

Sunday 26th April 2026

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Collect for the Week

Risen Christ,
Faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:
teach us to hear your voice
and to follow your command,
that all our people may be gathered into one flock,
to the glory of God the Father.

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- 10.00 am** **Matins (BCP)**
Minister: Tim Harrold
Preacher: Daphne Pilcher
- 10.00 am** **Family Service with Holy Communion at the Church Centre + Zoom**
Lead: Reverend Nicholas Burton Link: Rosemary Romano
- Hymns: The Lord of Sea and Sky
 The Lord's My Shepherd
 In Christ Alone
 Colours of Day
- Readings: 1 Peter 2. 19 – 25 (NIV Page 1218)
 John 10. 1 – 10 (NIV Page 1076)
- 4.00 pm** **Taizé Service** - Church Centre with Tim Harrold
- 6.30 pm** **Parish Eucharist (CW)**
President: Reverend Nicholas Burton
Minister and Preacher: Tim Harrold



The Altar flowers are given today in loving memory of Jean and Alexander Harrold (mother and father) and Jonathon Harrold (brother) from Tim Harrold.

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY 27th *Christina Rossetti, poet, 1894*
10.00am Church Centre open for private prayer

TUESDAY 28th *Peter Chanel, missionary in the South Pacific, martyr, 1841*
Parish Office closed

WEDNESDAY 29th *Catherine of Siena, teacher of the faith, 1380*
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

THURSDAY 30th *Pandita Mary Ramabal, translator of the Scriptures 1922*
10.00 am Church Centre open for private prayer
12.30 pm Lunch Club at the Church Centre

FRIDAY 1st May *Phillip and James Apostles*
10.00 am Church Centre open for private prayer
12.30 pm Community Larder at the Church Centre
6.30 pm Junior Choir practise
7.30 pm Full Choir practise

SATURDAY 2nd May *Athanasius, Bishop of Alexandria, teacher of the faith, 373*
10.00 am – 4.00 pm Choristers Café

NEXT SUNDAY 3rd May 2026
Fifth Sunday of Easter

NO 8.00 AM SERVICE

10.00 am **Parish Eucharist (CW)**
President and Preacher: Reverend Nicholas Burton
Minister: Tim Harrold

10.00 am **Family Service with at the Church Centre + Zoom**
Lead: Daphne Pilcher Link: Karen Miller

10.00 am – 4.00 pm Choristers Café

6.30 pm **Evensong (BCP)**
Minister and Preacher: Tim Harrold

NEWS AND NOTES

Obituary

Tony Maylam has sadly announced that on Tuesday 21st April 2026, his dear wife, Betty Maylam passed away. Please hold Tony and his entire family in your thoughts and prayers.

Notice

Just a reminder that there is no 8.00 am service at the Parish Church on Sunday 3rd May 2026.

Local Elections Thursday 7th May 2026

Please be advised that the Church Centre is acting as a Polling Station for the local elections on Thursday 7th May 2026 from 6.00 am to 10.00 pm. As a result, all clubs have made alternative plans as the Church Centre is unable to operate as normal.

First Aid

We are currently looking to add a few more First Aiders to the St Paul's team. At the moment I am the only registered person and cannot be at all events/services. It would great to be able to cover more. If you would like to do some training or already hold a First Aid at Work (or similar) certificate, please get in touch. It is a rewarding way to help people and I am very happy to answer any questions. This applies to both Churches. Many thanks. Ginette

The Church Youth Council

The CYC are meeting on Thursday 7th May 2026 at 6.00 pm in The Lodge. Anne Goldstein will be giving a talk on 'the Story of The Beacon'. If anyone is interested in joining the meeting please do pop along as you will be most welcome.

The Book Corner in The Lodge is proving a great success. If anyone has good quality modern fiction books, the CYC would be grateful for more donations.

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, Deputy Wardens, members to the PCC and members of the Deanery Synod. If you are interested to serve in of these roles please contact Ronnie, May or Chris Dobson. Nomination forms are available at the Parish Church and Church Centre.

5 STARS on Eventbrite

Following the amazing performance of Messiah, we now have a 5-star rating on Eventbrite. If you booked your tickets through that platform, please do give us a rating so that we can attract even more people for our future events. Many thanks to everyone for supporting what was a truly wonderful evening.

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

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.

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