

# ST PAUL'S BECKENHAM



## E-Notice Sheet

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2024

<b>8.00am</b>	<b>Morning Prayer (BCP)</b>
<b>10.30am</b>	<p><b>Holy Communion</b>                  With Sarah Butler and Paul Wright, Archdeacon Emeritus                  Readings: Acts 4: 5-12 read by David Sewell                  John 10: 11-18 read by Sandi Lee                  Prayers: Led by Anne Howick</p> <p><i>Children's Activities in the Hall – Sunday Squad 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 now streamed in the hall. Our Youth Group will also be meeting in the Vicarage.</i></p> <p><i>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 after the 10.30am service.</i></p>
<p><i>The 10.30am service will be live-streamed and available via <a href="#"><u>St Paul's You Tube Channel</u></a></i></p>	

### **Collect (Special Prayer) for the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

Risen Christ,  
 faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:  
 teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command,  
 that all your people may be gathered into one flock,  
 to the glory of God the Father. Amen.



<b>What's On this Week</b>		
<b>Wed 24<sup>th</sup> April</b>	7.30pm	PCC Meeting
<b>Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> April</b>	10.00am	Babies & Toddler Group
	2.30pm	Friendship Group - Craft. All welcome
	7.30pm	Prayer for our Parish, Community and Nation (Zoom)
<b>Sat 27<sup>th</sup> April</b>	9.30am	Saturday Connect Café
	7.30pm	'The Beloved Son' Theatre Event
<b>Sun 28<sup>th</sup> April</b> <i>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</i>	8.00am	<b>Holy Communion (BCP)</b> – With Paul Wright, Archdeacon Emeritus
	10.30am	<b>Morning Worship</b> With Keith Howick and David Charlesworth Readings: Acts 8: 26-40 and John 15: 1-8
	12.30pm	<b>Welcome Lunch</b>

## *St Paul's Notices*

**Saturday Connect Café** - Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April, 9.30am – 11.30am. Bring your friends and neighbours (and yourself!) to our Connect Café. As well as the children's toys being out, we now have a Book Exchange and a Green Corner. As ever, there will be good coffee and chat, with bacon butties ready for the hungry. All free, but donations welcome. Our community litter-picking team will be out from 9.30am.

**'The Beloved Son'** – Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April, 7.30pm. Buy your tickets after church on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April, or online [here](#). Flyers are available for you to take for friends and family. This gripping play, in which Andrew Harrison plays multiple characters with dizzying speed, explores the tumultuous life of Catholic priest, academic and psychologist Henri Nouwen. He abandoned a high-profile life to join the community of L'Arche, Daybreak in Toronto, caring for people with intellectual disabilities. Expect laughter, tears, and profound insights into the love of God as seen through their unique talents. Bring friends, family and neighbours to this unmissable performance.

**Volunteers needed to help with 'The Beloved Son' on 27<sup>th</sup> April** – We still need the following:

- At least one more (strong) person to help set up the stage in preceding week and dismantle in following week;
- Two more people to help run the box office on the night;
- One first-aider.

John Blakely and Suzanne Guy would welcome any offers of assistance!

**Welcome Lunch for new Church Members** – Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April, 12.30pm – 2.30pm. If you have joined St Paul's since the start of Covid, we would be delighted if you would join the leadership team for lunch. Please accept the invitation by signing the list at the back of church.

**Funeral Service for Sylvia Pickering** – Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May, at 1pm at St Paul's, followed by tea and cake. All welcome.

**Ascension Day Service** – Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May, 8pm, here at St Paul's. We are delighted that friends from the Methodist Church will be joining us for this service. Do please come along.

**Annual Parochial Church Meetings (APCM)** - This year the APCMs will be taking place on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May at midday in the church hall. Further information will be available next week.

**Service of Thanksgiving for David Gillman** – Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May, 12.30pm at St Paul's. Refreshments will be served after the service. All welcome.

**Prayer for the Interregnum and our new Vicar** – Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June, 9.30am – 12.30pm. Following on from our previous prayer mornings, we would love it if you could join us to cover the next stage in prayer, as we give thanks for the interregnum and look forward to welcoming Rev. Rachel Winn and the installation service on 11<sup>th</sup> July.

**Tea and Coffee** - Many thanks to the Wells home group for serving tea and coffee on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April. On 28<sup>th</sup> April, Jash & Liv's home group will be on duty.

## *Verse for the Year*

'Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.' 1 Peter 5: 6-7

## Community Notices

**Penge Festival of Music** – At Penge Congregational Church, 172 High Street, Penge SE20 7QS.

- Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April, 7.30pm. Open Friday! Penge's finest rock, folk and classical musicians celebrate the first ever Penge Festival of Music!
- Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April, 2pm. Children's concert for children and families, followed by refreshments.
- Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April, 7.30pm. The evening welcomes Zanyar Hesami: Saz and Daf superstar, featuring SOL Band.
- Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April, 2.30pm. Enjoy the Three Choirs Festival Concert – three different local choirs, each with their unique style; followed by refreshments.
- Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April, 4.30pm. Iona Duncan with her harps, perfectly evoking her own Celtic roots to bring the festival to a close.

