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The Parish Church of



Sunday 8th February 2026
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Collect	<p>Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever.</p>
Post Communion	<p>God our creator, by your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise, and the bread of life at the heart of your Church: may we who have been nourished at your table on earth be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross and enjoy the delights of eternity; through Jesus Christ our Lord.</p>

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

Monday 9th February	<i>4.00 pm Monday Rocks (church)</i>
Tuesday 10th February	<i>12.30 pm Noah's Ark (church hall)</i> <i>4.30 pm Bolders (church hall)</i> <i>7.30 pm Confirmation service</i>
Wednesday 11th February	<i>8.30 – 10.30 am Pantry (church hall)</i> <i>10.00 am Coffee Break (church hall)</i> <i>11.00 am Holy Communion</i> <i>President and preacher: Rev Natalie Bawcutt</i> <i>Readings: 1 Kings 10:1-10, Psalm 37:3-6, 30-32,</i> <i>Mark 7:14-23</i> <i>7.00 pm WAFFLE (church hall)</i>
Thursday 12th February	<i>11.00 am Funeral of Richard Westwood</i>
Friday 13th February	<i>7.00 pm Choir practice</i>
Sunday 15th February Next before Lent	<i>8.30 am Holy Communion (Traditional language)</i> <i>President: Rev Natalie Bawcutt, preacher: Faye Faithful</i> <i>10.00 am Sung Eucharist</i> <i>President: Rev Natalie Bawcutt, preacher: Faye Faithful</i> <i>Readings: 2 Peter 1:16-end, Matthew 17:1-9</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, Honor, Gina Broadhead, John Harding, Anne Foster, Peter Watson

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: Stanley Laws (1995), Thomas Bennett (2007), Mary Rolf (2019), Kathleen Da Costa (2017), Roland Hogben (1998), Edwin Healey (2023)

RIP: Jill Waller, Federico Eschrich, Peter Ramsbottom, Heather Prescott, Richard Westwood

The funeral of Gill Waller is on Monday 16th February at 12pm and the funeral of Federico (Fred) Eschrich is on Tuesday 17th February at 11.00am, both in St Peter and St Paul's church.

Heather Prescott's memorial service is on Saturday 14th February at 3.00 pm at Arun Church, Hill Road entrance.

Does 2025 seem like a distant memory to you? Well before you completely close the door on last year, those of you who write reports for our APCM (annual church meeting which will be held on 17th May 2026, at which we look back on the past year), refresh your minds, get those reports written and submitted! Please let me have them by 15th March. Thank you!

Sarah Collins – PCC secretary

PCC@rustingtonparish.church

We have a **Baptism and Confirmation** service in our church at **7.30pm on Tuesday 10th February** by the Bishop of Lewes – please do put the date in the diary and come and support our candidates.

Rev Natalie

WAFFLE - our St Peter and Paul Women's group meet on Wednesday February 11th at the earlier time of 7pm, in the Church Hall. Our speaker will be Rupert Head, his talk "HMS Britannia". He was the Commander onboard during her final three years in commission, and he will give us a flavour of life on board. Home-made refreshments to follow. All women are welcome

Sue Baldock

Pancake Party Tuesday 17th February @ 7.00 pm – Tickets are available today from Sarah and Lisa (payable by card or cash) and are £12.00 each, £6.00 for children under 10. There will be pizza, pancakes (obviously!), games, a raffle, a quiz and general Mardi Gras merriment! There will also be a prize for "best dressed" – the theme being the colours of Mardi Gras, so go and search out your purple, gold and green outfits! Please bring your own drinks. If money is tight, please speak in confidence with Natalie. We have tickets which have been donated.

Carrie, Jan, Joanna, Lisa, Sarah

Church maintenance. We are aware of the falling plaster/stone in the North West corner of the church and the causes of this are being looked into. Thank you to everyone who has been in touch about it.

