ST PAUL'S BECKENHAM



E-Notice Sheet

Sunday 15th November 2026

8.00am	**Holy Communion (BCP) –** With Rev'd Neil Fairlamb In the Chapel
10.30am In the Hall	**Morning Worship** With Anne Harkness and Keith Howick Readings: Isaiah 55: 6-11 read by Marian Sewell Matthew 25: 14-30 read by Thomas Adu Prayers: Led by Marie Read *Children's Activities – Sunday Squad in the Chapel for children aged 4-11, and there will be a play area at the back of the hall that parents/carers of babies and pre-schoolers are welcome to use.* *Prayer after the Service – If you would like someone to pray with you, members of the prayer ministry group will be available in the Vestry.*
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 the 2nd Sunday before Advent

Heavenly Lord, you long for the world's salvation:
stir us from apathy, restrain us from excess
and revive in us new hope
that all creation will one day be healed in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

What's On this Week		
Sat 14th Nov	9.30am	Purely Prayer – In the Chapel
Wed 18th Nov	9.00am	Morning Prayer – in the Chapel
Thurs 19th Nov	9.00am 10.00am 2.30pm 7.30pm 7.30pm	Morning Prayer - in the Chapel Babies & Toddler group Friendship Group – Quiz, with Ann Birkett. All welcome. We will be joined by Sandra Potter and her pat dog, Wilson. Explore Together Prayers for our Parish, Community and Nation (on Zoom)
Fri 20th Nov	9.00am	Morning Prayer – in the Chapel
Sat 21st Nov	3.00pm	Songs of Praise - in the Hall
Sun 22nd Nov *Christ the King (Sunday before Advent)*	8.00am 10.30am	**Holy Communion (BCP)** – With Rev'd Rachel Winn **Morning Worship** With Alison Charlesworth and Rev'd Rachel Winn, and we welcome Anna Khan from Welcare in Bromley Readings: Daniel 7: 9-10, 13-14 and John 18: 33-37

St Paul's Notices

Purely Prayer – Saturday 14th November, 9.30am – 10.30am in the Chapel. This will be a self-run prayer time, due to the leaders being on a course or away. The prayer sheet will be available, and anyone is welcome to guide the time of prayer. Please wear very warm clothes!

Many thanks to Marie Read for her donation for the flowers in memory of John.

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.

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.

Songs of Praise – Saturday 21st November, at 3pm in the church hall. Please come along and enjoy singing for the Warm Welcome at St Paul's. Everyone is welcome. There will be a retiring collection, if you would like an opportunity to give a donation.

Thanksgiving Service for the Life of Carol Brownie – Friday 27th September, at 1.30pm here at St Paul's, following on from the private committal. Carol was a lifelong worshipper at St Paul's, and you are warmly invited to join us for this service to celebrate Carol's life and to comfort her family and friends. If you have any favourite photograph of Carol, the family would love to borrow it for a display board. Please put your name on the back if you would like the photo returned and pass it to the church office.

Double Your Donation for the Warm Welcome Campaign! GREAT NEWS! Thanks to the Aviva Community Fund, we have match funding in place from mid-November until the end of December. This means that Aviva will match every individual donation up to £250 – doubling £5 into £10 and £250 into £500. The maximum amount we can receive in match funding is £25,000. We will send the link as soon as the page is live.

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.

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.

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 Blakely home group for serving tea and coffee on Sunday 15th November. On 22nd November the Bradley home group will be on duty.

Your PCC Matters: A Digest of November's PCC Meeting

The formal minutes from the meeting on Wednesday 11th November will be made available on the PCC noticeboard at the back of church once they have been agreed.

