



*Welcome to*  
**The Parish Church of  
St Peter & St Paul,  
Rustington**  
**26th December 2021**  
**4th Sunday of Advent**

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year**  
**From all the staff team at St Peter & St Paul**  
**Rustington**

**\*\*WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK\*\***

**Saturday 24th  
December.  
Christmas Eve**

**4.00pm Crib Service**

*President Rev. Natalie Loveless & Laura Darrall, Preacher  
Rev. Natalie Loveless*

**Saturday 24th  
December.  
Christmas Eve**

**11.30pm Midnight Mass**

*President Rev Natalie Loveless, Preacher: Rev Laura  
Darrall*

*Collect*

Eternal God,  
who made this most holy night  
to shine with the brightness of your one true light:  
bring us, who have known the revelation of that light  
on earth,  
to see the radiance of your heavenly glory;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

God our Father,  
in this night you have made known to us again  
the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ:  
confirm our faith and fix our eyes on him  
until the day dawns  
and Christ the Morning Star rises in our hearts.  
To him be glory both now and for ever.

**Saturday 25th  
December.**  
*Christmas day*

**8.30am Holy Communion**  
*President Rev. Natalie Loveless, Preacher Rev. Laura  
Darrall*

**Saturday 25th  
December.**  
*Christmas day*

**10.00am Celebration Communion**  
*President & Preacher Rev Natalie Loveless*  
*Readings: Isaiah 9.2-7, Luke 2.1-14 [15-20]*

*Collect*

*Almighty God,  
you have given us your only-begotten Son  
to take our nature upon him  
and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin:  
grant that we, who have been born again  
and made your children by adoption and grace,  
may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit,  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.*

*Post  
Communion*

*God our Father,  
whose Word has come among us  
in the Holy Child of Bethlehem:  
may the light of faith illumine our hearts  
and shine in our words and deeds;  
through him who is Christ the Lord.*

**Saturday 26th  
December.**  
*1st Sunday of  
Christmas*

**\*\*NO EARLY SERVICE\*\***

**Saturday 26th  
December.**  
1st Sunday of  
Christmas

**11.00am Said Holy Communion**

President Rev. Natalie Loveless. Preacher Rev. Pat Brooks  
Readings: 1 Samuel 2.18-20,26 Luke 2.41-end

Collect

Almighty God,  
who wonderfully created us in your own image  
and yet more wonderfully restored us  
through your Son Jesus Christ:  
grant that, as he came to share in our humanity,  
so we may share the life of his divinity;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Post  
Communion

Heavenly Father,  
whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth  
the life of an earthly home:  
help your Church to live as one family,  
united in love and obedience,  
and bring us all at last to our home in heaven;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord

**Weds. 29th Dec**

**11.00am All Age Communion**

President & Preacher Rev Edward Jervis.  
Readings: 2 Chronicles 24.20-22, Psalm 119.161-168,  
Matthew 10.17-22

**Sunday 2nd Jan.**

**Epiphany**

**8.30am Holy Communion (traditional language)**

President Rev. Natalie Loveless & Laura Darrall, Preacher  
Rev. Natalie Loveless

**10.00am All age communion (Also live streamed)**

President Rev Natalie Loveless, Preacher: Rev Laura  
Darrall  
Readings: Isaiah 60.1-6, Matthew 4.12-17,23-end

*Collect*                      *O God,  
who by the leading of a star  
manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth:  
mercifully grant that we,  
who know you now by faith,  
may at last behold your glory face to face;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.*

*Post Communion*        *Lord God,  
the bright splendour whom the nations seek:  
may we who with the wise men have been drawn by your  
light  
discern the glory of your presence in your Son,  
the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord.*

**Weds. 5th Jan.**            **11.00am Holy Communion**  
*President & Preacher Canon Michael Weaver*

**Sunday 9th Jan.**        **Baptism of Christ**  
**8.30am Holy Communion** (*traditional language*)

**10.00am Sung Eucharist** (*Also live streamed*)  
*President Rev. Natalie Loveless, Preacher Rev James  
Spanner*  
*Readings: Isaiah 43.1-7, Luke3.15-17,21-22*

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**9.00am Morning Prayer** – Monday, Wednesday, Friday changes to  
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday from January. Wednesday also on Zoom.

**Private Prayer:** The church will open for private prayer on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday between 10.30am – 12 noon.

**Parish Prayer Time (PPT)** will meet in the Church on Monday mornings at 9.30am, (following Morning Prayer). Parish Prayer Time lasts about 40 mins and usually starts with a shared scripture passage or words of encouragement to lead us into prayer for the Parish, the world and individuals who have requested our prayers.

**Please remember in your prayers:** please contact the office to give Jake Watkins, Janet Hutchings, Colin Thornton, Jenny Silver, Natalie Reynolds, Juliet, Diana Holbourn, Luke Smith, Claire Hart, Ken Davies.

