

ST PAUL'S BECKENHAM



E-Notice Sheet

Sunday 8th November 2026

8.00am	**Holy Communion (BCP) –** With Rev'd Neil Fairlamb
10.30am In the Church	**Morning Worship – Remembrance Sunday** With Rev'd Rachel Winn and Sarah Butler Readings: Micah 4: 1-5 read by Clari Harrington 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18 read by Roger Wells Prayers: Led by Sandra Horner *Children's Activities – Sunday Squad in the hall for children aged 4-11, and a stay-and-play creche that parents/carers of babies and pre-schoolers are welcome to use. The service is usually streamed in the hall.* *Prayer after the Service – If you would like someone to pray with you, members of the prayer ministry group will be available in the Chapel.*
3.00pm In the Church	**Memorial Service -** With Sarah Butler and Rev'd Rachel Winn Readings: Psalm 23 read by Anne Howick 2 Corinthians 1: 3-7 read by Rufus Ballaster Prayer: Read by James Bramwell
*The 10.30am services are usually live-streamed; however if live-streaming is not possible, the service is recorded and made available after the service on **St Paul's You Tube Channel***	

Collect (Special Prayer) for Remembrance Sunday

God, our refuge and strength, bring near the day when wars shall cease and poverty and pain shall end, that earth may know the peace of heaven through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

What's On this Week		
Sat 7th Nov	10.00am	Gardening Team
Wed 11th Nov	9.00am 10.45am 7.30pm	Morning Prayer – in the Chapel **Outdoor service for Remembrance Day –** With Rev'd Rachel Winn PCC Meeting
Thurs 12th Nov	9.00am 10.00am 2.30pm 6.30pm 7.30pm	Morning Prayer - in the Chapel Babies & Toddler group Friendship Group – More than a Roof: Changing lives through fostering, with Ruth Sinclair (née Blakely). All welcome Knit & Natter, Craft & Chatter Prayers for our Parish, Community and Nation (on Zoom)
Fri 13th Nov	9.00am	Morning Prayer – in the Chapel
Sat 14th Nov	9.30am	Purely Prayer – Join us for our monthly hour of prayer as we seek God
Sun 15th Nov *2nd Sunday before Advent*	8.00am 10.30am	**Holy Communion (BCP)** – With Rev'd Neil Fairlamb **Morning Worship -** With Anne Harkness and Keith Howick Readings: Isaiah 55: 6-11 and Matthew 25: 14-30

St Paul's Notices

Auction of Promises – A huge THANK YOU to Rosemary and Tarina, who planned and coordinated an amazing afternoon last Saturday. Thank you too to Sandi and others who helped provide and serve superb refreshments. The event could not have taken place without the vast number of creative promises offered and all those who made generous bids for them. The afternoon was a huge success and a wonderful time of fellowship, and a staggering £12,000+ was raised for our Warm Welcome Campaign!

Services on Sunday 8th November – Please note: The leadership team has decided to hold the Remembrance Sunday and the Memorial Service in the church, instead of the hall, as this seems the more appropriate location for these sensitive services. This **will** be the last Sunday that services are held in the church, due to the weather getting colder. Please wear warm clothing and feel free to borrow a blanket from the baskets at the back of church if you are feeling cold. When we are worshipping in the hall, Sunday Squad will meet in the Chapel, and prayer ministry will be in the vestry.

Remembrance Services – There will be an Act of Remembrance including a 2-minute silence at our 10.30am service on Sunday 8th November, and an outdoor service on Remembrance Day, Wednesday 11th November, 10.45am, in the church garden, when the Last Post will be sounded and hymns sung with brass ensemble.

Memorial Service – Sunday 8th November, 3pm, followed by refreshments. All are welcome to our annual service, when we remember those we love but see no longer. The sign-up sheet is still at the back of church, if you would like a name read out during the service. If you have not been able to add the name you want, if possible please let Anne Howick know (07889 263261). There will also be an opportunity to add the name of your loved one when you arrive.

Poppies for Remembrance Day – Poppies and a donation box are available at the back of church.

Sad News – It is with sadness we acknowledge that Carol Brownie died in Lewisham Hospital on 2nd November after a period of illness. Our prayers are with her brother David, the family and Carol's many friends.

