



Sunday 14th December 2025
Third Sunday of Advent

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Collect	<p><i>O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.</i></p>
Post Communion	<p><i>We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts; kindle in us the fire of your Spirit that when your Christ comes again</i></p>

	<i>we may shine as lights before his face; who is alive and reigns now and for ever.</i>
*** What's on ***	
Monday 15th December	<i>1.00 pm Funeral of Doreen Gowans RIP 4.00 pm Monday Rocks (church)</i>
Tuesday 16th December	<i>12.30 pm Noah's Ark (church hall) 4.30 pm Bolders (church hall) 6.30 pm Carol Service at St. Bridget's.</i>
Wednesday 17th December	<i>08.30 am Coffee Break (church hall) 11.00 am Holy Communion President: Rev Edward Jervis, preacher: Claire Birkhead Readings: Genesis 49:2, 8-10, Psalm 72:1-5, 18-19, Matthew 1:1-17 4.00 – 6.00 pm Pantry (church hall) 7.00 pm Men's fellowship (church hall)</i>
Friday 19th December	<i>7.00 pm Choir Practice</i>
Saturday 20th December	<i>10.30 am Footsteps walk</i>
Sunday 21st December 4th Sunday of Advent	<i>8.30 am Holy Communion (Traditional language) President and Preacher: Rev Jeremy Brooks 10.00 am Sung Eucharist President and Preacher: Rev Jeremy Brooks Readings: Isaiah 7:10-16, Matthew 1:18-end 6.00 pm Carol Service</i>

Morning Prayer: 9.00 am Monday, Wednesday, & Thursday. (Not on Bank Holidays)

Private Prayer: The church will open for private prayer on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday this week between 10.30 am – 12.00 noon.

Parish Prayer Time (PPT) will meet in the Church on Monday mornings at 9.30 am, (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: Wendy Turner, Tracy Howman, Rosemary Colwell, Isla, Gordon and Bridget Dustan, Anne Springham, Shirley Fisher, Penny Godwin, Anna Waterman, Peter Ramsbottom, Honor, Jill Waller, Gina Broadhead, John Harding, Blake Long, Brenda and Malcolm Bramham

If you wish a name to be included, please let Natalie in the office know. The list will be refreshed again soon, if you wish a name to be kept on after next week, please let us know.

Years Mind: Michael Langley, Madeline Hagmaier (2007), Edgar Sutcliff (2015), Jessie Berry (2017), Mollie Davidson (2014), Shirley Jackson (2021), Cynthia Stringer (2020), Michael Allen (2009), Douglas Saunders (2023), Raymond Peters (2021), Joyce White (2022), David Stibbs (2009)

RIP: Michael, Doreen Gowans

Miss You Group - Loneliness after Bereavement.

Tuesday afternoons, 1.15-2.15 pm on the following dates:
December 16th, January 6th & 20th (2026)

We are again hosting a concert in aid of a Ukrainian charity. **The Kyiv Tango Orchestra** will be live in the church on 7th January at 7pm. The concert is in aid of the Ukrainian charity fund, Music Unites. Entrance is free. Any donations after the concert will be gratefully received by the charity.

Men's Fellowship - Christmas Extravaganza with Entertainers and the Muddle Band. Hi, again its Christmas. We will be having talented entertainers, with the All Inclusive MUDDLE BAND, Toms Fun Poetry – Albert and the Lion and Robert with a little campfire singing. Games, Quizzes, Food, General Riotous Behaviour. Yes, you will be allowed to misbehave. If you have mince pies or other festive food please bring it and if you have something to add to the raffle bring it too. Win the Christmas pud and other bits plus the usual raffle. Wednesday 17th December, meet at 7:00 pm, chaotic existence until 9:30 pm. What happens at the Xmas Extravaganza stays in the Extravaganza. £3 entrance £2 Raffle. *Bill Dodd and the Team 07786914795.*

We have a **Baptism and Confirmation** in our church on the evening of **Tuesday 10th February** by the Bishop of Lewes – it is brilliant that we are able to be the hosts of this service for local churches. If you would like to get confirmed please contact the office asap. Classes will be in the church on Sundays 18th and 25th January and 1st and 8th February at 11.30am. And duplicated on Mondays 19th and 26th January at 2nd and 9th February at 1.30pm. You can come to whichever is convenient on a week by week basis and catch up online if you miss a class.