**Year's Mind:** John Allen (01/01/09), Binda Mitcham (01/01/12) Maggie Leigh-Jones (02/01/19), Ciss Few (05/01/92), Kathleen Turner (06/01/2000), Ena Stockbridge (07/1/13), Henry Teague (08/01/03), Gerrard Creedon (08/01/20)

### **The Pantry:**

Due to the generous donations given to us by our wonderful church members, local community and food suppliers we were able to put together Christmas hampers for 8 families. Furthermore, Sarah and Scott from the Butcher and Deli in Rustington, put a collection box in their shop for our Pantry users/FSW families. We thought we would use the collection money to buy turkeys for six families who are struggling but Sarah and Scott insisted that they pay for these turkeys so that we could spend the money on the families in other ways. This very kind gesture from Sarah and Scott enabled us to purchase Argos gift vouchers of £40 for 5 other families. If you are thinking of donating we are in need of tea, coffee, biscuits and toilet rolls.

### **Great is thy Faithfulness**

Towards the end of January twelve members of the church will be taking part in the Diocese of Chichester's pilot programme 'Great is thy Faithfulness.' This is a programme designed to help churches think intentionally about church growth in all its dimensions. As we navigate Covid and look towards the future please do pray for those involved and for wisdom and vision, giving thanks for the Diocesan team and for our partner parishes Aldwick and Pagham.

## **Appointment of the Rural Dean**

Our Vicar Natalie has been appointed Rural Dean of Arundel and Bognor alongside her ministry here. She will have care of the Deanery Clergy and chair the Deanery Synod. She will also work with the Archdeacon to support Church Wardens when local churches are in vacancy. Licensing details will be announced in due course.

## **Authorised Lay Ministry**

Following completion of the course Living Faith and then a further specialism in Chaplaincy. Claire Birkhead will be licensed as and Authorised Lay Minister on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> January, 3pm at Chichester Cathedral. Sadly, tickets are limited, but you can worship online via the Cathedral website.

**Social Media:** St Peter and St Paul Rustington is quite active on social media where you can see and hear news updates, and some great short videos from our Curate Laura and much more find us on Facebook here: <https://www.facebook.com/rustingtonchurch> or you can revisit some of our previous services on YouTube here:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCI4VniuJvc6jwaLOjPeX9A>

**Home Groups:** Home Groups: All are welcome to join a home group, please contact Laura for more information.

**Church Office Opening:** Please note the church office will be closed on 29th, 30th & 31st December over the Christmas break.

**Notice Sheet:** There will be **NO NOTICE SHEET for Sunday 2nd January 2022**, the next notice sheet AFTER the 26th of December will be for Sunday 9th January. The notice sheet on 26th December will be a double edition. Material for the notice sheet for **Sunday 9th January 2022** should reach the church office **\*\*no later than 10am on Wednesday 5th January 2022\*\***

**Footsteps.** You are all welcome to join us for our January walk, meet at the bottom of Sea Lane, Rustington at 10.20 for a 10.30 start on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> January for a walk along the coast to the bluebird Cafe in Ferring.

**Weekly Offering.** Please note that no collections are taken during the services. Offerings may be placed in the wooden bowl/plate on the

table inside the church. For those who wish to Gift Aid their cash offering there are pink envelopes.

**Welcome.** To those who are new to our Church. We invite you to complete a **Welcome Card** and return it, so we can get to know you.

### **\*\*\*Special Feature\*\*\***

#### **Marriage Course 2022:**

The marriage course will be running from the beginning of February 2022.

**Who's it for?** Are you in a relationship, been married for decades, about to get married, just started our relationship, if you answered yes to this, then it's for you?

**What's it About?** Simply, it's about getting tips and advice on what's the best nourishment you can give your relationship. The videos and the course are from Niky & Cilia Lee, from a church, HTB, in London. Really, it's about celebrating you and your partner and if not then learning how to do that.

**What do we do?** You will be spending time together, **if, in person**, you will be served a hot meal and pudding, sat at a private candlelight table. you will watch short videos, work your way through a booklet. **If at home**, then prepare yourself a meal, and follow the same pattern online. Start at 7 pm, grab a drink, sit at a table for 7.15, watch a short video, do an exercise, watch another short video and another exercise, discuss, chat, have a drink, eat, repeat, eat pudding, drink coffee, and chat more. If at home, try to create a date night feel.

**When:** Starts on Monday 7 Feb 2022, (rest of the dates below), x2 Monday evening and x5 Wednesday evenings.

**How Long:** There are 7 sessions each 2 1/2 hours long, 7 pm - 9.30 pm

**Where:** Both online (ZOOM) and in-person. In-person at St Margaret's Church Hall, online via Zoom. - accessible via iPad/tablet, or a laptop/computer.

**Who's Running It?** Perhaps to say, whose facilitating it. Ben & Astrid Bennett, members of St Margaret's Church, who first attended the course 6 years ago and have been leading since then. Ben and Astrid live in Rustington and came to the area, 25 years ago. They have been married for 24 years and have 3 children. They will be showing the videos from Niky and Cila, co-ordinating catering at the church hall, and organising the online aspects.

**Can I find out more?** Yes, you can either visit St Margaret's website at: <https://www.stmargaretsangmering.church/35/The-Marriage-Course>, or email Church, Chris Harris [chrisharris@stmargaretsangmering.church](mailto:chrisharris@stmargaretsangmering.church)

**How do I book?** If you can go online this is the best way of booking see link here <https://stmargaretsangmering.churchsuite.co.uk/events/t5ulbbmo> if you can't go online, please call on **01903 784459**

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If you would like to sponsor the news sheet to remember a loved one or celebrate a special event, please contact the church office.

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