



The Parish Church of



Sunday 1st March 2026
Second Sunday of Lent

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| <p>Sunday 1st March Second Sunday of Lent</p> | <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 with commissioning of Outreach volunteers</i> <i>President and preacher: Rev Natalie Bawcutt</i></p> <p><i>Readings: Romans 4:1-4, 13-17, John 3:1-17</i></p> <p><i>12.30 pm Friendship lunch (church hall)</i></p> |
| <p>Collect</p> | <p><i>Almighty God,</i> <i>by the prayer and discipline of Lent</i> <i>may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings,</i> <i>and by following in his Way</i> <i>come to share in his glory;</i> <i>through Jesus Christ our Lord.</i></p> |
| <p>Post Communion</p> | <p><i>Almighty God,</i> <i>you see that we have no power of ourselves</i> <i>to help ourselves:</i> <i>keep us both outwardly in our bodies,</i> <i>and inwardly in our souls;</i> <i>that we may be defended from all adversities</i> <i>which may happen to the body,</i> <i>and from all evil thoughts</i> <i>which may assault and hurt the soul;</i> <i>through Jesus Christ our Lord.</i></p> |

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

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| Monday 2nd March | <i>10.30 – 12.30 pm Hope club (church)</i> <i>4.00 pm Monday Rocks (church)</i> |
| Tuesday 3rd March | <i>12.30 pm Noah's Ark (church hall)</i> <i>1.15-2.15 pm Miss you group (church)</i> <i>4.30 pm Bolders (church hall)</i> |
| Wednesday 4th March | <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>Jeremiah 18:18-20, Psalm 31:4-5, 14-18,</i> <i>Matthew 20: 17-28</i> <i>2.00 pm Churches together Lent Course (church)</i> <i>3.30 pm FSW after school club (church hall)</i> <i>4.00 – 6.00 pm Pantry (church hall)</i> |
| Friday 6th March | <i>10.30 am World day of prayer (St Joseph's RC church)</i> <i>7.00 pm Choir practice</i> |
| Sunday 8th March Third Sunday of Lent | <i>8.30 am Holy Communion (Traditional language)</i> <i>President and preacher: Brian and Karen Senior</i> <i>10.00 am Sung Eucharist</i> <i>President and preacher: Brian and Karen Senior</i> <i>Readings: Romans 5:1-11, John 4:5-42</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, Keith Worrall, Penny Godwin, Anna Waterman, Gina Broadhead, John Harding, Peter Watson, Steve

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: Katherine Evans (2011), Jane Goodfellow (2008), Marjorie Yates (2004), Ronald Andrews (1994), Marie Boulton (2009), Thomas Kirkland (1965), Dagny Stromwall (2005)

Annual reports – if you have not already sent your report to me, time is running out. Please get them in by 15th March. Thank you!

Sarah Collins – PCC secretary PCC@rustingtonparish.church

The **Churches Together Lent Course** is being held at St Peter & St Paul this year on Wednesdays 4th, 11th and 18th March at 2.00 pm

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)*

Our **World Day of Prayer** service, which has been celebrated for many years by our local churches, will be held this year at St Josephs RC Church, Station RD, Rustington. BN16 3BE on Friday March 6th at 10.30 am. It will be a women-led, global, ecumenical, service, creating a great wave of prayer, beginning in Samoa and ending 146 countries later, in American Samoa, all praying this year with and for the people of Nigeria. The theme of the day is "I will give you rest, come." It has been prepared by Christian Women of Nigeria. It will be a joyful and uplifting event of solidarity and hope. Everyone is welcome, followed by refreshments.
Sue Baldock.

Generosity at Lent

Stewardship (<https://www.stewardship.org.uk>) helps Christians be the best stewards of the resources God gives them. We are encouraged to 'do Lent generously' using 40 Acts at Stewardship which you can find in their resources.

The generosity group saw this and thought it would be a useful resource and a good option for lent. If you lead a home group perhaps you could also have a look at it together, even if you don't do all the acts of kindness and just pick a few.

The Generosity group

You can join with thousands this Lent for a 40-day generosity challenge which builds habits, deepens faith and reflects the heart of Jesus. Each day offers a simple invitation to give, bless and grow in generosity - one act at a time. You can sign up for daily emails during Lent by clicking on SIGN UP button which you can find at [stewardship.org.uk](https://www.stewardship.org.uk) on the RESOURCES LABEL on their front page. Each day we may be encouraged to choose an act such as inviting someone for a coffee, clear out a cupboard and take something to a charity shop or write a card to someone you want to encourage. According to the Generosity Report, those who give joyfully experience deep emotional and spiritual rewards, as well as strengthened ties with friends, family and community.
Have a look at 40 acts and live Lent generously!

Candlelight Cello Concert – Saturday 21st March at 6pm. At St Peter and St Paul. Tickets are £15 and available at:
<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/cellistdorottya/2066916>

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.

For more information, please contact Reverend Natalie.

Vicar@rustingtonparish.church

Pantry: It felt like Spring had finally arrived on a bright, clear Wednesday morning. Our Church Pantry session ran alongside Coffee Break and we had 65 households visit us. This was the first of four weeks where we will be asking our Pantry users to complete a survey form. The data is needed for grant applications and to get feedback on how we run our service. We received the wonderful news this week, that Rustington Parish Council have awarded us £400 to help with the running costs of the Georgian Gardens Pantry. We are delighted that our Church is now a Citizens Advice Outreach venue for anyone in the community to access free impartial confidential advice. Citizens Advice will be in the Church from 4pm-6pm on Wed 4th March, running alongside the Pantry session. If you are able to help us to restock our cupboards, we are short of milk, tuna, pasta, pasta sauce and tinned fruit. Thank you for your kindness.

The Pantry Team

Help for Ukraine - could you help to collect new candles, tea lights, old candle stubs, USB torches or solar lights, hand or foot warmers and empty, clean label free 400g tins (not ones with white insides). All these items are urgently needed by people in Ukraine living in desperate situations this winter. There will be a box in church for these items. The collection point in Rustington is the Methodist Church and then they will be transported to Swindon where a humanitarian organisation can get them to Ukraine. Anything we can collect would be greatly appreciated; the deadline is 3rd March. Thank you.

Christine Roberts

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

Supporting our church. If you would like to give to the church regularly, details of the Parish Giving Scheme which enables the church to budget for the future are below:

Ring PGS confidentially on 0333 002 1271 or go to <https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/home/> to activate regular giving. There are also forms at the back of the church or ask in the office for further information. Our parish code is 101010024.

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 8th March 2026** should reach the church office by **10.00 am Wednesday 4th March 2026** and be sent to sarahlouisegc@gmail.com Please note the change of address for the time being as I am having technical issues with outlook!

Easter



at St Peter and St Paul

Palm Sunday 29th March

8.30am Holy Communion
(traditional language)

10.00am Sung Eucharist (livestreamed)
Beginning in the church hall.

Holy Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

7.00pm Compline and Talk
(no Holy Communion on
Wednesday morning)

Maundy Thursday

7.00pm The Liturgy of Maundy Thursday
and Vigil (to 9.15pm)

Good Friday

10.45am Churches Together Walk of
Witness (*begins at the Methodist church*)
1.30pm The Liturgy of Good Friday

Easter Sunday

6.15am Sunrise Service (on the beach)
10.00am Celebration Communion
(livestreamed)



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