

Sunday 12th April 2026

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER



Collect for the Week

Risen Christ
for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred:
open the doors of our hearts,
that we may seek the good of others
and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace,
to the praise of God the Father

8.00 am **Holy Communion (BCP) with hymns**
President and Preacher: The Vicar

10.00 am **Parish Eucharist (CW)**
President: The Vicar Minister and Preacher: Tim Harrold

10.00 am **Family Service at the Church Centre + zoom**
Lead: Susan Powley Link: Jean Kerr

Hymns: Here I am to worship
 Purify my heart (Refiner's fire)
 Be still for the presence of the Lord
 See what a morning

Readings: 1 Peter 1. 3 – 9 (NIV Page 1217)

6.30 pm **Evensong (BCP)** Minister: The Vicar

Hymn: NEH 107
 Good Christian Men, rejoice and sing!

Psalm: 67

1st Reading: Daniel 6. 1 – 23 Debbie Millar

Magnificat: A

2nd Reading: Mark 15. 46 - 16. 8 Cherry Mead

Nunc Dimittis: A

Anthem: The strife is o'er – Ley

Hymn: NEH 117 The Day of Resurrection!

Amen: 16

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY 13th April

- 9.00 am **Morning prayer at the Parish Church – the Vicar**
10.00am Church Centre open for private prayer
8.00 pm PCC meeting at The Lodge

TUESDAY 14th Parish Office closed

WEDNESDAY 15th

- 9.00 am **Morning prayer at the Church Centre – Tim Harrold**
9.00 am Playtime at St Paul's
10.00 am Church Centre open for private prayer
4.00 pm The Church Youth Council PaintNGo
7.30 pm The Organ Renovation Committee

THURSDAY 16th *Isabella Gilmore, deaconess 1923*

- 10.00 am Church Centre open for private prayer
11.00 am Communion at Mount Ephriam House with Ginette Di Palma
11.30 am **Holy Communion at the Church Centre with the Vicar**
12.30 pm Luch Club at the Church Centre

FRIDAY 17th

- 12.30 pm Community Larder at the Church Centre
1.00 pm Wedding rehearsal at the Parish Church

SATURDAY 18th

- 10.00 am – 4.00 pm Choristers Café

NEXT SUNDAY 19th April 2026

Third Sunday of Easter

- 8.00 am **Holy Communion (BCP)**
President: The Vicar
- 10.00 am **Parish Eucharist (CW)**
President and Preacher: The Vicar Minister: Daphne Pilcher
- 10.00 am **Family Service at the Church Centre + Zoom**
Lead: Daphne Pollard Link: Chris Bassett
- 10.00 am – 4.00 pm Choristers Café
- 6:30 pm **Choral Evensong (BCP)**
Minister: Tim Harrold

NEWS AND NOTES

The Vicarage

Easter greetings and a very warm welcome to our services today, the second Sunday of Easter. As we worship together, may we continually rejoice in the joy of our salvation and eagerly share God's love with those we meet. Alleluia, Christ risen!

Family Service at the Church Centre

If anyone is interested in operating Zoom during Family Service, even on a very occasional basis, please get in touch with Susan Powley via the Parish Office. Thank you.

APCM

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) will take place at the Church Centre at 7.45 pm on Tuesday 12th May 2026. Papers for this meeting will be circulated in due course. During the meeting we will be looking to elect Church Wardens and members to the PCC. If you are interested to serve as a Warden or a member of the PCC please contact Ronnie, May or Chris Dobson.

YOUR PARISH NEEDS YOU!

We are looking for someone to serve as Secretary of the Parochial Church Council (PCC). The role of the Secretary is to:

1. Take the Minutes at the PCC meetings and circulate them to the PCC.
2. Prepare the agenda with the Vicar for the PCC meetings.
3. Prepare and distribute documents for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) and take minutes for the meeting.
4. Act as the 'official' liaison between the Parish and The Diocese of Rochester.

The PCC meets for at most two hours on a 6/7 - week cycle. Please speak to Ronnie, May or Chris Dobson if you are interested to serve as the PCC Secretary.

CAN YOU HELP?

Following a recent strategy meeting the church is looking for the following:

1. A co-ordinator to mastermind the Annual Church Fayre
2. Someone to co-ordinate our marketing strategy
3. A St. Paul's Alumni co-ordinator to reach out to St. Paul's Alumni and friends, local, national and International.

If you are interested in any of these roles, please contact either:

Angela Culley. 07779098026 or culley.angela@yahoo.com

Tim Harrold, Lay Minister, 07413805814 or finance@stpaulsrusthall.org.uk

Angela

The Church Youth Council

We have been asked if others ie adults could join us at our May meeting for the talk by Anne Goldstein entitled, 'The Story of The Beacon'. We would be happy for you to join on join us on 7th May 6pm in The Lodge

EXCITING NEWS - "I am Mark" Production

It is with great excitement and anticipation that we can announce that 2026 will see an inaugural Shirley Barter Memorial Production. On 18th July we will be presenting "I am Mark", a daring new staging of the Gospel of Mark. Re-enacted by one person, "I am Mark" takes us through all the stories and drama in Mark's Gospel and presents it in the same way that the very first Christians would have experienced it. Performed in front of sell out audiences at both Rochester Cathedral and Edinburgh Fringe Festival, this is an event not to be missed. Tickets are now on sale via our website. See posters in The Lodge, Church and Church Centre for details. We expect tickets to sell quickly so please make sure you book yours soon.

Playtime at St Paul's

This hugely popular playgroup held at St Paul's Church Centre, Rusthall, meets every Wednesday morning, from 9 am to 11 am and also opens in the school holidays. They are actively looking for more volunteers to help run this wonderful club. The playgroup caters for babies, toddlers and preschoolers in term time whilst during the holidays, children up to Year 7 are welcome. If you are interested in lending a hand and require further information, please contact Liz Mankelow on 07840 837968.

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