



**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2025**  
**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

<b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent</b>	<p>8.30 am Holy Communion (Traditional language) President and Preacher: Rev Jeremy Brooks</p> <p>10.00 am Sung Eucharist President and Preacher: Rev Jeremy Brooks</p> <p>Readings: Romans 1:1-7, Matthew 1:18-end</p> <p>6.00 pm Carol Service</p>
<b>Collect</b>	<p>God our redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son: grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.</p>
<b>Post Communion</b>	<p>Heavenly Father, who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of the promised saviour: fill us your servants with your grace, that in all things we may embrace your holy will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.</p>

**\*\*\* What's on \*\*\***

<b>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December</b>	<i>10.00 – 11.00 am Pantry (church hall)</i>
<b>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<i>3.30 pm – Crib service</i> <i>5.00 pm – Crib service</i>  <i>11.30 pm – Midnight Mass</i>  <i>Readings: Isaiah 62:6-end, John 1:1-14</i>
<b>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Day</b>	<i>8.30 am Holy Communion (Traditional language)</i> <i>President and preacher: Rev Natalie Bawcutt</i>  <i>Readings: Isaiah 62:6-end, John 1:1-14</i>  <i>10.00 am Celebration Communion</i> <i>Presider and preacher: Rev Natalie Bawcutt</i>  <i>Readings: Isaiah 52:7-10, Luke 2:1-20</i>  <i>12.30 pm Christmas lunch (church hall); ticketed event</i>
<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> December The Holy Innocents</b>	<i>10.00 am Communion with carols</i> <i>President: Rev Edward Jervis, Preacher: Claire Birkhead</i>  <i>Readings: 1 Corinthians 1:26-29, Matthew 2:13-18</i>

**Morning Prayer:** 9.00 am Monday, Wednesday, & Thursday. (Not on Bank Holidays) There is no morning prayer between Christmas and New Year.

**Private Prayer:** The church will be open for private prayer on Monday, Tuesday and Saturday 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:** Deborah Davis, Ken Davies (2021), Joan Wood (1988), Betty Middleton (2009), Elizabeth Dyos (2022), Eric Illett (2001), Jack Mathias (2002), Daphne Renew (2010), Mary Taylor (2021), Pam Twinn (2013), Eileen Shaw (2013)

**RIP:** Michael Phillips, Maureen



## Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> December 2025

### The Holy Innocents

<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> December The Holy Innocents</b>	<i>10.00 am Communion with carols President: Rev Edward Jervis, Preacher: Claire Birkhead  Readings: 1 Corinthians 1:26-29, Matthew 2:13-18</i>
<b>Collect</b>	<i>Heavenly Father, whose children suffered at the hands of Herod, though they had done no wrong: by the suffering of your Son and by the innocence of our lives frustrate all evil designs and establish your reign of justice and peace; 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.</i>
<b>Post Communion</b>	<i>Lord Jesus Christ, in your humility you have stooped to share our human life with the most defenceless of your children: may we who have received these gifts of your passion rejoice in celebrating the witness of the Holy Innocents to the purity of your sacrifice made once for all upon the cross; for you are alive and reign, now and for ever.</i>

**\*\*\* What's on \*\*\***

<b>Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> December</b>	<p><i>08.30 – 10.30am Pantry (church hall)</i></p> <p><i>11.00 am Holy Communion</i>  <i>President and preacher: Rev Edward Jervis</i></p> <p><i>Readings: 1 John 2:18-21, Psalm 96:1, 11-end,          John 1:1-18</i></p>
<b>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> January</b>	<p><i>7.00 pm Music Group</i></p>
<b>Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> January</b>	<p><i>10.30 am Footsteps New Year Walk</i></p>
<b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2026 The Epiphany</b>	<p><i>8.30 am Holy Communion (Traditional language)</i>  <i>President and preacher: Rev Natalie Bawcutt</i></p> <p><i>10.00 am All Age Communion</i>  <i>President: Rev Natalie Bawcutt, preacher: Pam Lewis</i></p> <p><i>Readings: Ephesians 3:1-12, Matthew 2:1-12</i></p>

**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.

**Years Mind:** Shena Evans (2022), Ruth Goldring (2022), John Allen (2009), Binda Mitcham (2012), Maggie Leigh-Jones (2019), Peter Greig (2012)



## Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2026 The Epiphany

<b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2026 The Epiphany</b>	<p>8.30 am Holy Communion (Traditional language) President and preacher: Rev Natalie Bawcutt</p> <p>10.00 am All Age Communion President: Rev Natalie Bawcutt, preacher: Pam Lewis</p> <p>Readings: Ephesians 3:1-12, Matthew 2:1-12</p>
<b>Collect</b>	<p>Creator of the heavens, who led the Magi by a star to worship the Christ-child: guide and sustain us, that we may find our journey's end in Jesus Christ our Lord.</p>
<b>Post Communion</b>	<p>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.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>*** What's on ***</b></p>	
<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<p>4.00 pm Monday Rocks (church)</p>
<b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<p>12.30 pm Noah's Ark (church hall)</p> <p>1.15-2.15 pm Miss you group (church)</p> <p>4.30 pm Bolders (church hall)</p>