Rev Natalie

Crib services- There will be two Crib services on Christmas eve this year. One at 3.30 pm and one at 5.00 pm. We had to turn people away last year due to lack of space. Please let us know which one you are coming to using this link <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/FPID>

Christmas Day lunch. Will you be on your own on Christmas Day? Why not join us in the church hall? Book soon to avoid disappointment. Tickets at £8 are available from Pam Brooks on a Sunday morning or at Coffee Break on a Wednesday.

Decorating of the WC's and Corridors/Rear Reception Area in the Hall. Over the next 5-6 weeks the Hall WC's and Corridors are planned to be decorated. At this stage the exact timings are unknown. However no more than one WC will be out of action at any one time. Also, it is probable that the Corridors/Reception Area will be decorated between the 22nd Dec and the 3rd January when the Hall usage is low. If you have any queries please give me a call, Christopher 07770 225325.

Generosity - there is still informative material available at the back of church regarding 'Why every Christian should have a will', details of the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS), as well as 'Gifts of Faith, Hope and Love' explaining a lasting gift to your church with a Church legacy. Please help yourself to any useful materials or talk to a member of the Generosity Group.

Pantry: On Saturday we handed out 100 Christmas Hampers to our regular Pantry users. It was a wonderful occasion with representatives from The Littlehampton Lions Club and some Staff members from Establo Lounge there for the grand opening. The hampers contained fresh meat platters and all of the essentials for Christmas plus a gift or two. All of this was made possible by generous donations from our fabulous community. On Wednesday it was our early Pantry session. We had Southern Water fully booked up to see how he could help people and our local PCSO was also on hand to chat. If you can help us to keep our cupboards well stocked, we are short of cereals, milk, microwave rice, tinned fruit and toilet rolls. Thank you so much for your support.

The Pantry Team

Mission Matters

Sign up for Nicci's CMS link letter at churchmissionsociety.org/maxwell and subscribe to her weekly updates on Nicci_maxwell.Wordpress.com

For your prayers Nicci asks for our prayers

Give thanks for:

- a busy home assignment where I was able to share my work with hundreds of supporters and friends
- a safe return to Juba and my work permit being ready at the airport
- the good work done by colleagues while I was away

Please pray for:

- peace in South Sudan which sadly remains in a very fragile political and security situation
- the neonatal ward team at Al Sabbath - we have lost 3 senior staff due to a corruption problem and the new leadership on the unit is inexperienced but has great potential. We will also lose our only medical officer after Christmas, so please pray for a suitable replacement who I can train and work with over the coming year.

- the wisdom to balance work and rest and the energy to do all I feel God is calling me to!

Quiet Morning – the two hours of quiet was appreciated by those who were able to attend. We had reflections and crafts with an angel theme, thinking of the way their messages often start – “do not be afraid.” Thanks as always to those who help with the practicalities of these mornings. If you are interested in helping in any way with the quiet mornings, please have a chat with Brenda or Sarah. The next quiet morning is on Saturday 28th February 2026.

Sarah Collins

Footsteps Walks - Our walks are on the third Saturday of every month. We set off at 10:30 am each time. All are welcome to join us. For details of the next walk please see Pam or Mike Lewis – details are in the directory.

Accessibility: Do you have trouble hearing or seeing in church? Is there something which is stopping your full participation in worship? If so, please let me know so we can try and help.

Natalie (Vicar)

***The notice sheet this week is sponsored by
Maureen and Simon Robson
Treasured memories of dear Robbie.
A much loved husband and father***

If you would like to sponsor the Church Notice sheet, to remember or recognise a special event or anniversary please contact the church office.

If you would like to sponsor the seven-day candle that is in the chancel next to the Reserved Sacrament, in memory of someone, or for a special event or anniversary, please contact the Church office.

Material for **Sundays 21st, 28th December 2025 and 4th January 2026** should reach the church office by **10.00 am Wednesday 17th December 2025** and be sent to notices@rustingtonparish.church

St Peter and St Paul



Christingle

Sunday 14th December
4pm

**Join us for this joyful celebration for
families to share in the light of Jesus
All Welcome**

Registered Charity Number 1133812



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