Tickets available on the door, by cash or card. See poster at the back of church or visit [Penge Music concert venue classical music London festival of music](#).

**Messy Cathedral** – Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April, 1.30pm – 3.30pm, in Rochester Cathedral, followed by a bring-your-own picnic, until 4pm. Lots of activities for children and families based on the theme 'Breakfast on the Beach'. For more information, email [sarah.cabella@rochester.anglican.org](mailto:sarah.cabella@rochester.anglican.org).

**'Let's end Poverty' Webinar** – Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 5pm – 6.30pm. Hosted by Bishop Simon, speakers include Hannah Fremont-Brown (Anti-Poverty Movement Co-Ordinator for the Methodist Church) and Paul Morrison (expert on social welfare and economic issues and a trustee of the Trussell Trust). Click here to register: [Let's end poverty \(myknowchurch.co.uk\)](http://myknowchurch.co.uk).

**Rochester Cathedral Organ Festival** – From 24<sup>th</sup> April to 25<sup>th</sup> September. Hear the spectacular organ being played by internationally-acclaimed organists. For further details, visit [Rochester Cathedral Organ Festival Series – Rochester Cathedral](#).

**The Bereavement Journey** – 7 sessions of films and discussion for anyone who has been bereaved, at any time and in any way. On Wednesdays, beginning 24<sup>th</sup> April, 2 – 4pm at Christ Church Beckenham in the main hall. To find out more, visit [The Bereavement Journey](#) and/or contact Helen on 020 8650 3847, [office@ccb.org.uk](mailto:office@ccb.org.uk). See also posters and flyers in church.

**Concert with XBY Concert Band in aid of Welcare in Bromley** – Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April, 7.30pm, at St George's Church, Bickley Park Road, BR1 2BE. Tickets on the door £12 (concessions £10).

**Elgar's The Dream of Gerontius** – On Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April, 5pm at Cadogan Hall, The London Chorus will be performing Elgar's The Dream of Gerontius. Tickets are available from the box office (020 7730 4500) or via [www.cadoganhall.com](http://www.cadoganhall.com).

**An Evening of Music by Bach** – Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April, 6pm at All Saints Church, Orpington, BR6 0QD. With BYMT adult choir, orchestra and soloists. The best of Choral Bach, Magnificat BWV 243 and Choruses from Cantatas. Tickets available [here](#).

**NSPCC Coffee and Plant Morning** – Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May, 10am – 12pm, in the church hall, [here at St Paul's](#). With tea, coffee, home-made cakes and plant stalls. All welcome.

**Plant Sale in support of Living Well** – Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May, 3 – 4.30pm, at Holy Trinity Church, 66 Lennard Road, SE20 7LX. Plants and cakes available. With music by Sydenham Singers. All donations support Living Well.

**St Christopher's Fun Walk** – Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May at Keston Common. For more information, and to sign up, go to [www.stchristophers.org.uk/funwalk](http://www.stchristophers.org.uk/funwalk).

**Foodbanks** – Tubs for foodbank donations can be found in the main porch. The following items are particularly needed: Tins of spaghetti, baked beans, sweetcorn, tuna, potatoes, meat.

## OMF Thailand - Mission of the Month (March & April)



The missionary we support with OMF Thailand is Julia Birkett. She is a language adviser, which involves training in the Thai language and culture. Julia manages Thai teachers and prepares learners for the mission field, both those with OMF and those with other missionary organisations.

Pray for the families juggling language learning and homeschooling and that the children will adjust well to being away from their home countries. Pray especially for Hannah, who is the only girl in the current group of six missionary children. It is often easier for the singles and those without children to get out and spend more time interacting with Thai people and using their Thai language skills.

Give thanks for all the Thai children who attended the children's camp at the beginning of April and received a storybook. Pray these will be read and re-read!



### *Please pray...*



- for the PCC meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> April.
- the children and young people connected to St Paul's and their helpers/leaders.
- for Global Action Week for Education, 18<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> April.
- for St Paul's Pre-School, for the children, teachers and families.
- for the children, staff and families at Worsley Bridge School.
- for protection for young people from the damaging effects of social media.
- for the local elections on 2<sup>nd</sup> May.
- for all areas of the world where there is war and conflict.
- for CAP and Living Well, and for all who come to them for help and support.
- for those struggling with health issues and for all those who care for them.
- for all medical professionals, for wisdom, skill and compassion.
- for all in hospital, those recovering from an operation, having treatment or awaiting appointments.
- for all who are grieving the loss of a loved one, thinking especially of the family and friends of Sylvia Pickering and David Gillman.

On our Electoral Roll we pray for Mary Afolabi, Jackie Allen, Sylvia Armitage, Rufus Ballaster, and for our parishioners in Headingley Drive.

### *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 Anne Howick (020 8658 0808).