<b>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<p><i>10.00 am Coffee Break (church hall)</i></p> <p><i>11.00 am Holy Communion</i>  <i>President and preacher: Rev Natalie Bawcutt</i></p> <p><i>Readings: 1 John 3:22-4:6, Psalm 2:7-end,  Matthew 4:12-17, 23-end</i></p> <p><i>4.00 – 6.00 pm Pantry (church hall)</i></p> <p><i>7.00 pm Ukraine concert (church) see details in notice sheet</i></p>
<b>Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<p><i>10.30-12.30 pm Hope Club (church)</i></p>
<b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<p><i>7.00 pm Choir Practice</i></p>
<b>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January The Baptism of Christ</b>	<p><i>8.30 am Holy Communion (Traditional language)</i>  <i>President: Rev Natalie Bawcutt,  preacher: Rev James Spanner</i></p> <p><i>10.00 am Sung Eucharist</i>  <i>President: Rev Natalie Bawcutt,  preacher: Rev James Spanner</i></p> <p><i>Readings: Acts 10:34-43, Matthew 3:13-end</i></p>

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**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.

**Years Mind:** Alan Houlder (2024), Ciss Few (1992), Kathleen Turner (2000), Ena Stockbridge (2013), Henry Teague (2003), Brian Rollings (2023), Gerrard Creedon (2020), Lee Brightmore (2024), Ronald Walker (2025), Brian Rollings (2023)

**Funeral details:** The funeral for Michael Phillips will be on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2026 at 3.00 pm at Worthing crematorium.

**Miss You Group - Loneliness after Bereavement.**

Tuesday afternoons, 1.15-2.15 pm on the following dates:  
January 6<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> (2026)

**Christingle service** - thank you to everyone for your generous donations to The Children's Society totalling £329.08 to date plus private donations made online. We are so grateful. With Blessings.

*Julie, Dot and The Children's Society Team.*

**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 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec and the 3<sup>rd</sup> January when the Hall usage is low. If you have any queries please give me a call, Christopher 07770225325.

We have a **Baptism and Confirmation** in our church on the evening of **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> January and 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> February at 11.30 am. And duplicated on Mondays 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> January at 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> February at 1.30 pm. You can come to whichever is convenient on a week-by-week basis and catch up online if you miss a class.

*Rev Natalie*

**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) -which will be back online on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> October after maintenance, -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:** What a wonderful Christmas Pantry Party!! We welcomed 60 adults and 20 children for a festive evening of dinner, carols, and a visit from Father Christmas. It was a true community effort: Establo provided gift bags with toiletries and sweets, The Quill Pub donated festive treats, and Cuff Miller sponsored the turkey dinner. COOK shop added delicious desserts, and Santa's gifts came courtesy of L. Guess Jewellers. A big thank you to Sula, Lucy, and Rachel for making everything run smoothly by serving the meal. And, of course, our fabulous team of volunteers who work so hard every week. Thank you Lord! **Your generosity made this Christmas unforgettable – together we brought joy to many!** The Pantry gave out 80 bags of food this week, our cupboards are fairly well stocked following your amazing support. We are just short of milk, tuna, hot dogs and biscuits. Thank you so much for your kindness.

*The Pantry Team*

### **Mission Matters**

Please send a few minutes over Christmas reading and praying about Nicci Maxwell's latest news in South Sudan where the security situation is tense and the medical challenges are significant

An extract:

*'It's not all gloom but the "happy stories" often seem to me to be "manufactured" and only tiny pinpricks of light in a very dark place! If I'm going to "theologise" it... that's kind of what Advent/Christmas is about.... "The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in deep darkness, a light has dawned." Isaiah 9:2*

The people of South Sudan are desperate for light.... the true and lasting kind.'

Please encourage Nicci with your prayers

We are again hosting a concert in aid of a Ukrainian charity. **The Kyiv Tango Orchestra** will be live in the church on 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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)*

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 **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2026** should reach the church office by **10.00 am Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2026** and be sent to [notices@rustingtonparish.church](mailto:notices@rustingtonparish.church)

# St Peter and St Paul



## Services this Christmas

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December**

**4.00pm** Christingle

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December**

**6.00pm** Carol Service

**Christmas Eve**

**3.30pm** Crib Service

**5.00pm** Crib Service

**11.30pm** Midnight Mass

**Christmas Day**

**8.30am** Holy Communion

**10.00am** Celebration Communion

*Bring your favourite stocking toy*

**You are welcome to any of our services  
– even if you've never been to church before**

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