Thank you to the Storage Working Group, who made a great effort last Thursday of tidying up the hall cupboards. As a result, there is a table in the north aisle with items that we no longer need. Please help yourself from anything on the table in the north aisle and make a donation.

Services in November – The pattern of Morning Worship and Holy Communion services is a little different for the rest of November, due to unavailability of clergy cover. The 10.30am service on Sunday 15th November and Sunday 22nd November will both be Morning Worship services, and the service on 29th November will be a service of Holy Communion. There will be Holy Communion continuing every Sunday at 8am in the Chapel.

TBB Mark's Gospel Initiative - Transforming Bromley Borough's Gospels of Mark are soon to be distributed to churches in the borough. We have ordered 400 copies to gift to our friends (the final order in the borough was for 16,500 gospels). There is a training session with Rachel Jordan-Wolf (Hope Together's Executive Director) on Wednesday 11th November, 7.30pm at Christ Church Beckenham, BR3 3LE. If you are interested in finding out more about the initiative and would like to attend, please let Rev'd Rachel know.

Funeral of Gordon Reid – Gordon's funeral will be held on Thursday 19th November, 10am at Hither Green Crematorium. All are welcome to attend the service.

Link to Hope Shoeboxes – We are collecting items again this year for the Link to Hope shoeboxes which are taken to Moldova, Romania, Ukraine and Bulgaria and given personally to people of all ages. If you would like to donate any items to go into a shoebox, there are collection boxes at the back of church for toiletries, stationery, small toys, hats, gloves, scarves. If you would like to make a financial donation, please speak to Jill Brook.

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Songs of Praise – Saturday 21st November, at 3pm in the church hall. Everyone is welcome. If you would like to sponsor a hymn for £10, please contact Sandra Horner on 07701 069638 or sandrahorner53@gmail.com. There is only one slot left, so please let Sandra know as soon as possible! Please also be willing to say why you chose your particular hymn.

Christmas Tree Tags – Please suggest a Charity. At St Paul's we have in the past suggested we can give to a charity instead of writing lots of Christmas cards to all the lovely people we know at St Paul's. We give to a charity and write our greetings on a Christmas tag and add it as a decoration on a little Christmas tree in church. We will have one tree this year in the hall and, for those of us who want to, we can add our wishes on a Christmas tag and give a contribution to a charity. We are inviting suggestions of what charity we should give to this year! Please email or give your suggestion to Marie Read (mariereas1@gmail.com) or Clari Harrington (clariharrington@ymail.com) by the end of November. We will then decide which charity to send the Christmas tree tag money to.

Decorating Indoor Christmas Tree – If you would be interested in decorating the Christmas tree in the hall next month, please speak to Tim Harrington.

Donations Acceptance Policy - The PCC has approved a new Donations Acceptance Policy in line with the Church of England's Code of Fundraising Practice and UK fundraising regulations. If you would like to see a copy of the policy, it is available in the Policies file in the church office, or email admin@stpaulsbeckenham.org.uk.

Together Magazine from Rochester Diocese. Copies of the free magazine are at the back. There are many interesting articles, including one about AI by Bishop Simon Burton-Jones.

Tea and Coffee - Many thanks to the Birkett home group for serving tea and coffee on Sunday 8th November. On 15th November the Blakely home group will be on duty.

Fantastic Fundraising Idea!



Many of us of a certain age will shortly be receiving our Winter Fuel Allowance of £100. However, some folk often feel they don't need it and donate it to charity. If you are in a position to donate your allowance, and would like to, please consider donating it to our Warm Welcome Heating appeal? (You can click here: https://givealittle.co/c/spheatingproject or, if you are making a bank transfer, please use the reference 'Heating'.)

Hymns/Songs on Sunday 8th November

Remembrance Sunday Service - O God beyond all praising / Dear Lord and Father of mankind / When peace like a river / Abide with me / In Christ alone

Memorial Service - Be still, for the presence of the Lord / The Lord's my Shepherd (I will trust in you) / Christ the same through all our story's pages (Londonderry Air)

Remembrance Day Service (on Wednesday 11th November) – O God, our help in ages past / Dear Lord and Father of mankind / Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us

Welcare - Mission of the Month (Nov & Dec)

Welcare is a Christian charity set up originally by the Bromley Anglican Churches. They are based in Bromley and work with families with children under 13 years, where there are difficulties, typically involving mental health, drug abuse, domestic violence and/or special needs. Welcare can offer targeted 1:1 help, organising access to services from other agencies, as well as providing practical and emotional support themselves.

