



Sunday 8th March 2026
4th Sunday of Lent; Mothering Sunday

<p>Sunday 15th March Fourth Sunday of Lent Mothering Sunday</p>	<p>8.30 am Holy Communion (Traditional language) President: Rev Natalie Bawcutt, preacher: Pam Lewis</p> <p>10.00 am Sung Eucharist President: Rev Natalie Bawcutt, preacher: Pam Lewis</p> <p>Readings: 1 Samuel 16:1-13, John 19:25b-27</p>
<p>Collect</p>	<p>God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; 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.</p>
<p>Post Communion</p>	<p>Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life: help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.</p>

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

Monday 16th March	<i>Sabbath Week begins!</i> <i>4.00 pm Monday Rocks (church)</i>
Tuesday 17th March	<i>12.30 pm Noah's Ark (church hall)</i> <i>1.15pm Miss you group (church)</i> <i>4.30 pm Bolders (church hall)</i>
Wednesday 18th March	<i>8.30 am Coffee Break (church hall)</i> <i>11.00 am Holy Communion</i> <i>President and preacher: Rev Natalie Bawcutt</i> <i>Isaiah 49:8-15, Psalm 145:8-18, John 5:17-30</i> <i>2.00 pm Churches together Lent Course (church)</i> <i>4.00 – 6.00 pm Pantry with pantry social (church hall)</i> <i>7.00 pm Men's fellowship (church hall)</i>
Thursday 19th March	<i>1pm Memorial Service for Stella Russell RIP</i>
Friday 20th March	<i>7.00 pm Choir practice</i>
Saturday 21st March	<i>10.30 am Footsteps Walk</i>
Sunday 22nd March 5th Sunday of Lent Passiontide begins	<i>8.30 am Holy Communion (Traditional language)</i> <i>President: Rev Natalie Bawcutt</i> <i>preacher: Rev James Spanner</i> <i>10.00 am Sung Eucharist</i> <i>President: Rev Natalie Bawcutt</i> <i>preacher: Rev James Spanner</i> <i>Readings: Romans 8:6-11, John 11:1-45</i>

Morning Prayer: There will be no morning prayer on Mondays 16th and 23rd March. Morning prayer is usually at 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, Anne Foster, 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.

RIP: Stella Russell. Bishop Andrew Watson.

Years Mind: Helen Heynes (1990), Robert Gibb (2006), Cyril Power (1992), Susan Mugford (2024), Bev Taylor (2022)

Annual reports - thank you to those of you who have got your reports in on time! Sarah Collins – PCC secretary PCC@rustingtonparish.church

The **Churches Together Lent Course** is being held at St Peter & St Paul this year on Wednesday 18th March at 2.00 pm.

At the Quiet Morning (thank you to everyone who helped and who came to it), people were invited to take a pebble away with them and keep it with them during Lent, to hold or feel or rub when feeling anxious or concerned. There are some pebbles left if you'd like to take one today. You are asked to decorate them and bring them back at Easter to lay at the foot of the cross, as we are able to lay our cares at Jesus' feet.

Men's Fellowship - Wednesday 18th March, 7.00 – 9.30 pm. 'Diving in the Red Sea and other things!' An interesting mixed talk by Jerry Gull.

Jerry has been a lecturer dealing with the mysterious world of publishing history, fonts and printed communication. A unique but very interesting career mixed with diving and travel. A brief talk on what it's like to dive in the Red Sea today and how it has changed in the 20 odd years he has had the pleasure to dive there. He attended the pre-opening of Egypt's newest wonder, the Grand Egyptian Museum, Giza. In addition, he will add a little bit of lettering history! Do come, have a chat, grab some cakes and refreshment and immerse yourself, without getting wet.

£3 entrance and £2 for an optional raffle. All are Welcome - info@spsp-mens-fellowship.club

Bill Dodd 07786 914795

0-5s worship – On Tuesday 24th at 2.15pm there is worship in church for under 5s and their carers. This follows our Baby and Toddler group 'Noah's Ark.' Please do encourage people to come along.

At the PCC meeting this week, our main focus (alongside the usual and essential reports) was looking at what our vision is, as a church. We used the passage from 1 Corinthians (12:122-27) which looks at each member being an important part of the body, and reflected on what these individually meant to us. Minutes from the meeting held in January can be found on the noticeboard at the back of church, alongside photos of the PCC members.

Temporary Volunteer(s) needed - Hazel, our hall cleaner, is away the week of 23rd March and we are looking for one or two volunteers to empty the bins and stock up the toilet rolls/soap/paper towels etc. This would be every day over the week (about 30 mins) If you are able to help out please contact Christopher Simmance.

Easter Breakfast – following the Sun/sun-rise service on Easter day (5th April @ 6.15 am) we will be offering breakfast in the hall – fruit juice, tea/coffee and a choice of a bacon or sausage sandwich. If you would like to come, please let one of the Social Team have your name and preferred option. There is a suggested donation of £5.00.

Carrie, Jan, Joanna, Lisa, Sarah

Help for Ukraine

Thank you so much for the amazing and overwhelming response to our appeal. We must have stacked and sorted hundreds of candles and other goodies. With the current world situation, the war in Ukraine has dropped out of the news headlines so it's nice to think that as Churches Together we have the plight of the people very much in mind. It will make a difference!

Christine Clarke

Generosity

A huge thank you to everyone who supports the church by using the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS); it relieves the finance team of a lot of work claiming back the gift aid and ensures the church has a regular income for all its vital work and daily expenses. If you do give via PGS you could put a token in the offertory plate to signify this on your way into church, if you wish, which would then be taken to the altar for a blessing. The tokens are next to the offertory plate.

Easy Fundraising (www.easyfundraising.org.uk) is a simple and free way to give to the church; there will be a presentation in the spring re this but meantime do go to the website and choose Parish church of St Peter and St Paul's Rustington as your chosen charity and encourage family and friends to do the same.

We do hope some of you are attempting the 40 acts of kindness and feel blessed by your actions during this Lenten time.

The Generosity group

Pantry: Archie from Southern Water joined us at this week's early pantry session, he managed to help several of our families. Our two Jennies gave out lots of wonderful clothing donated by our friends at Willow and Eve. They even managed to find a wedding dress and shoes for one very grateful lady. Next week Citizens Advice and Social Prescribing will join us at our busy pantry social. If you can please help us to stock up for this session, we are currently short of cereals, milk, pasta sauce, tinned fruit and hotdogs. Thank you so much for your kind and generous support each week.

The Pantry Team

Mission Matters

Pray for South Sudan and our CMS Mission Partner Nicci Maxwell in Juba According to BBC News Africa the situation in South Sudan is worsening. ***'Aid agencies say they are at breaking point. Life saving programmes are shutting down and more families are being displaced. The risk of cholera and famine is rising. Now there are calls for the international community to step in and push for real peace in South Sudan'***

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.

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>

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 22nd March 2026** should reach the church office by **10.00 am Wednesday 18th 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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