

Sunday 20th April 2025

EASTER DAY

St. Paul's
Church
Rusthall



Collect for the Week

God of glory,
by the raising of your Son
you have broken the chains of death and hell:
fill your Church with faith and hope;
for a new day has dawned
and the way to life stands open
in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

8:00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

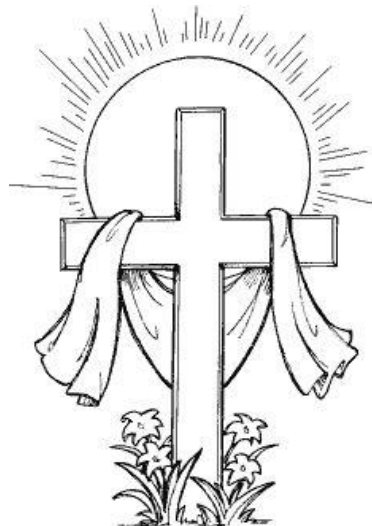
President & Preacher: The Vicar

10.00 am Joint Festival Eucharist (CW)

President & Preacher: The Vicar, Minister: Daphne Pilcher

6.30 pm Service of Readings and Music for Passiontide and Easter

Minister: The Vicar



THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY 21st April

Bank Holiday

Parish Office closed

2.00 pm Plant Sale and Cream Tea at the Church Centre
with Treasure Hunt on the Common

TUESDAY 22nd

Parish Office closed

WEDNESDAY 23rd

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

6.00 pm Confirmation Preparation at the Church Centre

7.00 pm Bat walk with Commons Conservators based at the Lodge

THURSDAY 24th

10.00 am Church at the Church Centre open for private prayer

11.30 am Holy Communion at the Church Centre – The Vicar

12.30 pm Lunch Club at the Church Centre

FRIDAY 25th

12.30 pm Community Larder at the Church Centre

SATURDAY 26th

10am-4pm Choristers Café in the Lodge

5.00 pm St George's Day Quiz at the Church Centre

NEXT SUNDAY 27th April

Second Sunday of Easter

8.00 am Holy Communion

President & Preacher: The Vicar

10.00 am Joint Eucharist at the Church Centre

President: The Vicar, Preacher: Rev. Nicholas Burton

Link: Jean Kerr

10am-4pm Choristers Café in the Lodge

6.30 pm Evensong (BCP)

Minister & Preacher: Rev. Nicholas Burton



NEWS AND NOTES

From The Vicarage

Greetings to you all and a very warm welcome to our services today, as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Special welcome to our joint 10:00 am Festival Eucharist at the Parish Church. It is great for us to worship together on this very special day in the Church's calendar. May the risen Christ fill us afresh with his joy and peace that we may radiate his amazing love. Alleluia. Christ is risen!

Easter Celebrations

We hope the children can stay and enjoy the Easter egg hunt after this mornings' service. Thank you to those who arranged it. We also welcome you to come and join us at 6.30 pm this evening for our very special service of readings and music. There will be refreshments served afterwards.

Parish Church Today

A huge thank you to the flower team for making the church look so beautiful for our Easter Services. Another big thank you to the Choir Team for making our Easter Garden which will be blessed this morning.

Bank Holiday Monday Plant Sale Plus

Please do come and join us tomorrow at the Church Centre for cream tea, a plant sale and treasure hunt on the Common – from 2 pm, we look forward to seeing you there.

The Choir

We are now recruiting boys and girls aged 6 and over to our Junior Section, as we continue to grow and maintain our high musical standards. Please speak to Fiona for more information. There are posters in both Churches.

Songs of Praise at Family Service 10 am Sunday 11th May

If anyone would like to choose a hymn for the Songs of Praise service, please will you let me know today or early this week what it is you would like us to sing and perhaps a few words about why you and/or your family have chosen it.
jeankerr@stpaulsrusthall.org.uk

Treasurer for the Parish

We are urgently 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.

London Pilgrimage 23rd June 2025

There are still spaces available for those who would like to join us. Details of the itinerary, a map showing our route, and a list of all the Churches and places of interest we will be visiting can be viewed at

<https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/16960/page/93196/view/>

If you have any questions about the Pilgrimage please contact Tim Harrold.

Polling Station

The Church Centre will be used as a Rusthall voting location on Thursday 1st May from 7 am to 10 pm. If you have any queries please contact me in the office. Ginette.

Rusthall Parish Walk Monday 5th May-10 am starting from The Church Centre

The walk circles the village following the ancient tradition of "Beating the Bounds" around the parish boundary. Along the way we travel through the surrounding commons, woods and fields. It's easy to take a detour and make your own route, as you are never far from the centre of the village.

Finding the answers to the clues for the quiz keeps everyone keen to get to the next marker. There's also the chance for a welcome break at the Choristers' Café in The Lodge. Map and quiz sheet from the Church Centre on the day.

Licensing Service of Tim Harrold at Rochester Cathedral

Tim will be licensed as a Local Lay Minister (LLM) by Bishop Jonathan on Saturday 10th May at 2:30 pm. There is a sign-up sheet in both churches for those who would like to attend this service, so we can arrange transport.



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