



ST PAUL'S BECKENHAM

Sunday 11th January 2026

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP) – With Rev'd Neil Fairlamb
10.30am	<p>Morning Worship – In the Hall</p> <p>Readings: Isaiah 42: 1-9 read by Brian Woolmer Matthew 3: 13-17 read by Youla Yates</p> <p>Prayers: Led by Sandra Horner With Sarah Butler and Rev'd Rachel Winn</p> <p><u>Sunday Squad</u> will take place in the office, as the congregation will be worshipping this Sunday in the hall. There will be a play area and some toys available at the back of the hall for younger children.</p> <p><u>Prayer after the Service</u> – If you would like someone to pray with you, members of the prayer ministry group will be available in the office.</p>
12.00pm	PCC Vision Meeting
<p>We are planning to record the 10.30am service and to upload it onto the St Paul's You Tube Channel during the week.</p>	

Collect (Special Prayer) for the Baptism of Christ

Heavenly Father, at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son: may we recognise him as our Lord and know ourselves to be your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen

What's On this Week		
Fri 9 th Jan	9.00am (12.00pm)	Morning Prayer – In the Chapel Super Soup Lunch (cancelled due to no heating in church)
Mon 12 th Jan	7.30pm – 9.00pm	Resolve Course – in the hall
Wed 14 th Jan	9.00am 7.00pm – 9.00pm 7.30pm	Morning Prayer – in the Chapel Youth Alpha – in the hall Prayer for our Parish, Community and Nation (on Zoom)
Thurs 15 th Jan	9.00am 10.00am 2.00pm 8.00pm	Morning Prayer – in the Chapel Babies and Toddlers Friendship Group – All welcome Community Choir – in the hall
Sun 18 th Jan 2 nd Sunday of Epiphany	8.00am 10.30am 12.00pm	<p>Holy Communion (BCP) – With Rev'd Rachel Winn Holy Communion Readings: 1 Corinthians 1: 1-9 and John 1: 29-42 With Rev'd Rachel Winn and Wesley Guy (in the Church)</p> <p>Interment of Ashes – in the Garden of Remembrance Remembering and giving thanks for the life of Margaret Doubleday</p>

Happy Birthday
to everyone at St Paul's who has a
birthday in January!



St Paul's Notices

Church Heating – A working party is meeting with Diocesan representatives to find a way forward regarding a new church heating system. Please bear with us as we manage a difficult situation, especially during the cold weather. On Sunday 11th January we will be holding the 10.30am service in the hall, and on Sunday 18th January we will be in the church for Holy Communion but moving the portable heaters closer together and sectioning off the side pews, in order to focus the heat centrally onto all members of the congregation. Please look out for notices regarding where we hold our services after this.

Super Soup Lunch – We apologise but due to the very cold weather and the lack of heating in the church, the Super Soup Lunch will not be taking place this month.

Thank you to Marie Read for her donation for the **sanctuary flowers** on 4th January, in memory of her husband, John.

Resolve Course - On Monday evenings during January (5th , 12th, 19th and 26th January), from 7.30pm – 9pm, in the hall. We had a good evening on Monday 5th January, and it is not too late to come along and join in. Everyone is welcome! The course is designed to reflect on how we make and keep our New Year resolutions, and to enable conversations! Free of charge, light refreshments provided. Any questions, please contact Keith Howick on 07747 033473.

Youth Alpha – On Wednesday evenings from 14th January, we are running Youth Alpha for teenagers and young adults. The evenings will start at 7pm with food, followed by a video and discussion about the Christian faith. If you are interested, please speak to Rev'd Rachel.

Zoom Prayer meeting - Please note that as the Community Choir is meeting on Thursday evenings in January, February and March, the Prayer meeting will be taking place on Wednesday evenings, 7.30pm. All welcome.

Zoom Prayer Meetings - Starting from 14th January, the weekly Zoom Prayer Meeting will move to Wednesdays at 7.30 to 8.30pm until further notice. This change is being made to allow anybody who wants to participate in the Community Choir to attend the weekly practice on Thursdays.

