



The Parish Church of



Sunday 15th February 2026
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Collect	<p>Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.</p>
Post Communion	<p>Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.</p>

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

Monday 16th February	<i>12.00 noon Funeral of Jill Waller</i>
Tuesday 17th February	<i>11.00 am Funeral of Federico (Fred) Eschrich 1.15-2.15 pm Miss you group (church) 7.00 pm Pancake party (church hall) – ticketed event</i>
Ash Wednesday 18th February	<i>10.00 am Coffee Break (church hall) 11.00 am Holy Communion with imposition of ashes President: Rev Natalie Bawcutt, preacher: Claire Birkhead 4.00 – 6.00 pm Pantry with pantry social (church hall) 6.00 pm Holy Communion with imposition of ashes President: Rev Natalie Bawcutt, preacher: Claire Birkhead 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10, Psalm 51:1-18, John 8:1-11</i>
Thursday 19th February	<i>10.30 – 12.00 noon Holiday gathering (church)</i>
Friday 20th February	<i>7.00 pm Choir practice</i>
Saturday 21st February	<i>10.30 am Footsteps walk</i>
Sunday 22nd February First Sunday of Lent	<i>8.30 am Holy Communion (Traditional language) President and preacher: Rev Natalie Bawcutt 10.00 am Sung Eucharist President: Rev Edward Jervis, preacher: Rev Natalie Bawcutt Readings: Romans 5:12-19, Matthew 4:1-11</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: Pat Venus (2006), Anthony Hopkins (2023), Betty Breward (2020), David Argles (2007), Jean Hoare (2023), Tony Chanter (2021)

RIP: Jill Waller, Federico Eschrich

Thank you everyone for all your love and prayers for Mervyn. The operation was successful and he is recovering well. We look forward to seeing you all soon. Thanks be to God.
Every blessing. Mervyn & Ann

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! Out of about 34 reports, I've received three so far...! Please let me have them by 15th March. Thank you!

Sarah Collins – PCC secretary

PCC@rustingtonparish.church

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. Thanks.

Christine Roberts

The **Churches Together Lent Course** is being held at St Peter & St Paul this year on Wednesdays 25th February, 4th, 11th and 18th March at 2pm.

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!

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

Quiet Morning – Saturday 28th February, 10.00 am – 12.00 noon.

I was recently reminded of the poem “what is this life, if full of care, we have no time to stand and stare....” On the back of that, and the recent sermon and reading about “do not worry” it seemed apt that the next Quiet Morning is coming up. Take this opportunity – some or all of the time – if not to stand and stare, to sit and be; be with God; leave your worries with him. We look forward to seeing you there. Any questions, please do speak to one of us.

Brenda Meakins and Sarah Collins

Pantry: The rain held off for our early Church Pantry session on Wednesday. Sarah from the Energy Efficiency team at Arun Council was with us to help our visitors find ways to reduce their energy costs. Sarah chatted with people over coffee and croissants. Jenny and Linda had a great selection of clothing from Willow and Eve for Pantry users to choose from. Next week we have a first visit from the Social Prescribers, who offer support around wellbeing and community connections. If you are able to help us restock our cupboard's we are short of milk, microwave rice, sweetcorn, table sauces and toilet rolls. Thank you so much for your support each week.

The Pantry Team

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)*

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

The Children's Society - the total cash raised at our Christingle Service and sent to TCS totalled £350.11. Christingle Services last year throughout the country raised just under £830,000 for the Society. There is a letter from TCS on our board in the Hall. Thank you all so much for your support.

Julie and Dot

Scam - every so often we hear of an email which purports 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 doubling checking.

Natalie

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 February 2026** should reach the church office by **10.00 am Wednesday 18th February 2026** and be sent to notices@rustingtonparish.church



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