Ginette di Palma  
John 3.1-7 read by Jean Kerr

Intercessions: Lead by : Tim Cripps

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

Minister & Preacher: The Vicar

Hymn: NEH 66 (tune 63) 'Forgive our sins as we forgive'  
Psalm: 29 (BCP page 378 )  
1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Numbers 21.4-9 Rod Garcia - Fermer  
Magnificat: B  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Luke 14.27-32 Caroline Johnson  
Nunc dimittis: B  
Anthem: God so loved the world - Stainer  
Hymn: NEH 73 (2<sup>nd</sup> tune) My God I love thee  
Amen: 9

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### **MONDAY 6<sup>th</sup>**

10.00 am - 12 noon Church at the Church Centre open for private prayer  
7.30 pm Lent Course at The Beaumont's

### **TUESDAY 7<sup>th</sup> March** *Perpetua, Felicity and her Companions, Martyrs at Carthage 203*

Parish Office closed

10.30 am Lent Course at the Church Centre

### **WEDNESDAY 8<sup>th</sup>** *Edward King, Bishop of Lincoln, 1910*

10.00 am – 21 noon 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 – 12 noon 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  
4.00 pm Beavers visit the Church at the Church Centre

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

10.00 am – 12 noon Church at the Church Centre open for private prayer  
12:30 pm Community Larder at the Church Centre  
6.30 pm Junior Choir Practice at the Church Centre  
7.30 pm Senior Choir practice at the Church Centre

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

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

#### **The Third Sunday of Lent**

#### **10.00 am Joint Family Service at the Church Centre (CW)**

Also on Zoom

Lead: Daphne Pilcher, Link: Viv Littlechild

#### **11.00 am Shortened Holy Communion**

President: The Vicar

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

Minister & Preacher: The Vicar

# NEWS AND NOTES

## **From the Vicarage**

Warm greetings to you all on this second Sunday of Lent and welcome to our joint Communion service here at the Church Centre. I trust that we will have an inspiring and encouraging time of worship and fellowship together as we continue our journey through Lent.

May I take this opportunity to thank everyone for your patience, understanding and magnanimity during this extended period of having to make considerable sacrifices as we endeavour to be accepting and accommodating of one another and our different preferences of music and worship styles.

A very special thank you to all those who have made financial contribution towards the replacement of the boiler at the Parish. The response to the appeal has been phenomenal and I am very grateful to you all for your generosity. *Ronnie*

## **Mothering Sunday**

Our joint service for Mothering Sunday will be at the Church Centre. The logistical details and other modalities are being looked at to ensure that the service goes on safely, harmoniously and with decorum.

## **RIP +**

It is with great sadness that we share the news of the death of our friend Pam Munro. She passed away peacefully on Tuesday of this week, at the Five Ashes Hospice. Our love and prayers are with Rob, Nic, Neil and all the family as they mourn her. There is a card in Church for the family if you should wish to sign it.

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

Our meeting this week is on Thursday 9th March, 3 pm at the Church Centre. It will be a Lent Talk with Rev Dave Bubb, Curate at Christ Church Southborough. Everyone very welcome.

## **Transport to the Church Centre**

We are still running the transport service between the Parish Church and the Church Centre if you wish to make use of it and park at the Parish Church.

## **Stamps**

St Paul's School are collecting used stamps. The children would be very grateful if parishioners were able to save and donate them. You are welcome to bring them to Church or the Parish Office and I will pass them on. *Ginette.*

## **Tunbridge Wells Salvation Army**

The Salvation Army will again be hosting an evening of Easter music and Readings this year, hosted by the South London Fellowship Band and the Salvation Army Songsters. This will be held on Monday 3rd April at 7.30 pm at the Salvation Army Hall, Bayhall Road. All are welcome.

## **Lent Course**

Our Lent Courses are now up and running, it is not too late to join in.  
Monday 7.30 pm - 9 pm led by Jenny Beaumont, hosted by Ray and Jenny.  
Tuesdays 10.30 am - 12 noon Church Centre, books still available.

## **Charlie's Angels**

We wish Charlie and her team the very best of luck for the first of their new pop up lunches in Southborough, which will be from 12 noon to 2 pm at the Hub starting tomorrow (Monday). We hope it will be every bit as successful as the one here at the Church Centre on Wednesdays.

## **Dear Parishioners and Well-wishers of St. Paul's Rusthall**

### *Appeal for funds for the installation of a new boiler/flue at the Parish Church*

As you know the boiler at the Parish Church has been condemned and has now been removed. The cost for the new boilers, to replace the old one, is in the region of £9,000.

I am therefor asking for your financial assistance to enable us to carry out the installation of a new boiler/flue at the Parish Church. If you require any added information or would like to discuss this further, please contact either of the Church Wardens, the Treasurer, the Vicar or the Parish Administrator, (the card readers can be used for donations).

The Bank details for the Parish are:-

**A/C name: St Paul's Church Rusthall**

**Bank: Lloyd's - Sort Code: 30-98-77, Acc. Number: 00680470**

Thank you very much for taking the time to read this and I trust that you would be able to assist us in whatever way you can. Please reference any gift/donation with the word 'Boiler'.

With every blessing, Ronnie

## 100 Club Update

Great news! The Bank account is now open and we hope to have the first draw by the end of the month. Chris Dobson will be contacting all those who have shown interest but please do speak to him at any time. The 100 club bank details are as follows so please set up your Standing Order asap. £10 per number per month. Bank: Lloyds (Victoria Branch), account Name: St. Paul's 100, Sort Code 30-99-50, account Number: 45238060.

## St Paul's Summer Fayre

The Summer Fayre which will include a BBQ, various games, plants, cakes and a jumble sale is to be held on **SATURDAY 17th JUNE at THE CHURCH CENTRE 11 am to 2 pm.** Please save the date and contact Jean Kerr or Angela Culley if you are able to help.

## Youth Council of St Paul's

'Valuing and Empowering every young person's voice'

Open to all young people in Years 6 to 13 ie aged 10-18 years. Inaugural meeting Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March 6.30 pm in The Lodge. Please contact Jean Kerr or Angela Culley for more details.

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