St Paul's Community Choir – Thursday 15th January, 8pm – 9.30pm, in the church hall. We are restarting the Community Choir to rehearse Stainer's 'Crucifixion' for a performance on the afternoon of Palm Sunday (March 29th) as a preparation for Holy Week. The choir is free to join, there are no auditions, music is provided and it is not necessary to read music, although it helps if you can! The choir will rehearse on Thursday evenings, beginning on 15th January. All are welcome! No need to sign up in advance – just turn up. For more information contact David Storey (07989 251287).

Lunch for St Paul's Day – Sunday 25th January 2026 is St Paul's Day and we will be having a fellowship lunch together after the 10.30am service.

Christmas Tree Tags - Many thanks to all those who made donations for the Christmas Tree tags. £120 was raised for Open Doors.

Tea and Coffee - Many thanks to the Harris group for serving tea and coffee on Sunday 11th January. On 18th January, the Blakely home group will be on duty.

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

The formal minutes will be made available on the PCC noticeboard at the back of church once they have been agreed.

- We welcomed Penny Power as a new PCC member.
- The PCC is increasingly mindful of the continuing financial deficit that the church is running, which is getting worse. Projected income for 2026 is significantly lower than projected outgoings, and this is becoming a matter for concern and prayer. There are plans for a help desk at the connect café on 28th February for those who would like help in signing up for the Parish Giving Scheme. Appreciation was expressed for the time, effort and skill Rosemary Dear and Tim Harrington have contributed to administering the church finances.
- It was reported that there is no realistic option of repairing the church heating system, due to its age. There is a working party meeting on Thursday 8th to work on solutions. Please pray that the right decisions are taken and also that funding becomes available for what will be a very significant project.
- The problems we have been having with the live-streaming of services are now resolved, and live-streaming should be operational when we next meet in church. This Sunday we plan to record the service in the hall and upload it to YouTube. We apologise for the inconvenience.

Job Opportunity - Assistant Church Administrator

We are looking for a part-time Assistant Church Administrator to support Stephanie in our busy Church Office. This is a public facing role dealing with enquiries from parishioners, visitors and members of the public. The ability to communicate sensitively and effectively with a variety of people is essential.

Location – St Paul's Church Office, Lawn Road, Beckenham, BR3 1TP

Hours – 15 hours per week (preferably 3 mornings x 5 hours per morning)

Salary - London Living Wage £14.80 per hour (equivalent to £11,544 per annum)

Pension – Contributory pension (auto enrolment)

Annual leave - 16.8 days (84 hours) per year (inclusive of bank/public holidays)

Closing Date - Friday 30th January 2026

Interviews – To take place between 19th and 24th February 2026

Start date – April, after Easter, subject to DBS check and references

Interested? Email admin@stpaulsbeckenham.org.uk or call 020 8650 0501 for a Role Description/ Person Specification and Application Form.

Wycliffe Bible Translators – Mission of the Month (Jan & Feb)

The team in Yakaland are working with Julian on translating the Bible into the Yakar language in the Caucasus in Southern Russia. They have also prepared a calendar to give away, and Julian says, "It looks really classy - a beautiful weaving together of Scripture verses with Yakar cultural elements. I'm told that people have loved receiving it as a gift. Let's pray that the words of truth which it contains will bear fruit in people's lives."



Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (18th – 25th January)

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is celebrated worldwide every year. During this week, Christians are reminded of Jesus's prayer for his disciples and come together to pray for unity. The theme this year is "There is one body and one Spirit" based on Ephesians 4:4.

