

Sunday 16th March 2025

The Second Sunday of Lent

St. Paul's
Church
Rusthall



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.

8:00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

President & Preacher: The Vicar

10.00 am Eucharist (CW)

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10.00 am Family Service at the Church Centre + Zoom

Lead: Daphne Pilcher, Link: Rosemary Romano

Hymns: He's got the whole world in his hands
The Lord's my Shepherd
I want to walk with Jesus Christ
Fight the good fight.

Reading: Psalm 27 (NIV page 557)

6.30 pm Compline

Minister: The Vicar

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY 17th March *Patrick, Bishop and Missionary, Patron Saint of Ireland, c. 460*

9.00 am Morning Prayer at the Parish Church – The Vicar

10.00 am Church at the Church Centre open for private prayer

TUESDAY 18th *Cyril, Bishop of Jerusalem, Teacher of the Faith, 386*
Edward, King of the West Saxons

Parish Office closed

10.00 am Lent Group at the Church Centre

WEDNESDAY 19th Joseph of Nazareth

9.00 am Morning Prayer at the Church Centre – The Vicar

9.00 am Playtime at St Paul's

10.00 am Church at the Church Centre open for private prayer

THURSDAY 20th Cuthbert, Bishop of Lindisfarne, Missionary, 687

10.00 am Church at the Church Centre open for private prayer

11.30 am Holy Communion at the Church Centre – The Vicar

11.30 am Holy Communion to Mount Ephraim House – May Graves

12.30 pm Lunch Club at the Church Centre

2.30 pm Holy Communion to Rusthall Lodge – The Vicar

7.30 pm Lent group in the Lodge

FRIDAY 21st Thomas Crammer, Archbishop of Canterbury, Reformation Martyr, 1556

10.00 am Church at the 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 22nd

10am-4pm Choristers Café in the Lodge

6.30 pm Choir Concert at the Parish Church

NEXT SUNDAY 23rd March

The Third Sunday of Lent

8.00 am Holy Communion

President & Preacher: The Vicar

10.00 am Matins (BCP)

Minister & Preacher: Rev. Nicholas Burton

10am-4pm Choristers Café in the Lodge

10.00 am Family Service with Holy Communion at the Church Centre + Zoom

President: The Vicar, Link: Jean Kerr

6.30 pm Eucharist (CW)

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NEWS AND NOTES

From The Vicarage

Greetings to you all, and a very warm welcome to our services today, the Second Sunday of Lent. As we continue our journey through Lent, may we experience the support of one another and know the presence of Almighty God within us.

A Musical Date for Your Diary

Please do come and join us for a special Choir Concert on **Saturday 22nd March at 6.30 pm** in the Parish Church. Music will feature Fauré's Requiem and other pieces of French music for Lent. Refreshments will be available, entry is free but all donations will help towards our trip. It would be wonderful to have a big audience – hope to see you there.

Plant Sale & Tea plus Treasure Hunt, Church Centre, Monday 21st April

Please continue to take cuttings, sow seeds etc for our plant sale after Easter. Thank you.

New Electoral Roll (Full Revision)

Electoral Roll application forms are available at the back of both the Parish Church and the Church Centre, please complete your form as soon as possible. Also if you are aware of anyone who cannot get to Church please either take them a form or let me know. If you have any questions, do get in touch. Thank you – Ginette.

Treasurer for the Parish

As you know Pat has now retired from this role and we are now looking for someone to take on this role. This can be a shared position with two or more people taking on different aspects of the job. Full training and support will be given. If you feel this is something you could do as part of the ministry of St Paul's please speak with Ronnie.

Confirmation

This year, we will be hosting the Confirmation Service for our cluster of parishes at the Parish Church at 4 pm on Sunday 18th May and Bishop Jonathan will preside. If you or someone you know would like to get confirmed, please put your details on the list provided at both Churches.

Malawi

Chris and I are off to Malawi in a week. If anyone has any old phones and chargers hanging around please leave them at the back of the church, at the Church Centre or give them to us. The Malawians would be incredibly grateful. Thank you, Angela.

Flower Pots

The CYC would be grateful for any flower pots, of any size. We will put a box outside each of the Churches. Thank you.

Lent Groups

It is still not too late to join either Lent Group, Tuesdays 10 am at the Church Centre and Thursdays at 7.30 pm in the Lodge.

Pilgrimage 2025 Monday 23rd June

This year we will be following the Martyr's Way which will take us from Tower Bridge to St. Bartholomew the Great in the City of London. After some refreshments in Borough Market, the day will finish with Evensong in Southwark Cathedral. Sign up sheets are in both Churches. For further details please contact Tim Harrold (07413 805814 -timharrold@duck.com).

March is National Brain Injury Awareness month!

Despite huge numbers of people affected by brain injury every year, most people don't know about brain injury and the impact it can have. Acquired brain injury (ABI) is the largest cause of acquired disability in the working age population. It is estimated that 8,000 people across West Kent have an acquired brain injury. The charity Brains Matter (originally part of UK charity Headway, the Tunbridge Wells branch of which was set up by our late good friends Michael and Pam Munro, long time St Paul's members) provides the only service of its kind in West Kent. The charity is independent and self funding. They offer support in the community through their C+ommunity Wellbeing Support, Wellbeing Support Groups and a Programme of Activities. The choir sang carols with them at their day centre in December which was very favourably received. If you would like to find out more about how you might be able to help or donate please visit the website at Home | Brains Matter - Brain Injury Charity

Flowers for the 175 Banner

A huge Thank You to everyone who has been crocheting and knitting flowers for this. Please can I ask that all completed flowers are added to the boxes in the churches by 23rd March.

Rusthall Lodge

The Board of Rusthall Lodge Care Home are looking for a new Chair for the Board of Governors. The person should be local to Rusthall and/or have strong connection with the community. Details of the role can be found on the Trustees Unlimited website <https://trustees-unlimited.co.uk/roles/>, the application deadline is 14th April 2025

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