The number of groups in schools have increased, nurturing wellbeing where children are struggling with anxiety and self-esteem. They offer online and face to face parenting courses and have run a successful Caring Dads programme, accredited by the Courts, to support fathers. See Welcare.org for more information.

Please pray for the staff, clients of Welcare and Parish Representatives who support them by fundraising.

Community Notices

Celebrate Interfaith Week – Thursday 12th November, 5.30pm – 7.30pm at St George's Church, Beckenham, BR3 1AX. Join Liam Conlon MP and faith leaders from across Beckenham and Penge for an evening of connection and community. Limited places, RSVP essential: visit Interfaith Week Celebration, or email liam.conlon.mp@parliament.uk.

Stay and Play Session at Worsley Bridge School – Friday 13th November, at 10am. A relaxed and fun session for children and their parents/carers.

Big Sleep-Out – Saturday 14th November, 7pm, Bromley Parish Church. For one night only, give up the luxury of your bed and swap it for a sleeping bag outside. This is an opportunity to raise awareness of the causes and plight of the homeless. All funds raised will support those facing homelessness this winter. https://bromleyhomeless.org/big-sleep-out-2026/

Bach's Christmas Oratorio - On Wednesday 18th November, at 7pm, the London Chorus and the Meridian Sinfonia, conducted by William Vann, will be performing Bach's Christmas Oratorio at Southwark Cathedral. Tickets can be purchased from Concerts – The London Chorus

Voice of Persecuted Christians Event - Thursday 19th November at 7.30pm at Elmstead Baptist Church, Chislehurst BR7 5EW. An IDOP (International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church) event with international partner Jamal; an opportunity to hear how persecuted Christians are shining the light of Jesus in northern Iraq.

Welcare Service of Thanksgiving – Friday 20th November, 11.30am at Bromley Parish Church, St Peter and St Paul, BR2 0EG. This service of thanksgiving, with the choir of Parish Primary School, is open to everyone and is a joyful opportunity to learn more about the work of Welcare in Bromley. Everyone is welcome to stay for a light buffet lunch afterwards. For more information, call Welcare on 020 7820 7910 or email info@welcare.org.

Choral Concert with Beckenham Chorale – Saturday 28th November, 7pm, at St George's Church Beckenham. Programme to include Benjamin Britten's St Nicolas and Gerald Finzi's Magnificat. Tickets £23, £18, £5 (concessions), including free drink and programme. Online (www.ticketsource.co.uk

Foodbanks - Tubs for foodbank donations, which are shared between Living Well and CAP, can be found in the porch, by the main church entrance. *Please do not leave perishable food in the box, and please check items do not contain any alcohol and are not past their expiry date. It is helpful if tins have ring pulls and if you can leave your donations in a strong bag.*

Please pray…

- for the Remembrance Sunday service and the open-air service on Remembrance Day.
- for those serving in the armed forces and their families, and for those injured or traumatised by war.
- for the Memorial Service and for all those who are grieving the loss of a loved one.
- for us as a congregation as we transition into using the hall for our services in the colder weather.
- for those who were baptised and/or confirmed last Sunday.
- for safety at firework displays.
- for hospital staff as they cope with pressure across hospitals.
- for those in nursing homes, and for all who care for them.
- for all those struggling with health problems.
- for all who are grieving the loss of a loved one, especially the friends and family of Carol Brownie and for Vanetta and family on the loss of Gordon.



On our Electoral Roll we pray for Paul and Laura Lashmar, Sandi Lee, Patty Lien, and for our parishioners in Abbey Lane.

Get in touch…

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Communion at Home - If you are unable to make our Communion services but would like to receive Communion at home, please get in touch with Rev'd Rachel or Anne Howick (020 8658 0808).

Verse for the Year 2026

'Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding;
in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.' *Proverbs 3: 5-6*