- The PCC discussed the generosity of giving so far towards the Warm Welcome Campaign and are considering ways we may be able to bridge the shortfalls in the fundraising. More details will follow.
- We were really excited that the application to Aviva Community Fund has been successful with potential to raise up to £25k with a matched funding scheme. See notice on page 2.
- Planning permission for the heating application has been approved by Bromley Council, subject to conditions regarding the heat pump noise levels. The contractors are working on acoustic levels.
- The PCC approved the purchase of a new infrared heater, in order that the Chapel can continue to be used for the 8am Holy Communion service, Morning Prayer, meetings and groups which can continue to meet until the building works begin.
- The Transform Bromley Borough Mark's Gospels are available for collection from 19th November, and we have ordered 400 copies. The PCC were guided, with the help of research by Wesley Guy, to consider which Bible-related course St Paul's will offer in 2027 to interested seekers who have been gifted the Gospels. We agreed on the Emmaus Course, which focusses on nurturing new believers.
- An additional pay point machine for the church was approved.
- The PCC approved the Pre-School request to convert the hall window (adjacent to the piano) into a door. This is conditional upon grant funding via the Pre-School. This will improve fire safety in the hall.
- The 10.30am services will be held in the hall from Sunday 15th November, due to the cold weather prohibiting regular worship in the church. However, the church will remain open on a daily basis for people to come in as usual. The children's play area in the south aisle will still be available, as will the blankets.

Hymns/Songs on Sunday 15th November

Name of all majesty / Meekness and majesty / As the deer pants for the water /
O for a thousand tongues to sing / Go forth and tell

Living Well Foodbank Christmas Appeal

To help feed someone in need this Christmas, please fill a bag with one of each of these items:

Tinned ham/corned beef
Tinned salmon
Tinned veg
Tinned fruit
Tinned soup
Pasta

Coffee
Tea bags
Hot chocolate
Long life milk
Rice pudding/custard

Festive chocolates
Cereal
Toilet roll
Shampoo
Shower gel



You might like to consider doing this as a home group or other church group. Sarah Gray is happy to take your bag(s) to Living Well (she can be contacted on 07761 115055), or leave your bag behind the font and she will collect it. She will take the final bags to Living Well on Friday 11th December. For more info: https://www.facebook.com/share/1H87isVjGw/?mibextid=wwXIfr

Devotional Journey in Advent (LICC)

If you would like to join London Institute of Contemporary Christianity's Advent journey, you can sign up to receive an email every day during Advent (free of charge). An aid to reading the Bible and praying during Advent, reflecting on the meaning and purpose that Jesus's birth brings to all of life. https://licc.org.uk/ourresources/everyday-adventure-a-christmas-devotional-journey/

Community Notices

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

The People's Emergency Briefing is a film about what the climate and nature crisis means for our lives, our economy and our future. More information about the film: nebriefing.org/the-film. The following are opportunities to see local screenings:

- Tuesday 17th November, 7pm, The Royal Bell, 175 High Street, Bromley BR1 1NN. https://buytickets.at/friendsofbromleytownparksandgardens/2518062
- Sunday 22nd November, 7pm, Neighbourhood Church, 12 Cromwell Road, Beckenham, BR3 4LW. https://Neighbourhood.churchsuite.com/events/brfflwvq
- Tuesday 24th November, 7pm, St John's Church, 2 St John's Road, Penge SE20 7EQ. https://buytickets.at/concernedcitizensofbeckenhampenge/2518618
- Tuesday 19th January, 7pm, Penge East Community Centre, Penge East Station Car Park, Station Rd, SE20 7BE. https://buytickets.at/concernedcitizensofbeckenhampenge/2518682

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.

Christmas Fairs!

- Saturday 21st November, 9.30am – 1.30pm at The Salvation Army, Maple Road, Penge, including Santa's grotto (£2 including present). 50p entrance.
- Saturday 28th November, 10am – 2pm, at St James's Church, Elmers End.

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, available online (www.ticketsource.co.uk) or on the door from 6.15pm (card only).

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.*

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.

Please pray…



- for us as a congregation as we transition into using the hall for our services in the colder weather.
- for the Songs of Praise fundraising event and for all the fundraising for our Warm Welcome Campaign.
- for all those who were baptised and confirmed recently.
- for people to keep warm in the cold weather.
- for hospital staff as they cope with lots of pressure.
- 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 Marion Lowe, Ethel and Herbert Mafohla, Liz Martin, and for our parishioners in Abbey Park.

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*