Churches Together in Beckenham (CTiB) have organised opportunities to share with Christians in Beckenham in a series of acts of worship and fellowship at the following times and venues:

- Sunday 18th January, 5.30pm: **Choral Evensong** at St George's Church, BR3 1AX.
- Monday 19th January, 11am – 2pm: **Craft Afternoon**
at Joy's Kitchen, Beckenham Methodist Church, Bromley Road, BR3 5JE
- Monday 19th January, 8pm: **Taize Service** at Beckenham Baptist Church, Elm Road.
- Tuesday 20th January, 4pm: **Evening Prayer** at St Edmund's, Village Way, BR3 3NP.
- Wednesday 21st January, 10.30am: **Holy Communion** at St George's Church, BR3 1AX.
- Thursday 22nd January, 9.30am – 2pm: **Green Bird Café**
at St John's Church, Eden Park Avenue, BR3 3JN.
- Friday 23rd January, 9am: **Morning Prayer**, here at St Paul's Church Beckenham.

Community Notices

Quiet Mondays – 12th January (and every second Sunday of the month), 5pm – 6pm, at St Edmund's Church Hall. Contemplative prayer in the Christian tradition: with stillness, silence, simplicity and stability.

Romantic Melodies – A classical vocal concert on Saturday 24th January, 6pm, at St Cuthbert's Church, Earl's Court, 50 Philbeach Gardens, London SW5 9EB (close to Earl's Court tube station). With Silva McQueen (Soprano), Leonel Pinheiro (Tenor) and Timothy End (Piano). Some of us will remember Silva, who held a concert here at St Paul's a few years ago with Leonel and Timothy. The concert will include music by Mozart, Verdi, Bellini, Puccini as well as some English and Serbian tunes. Tickets £16 (£5 for children) via: [Romantic Melodies - Serbian Month of Great Britain - Booking by Bookwhen](#)

Liam Conlon MP in Conversation with 'HOPE Not Hate' – Thursday 29th January, 6pm – 7pm (doors open 5.30pm), at St George's Beckenham, on 'How we address the rise of the far-right'. HOPE Not Hate is a UK charity that brings people together by challenging extremism and promoting inclusion and understanding. There is limited space; RSVP is essential: <https://bit.ly/HOPEnothateRSVP> or email liam.conlon.mp@parliament.uk.

Welcare Fundraiser: Bob Ogley is giving a talk on the 1987 Great Storm. Saturday 7th February, 3pm at St Peter & St Paul Church hall, Bromley (behind Primark). Tickets £10 on the door.

Foodbanks - Tubs for foodbank donations, which are shared between Living Well and CAP, can be found in the porch, by the main church entrance. We are particularly asking for the following: tea bags, coffee, toilet rolls, toiletries, men's safety razors, sanitary towels. 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. Please also ensure tins have **ring pulls**, as many people do not have a tin opener. It is very helpful if you can leave your donations in a strong bag.

A Prayer for the New Year

Eternal Lord God,
we give you thanks for bringing us
through the changes of time
to the beginning of another year.
Forgive us the wrong we have done in the year that is past,
and help us to spend the rest of our days
to your honour and glory,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please pray...

- for students, teachers and children as they go back to school and college/uni.
- for the Resolve course, running on Monday evenings during January.
- for the Youth Alpha course, beginning on Wednesday 14th January.
- for wisdom to know what to do about the church heating and how everyone can best keep warm.
- for all those affected by the Swiss resort bar fire.
- for the school children and adults who were injured following a crash between a bus and a coach on a slip road in Reading.
- for people to keep warm and safe in the cold and icy weather.
- for CAP and Living Well, and for all who come to them for support and financial guidance.
- for those in hospital, recovering from operations or having treatment and for their families.
- for all those struggling with health problems, pain and loneliness.
- for all who are grieving the loss of a loved one.



On our Electoral Roll we pray for Chris Harris, Mandy Harris, Tarina Hill-Carroll, David Holmes, and for our parishioners in Century Way.

Get in touch...

Administrator - Stephanie Fox: 020 8650 0501, admin@stpaulsbeckenham.org.uk

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Parish Safeguarding Officer - Sandra Horner: 07701 069638; safeguarding@stpaulsbeckenham.org.uk

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).