



## Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2025 Second Sunday of Advent

<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent</b>	<p><i>8.30 am Holy Communion (Traditional language) President and preacher: Rev Natalie Bawcutt</i></p> <p><i>10.00 am All Age Communion President: Rev Natalie Bawcutt, preacher: Gill Renny</i></p> <p><i>11.30am New Lay Ministers of Communion training</i></p> <p><i>12.30pm Friendship Lunch</i></p> <p><i>Readings: Romans 15:4-13, Matthew 3:1-12</i></p>
<b>Collect</b>	<p><i>Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds, that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and our God.</i></p>
<b>Post Communion</b>	<p><i>Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again,</i></p> <p><i>we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.</i></p>

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

<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<i>4.00 pm Monday Rocks (church)</i>
<b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<i>12.30 pm Noah's Ark (church hall)</i>  <i>4.00 pm Memorial Service (on behalf of F A Holland funeral care) to remember our loved ones before Christmas. All welcome.</i>  <i>4.30 pm Bolders (church hall)</i>  <i>6.30 pm Scouts Carol Service</i>
<b>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<i>08.30 am Coffee Break (church hall)</i>  <i>08.30 – 10.00 am Pantry (church hall)</i>  <i>11.00 am Holy Communion</i> <i>President: Rev Natalie Bawcutt, preacher: Faye Faithful</i>  <i>Readings: Isaiah 40:25-end, Psalm 103:8-13, Matthew 11:28-end</i>  <i>3.00 pm Blind Veterans Carol Service</i>  <i>7.30 pm WAFFLE (church hall)</i>
<b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<i>7.00 pm Choir Practice</i>
<b>Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<i>10.30 – 12.30 pm Christmas Cheer (church hall) – ticketed event; see details in notices.</i>
<b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent</b>	<i>8.30 am Holy Communion (Traditional language)</i> <i>President: Rev Natalie Bawcutt,</i> <i>preacher: Rev Edward Jervis</i>

	<p><i>10.00 am Sung Eucharist</i>  <i>President: Rev Natalie Bawcutt,</i>  <i>preacher: Rev Edward Jervis</i></p> <p><i>4.00pm Christingle</i></p> <p><i>Readings: James 5:7-10, Matthew 11:2-11</i></p>
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**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:** Mary Ann Young (2022), Betty Ponsford (2009), Joan Whiteley (1999), Jean Lacey (2022), John Trowsdale (2022), Dennis Robson (1990)

**RIP:** Michael, Doreen Gowans

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

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

We are likely to 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 and we will arrange group classes at a convenient time for everyone.

*Rev Natalie*

**WAFFLE** - Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30 pm. Janis Saunders will be coming along to demonstrate beautiful seasonal arrangements and we will be enjoying some special refreshments. All women welcome. £4 to include refreshments plus £1 for a raffle ticket for the flowers.

*Julie*

### **Christmas Cheer – Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December, 10.00 am**

The final social event of the year – some Christmas Cheer! The theme this year is angels. We'll be making angel-themed cards (to go in church, to the whole church family, rather than sending individual cards), having some refreshments, making angel crafts and having a sing-along to some favourite Christmas songs. Tickets are £5.00 each and are available from the Social and Fundraising team.

*Carrie, Jan, Joanna, Lisa, Sarah*

**Christingle collection box candles** - the Collection Boxes are now in Church. Please take one home and return to Church on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December. Thank you so much on behalf of The Children's Society.

*Dot and Julie*

**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.

**Pantry:** Our Church was open for this week's Pantry users. It was a really busy session with 78 bags of food going out and lots of them headed up to Church for coffee and cake. We had festive crafts and Jess was offering a pampering nail service for the ladies. Jess will be doing it again at next week's early Pantry, so if you would your nails done, come along just before Coffee Break. If you can help us please to restock our cupboards, we are short of tuna, pasta sauce, tinned vegetables, tinned tomatoes and toilet rolls. Thank you for your wonderful support.

*The Pantry Team*

**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.

### **Mission Matters**

Sign up for Nicci's CMS link letter at [churchmissionsociety.org/maxwell](http://churchmissionsociety.org/maxwell) and subscribe to her weekly updates on [Nicci.maxwell.Wordpress.com](http://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!*

**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.

Do you have need of a **Home Help**? A friend has been helping two of the ladies in the church, and now neither has need of her services. She's very capable and versatile. Please contact Pam Brooks.

**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 14<sup>th</sup> December 2025** should reach the church office by **10.00 am Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2025** 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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