Rev Natalie

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)

Arundel and Bognor Deanery Synod - Thursday, February 12th 7.30 pm at St Mary's Church, Yapton with Vitalis Ngwambi (Diocesan Racial Justice Coordinator). The evening includes a short act of worship and any Deanery business that has to be brought to the Synod. Refreshments from 7.00 pm. All are welcome.

Admin volunteer

Helping our Parish Administrator and volunteer team with the admin created by the roll out of Church Suite. This is computer-based work and involves managing personal data confidentially.

A maximum of two hours per week based in the Parish Office with some home working possible after initial set up is complete. This is a time limited role of one year, with the possibility of extending beyond this date.

For more information, please contact Reverend Natalie.

Vicar@rustingtonparish.church

Volunteer Librarian

Helping to create and maintain a digital library of pictures to be used on the church website and in publicity.

This will include pictures of individuals, groups, and stock images.

You will work with the Parish Administrator and other volunteers.

A maximum one hour per week based at home, with some work in the office during initial set up.

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Scam - every so often we hear of an email which proports to be from one member of the congregation to another requesting help in a crisis and usually money or vouchers. Sadly, they are usually scams. Please speak to one another personally to check contents of emails (even if the message says there's a reason why the person hasn't called you), never give away personal details, and remember to change your passwords regularly. These scam emails and messages can be very convincing so it's always worth double checking.

Natalie

Pantry: This week's Pantry session was buzzing, with 74 households collecting food. We're so grateful to our wonderful volunteers, whose kindness and care make such a difference in welcoming and supporting everyone who comes through our doors. The church was open for tea, coffee, and cake, offering a warm space for conversation and connection. Many of our visitors value the chance to find friendship and a safe place to belong, and we are blessed to be able to provide that. At the same time, we ran our Money Coaching Course for Pantry users. We've offered this course before, and the feedback has always been incredibly positive. It's a brilliant way to help people take control of their finances, rather than feeling controlled by them. We're pleased to share that the course will run again in the Spring. If you're able to donate, we are currently short of: cereals, toilet rolls, tinned ravioli, tinned potatoes, and tuna. Thank you for your generosity.

The Pantry Team

Mission Matters

Nicci Maxwell's latest newsletter in Seasight and her latest weekly account (niccimaxwell.wordpress.com) graphically showed the many challenges and shortages faced in the Al Sabbah Hospital and Gorom Refugee Camp where she works as a consultant treating very ill young children.

Please continue to encourage Nicci and pray for the tense political situation in South Sudan. If you would like to donate personally to some of the basic needs in the hospital, you can send money to Nicci via Links, a registered Christian charity based in Littlehampton, that enables gifts to be sent directly to Nicci to be used according to needs at her discretion. Search for www.links.charity

Using Links (Act 4 You) (Project) , gifts can be made to the account 'Supporting Child Health in South Sudan', account number 3209

If you have any problems you can contact Links for assistance by phone 01903 778515 or hello@links.charity

Job Advert: Children and Families Worker

Job Title: Children and Families Worker.

Location: Offington Park Methodist Church (OPMC), Worthing

How to Apply: For a job description or informal conversation, please contact: pamfrost23@gmail.com

Closing date: 5.00 pm on 15th February 2026.

The notice sheet this week is sponsored by David Rolf:

***“Together with my daughter Launa and
granddaughter Freya,
we remember with love and gratitude
the precious life of Mary, my beloved wife,
who died on 9th February, 2019:***

***‘I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in
me, even though they die, will live,
and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die’.
(NRSV: John 11:25-26).”***

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

***The seven-day candle has been sponsored this week
in loving memory of Len Waters;
“a very dear and precious friend.”
14.01.1924 - 29.12.2025***

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 15th February 2026** should reach the church office by **10.00 am Wednesday 11th February 2026** and be sent to notices@rustingtonparish.church

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Weds, Thurs, Fri 10.00 am – 12.00 noon

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