

ST PAUL'S BECKENHAM

E-Notice Sheet

Sunday 19th November 2023

Safeguarding Sunday



8.00am	Morning Prayer (BCP)
10.30am <i>2nd Sunday before Advent</i>	Holy Communion With David Charlesworth and Rev. Rachel Winn Readings: Isaiah 41: 10-13, read by Clari Harrington Mark 12: 28-31, read by Ingrid Glenister Prayers: Led by Sandra Horner <i>Children's activities during the 10.30am service – There is a crèche for pre-schoolers and activities for children aged 4-11</i>
<i>The 10.30am service will be live-streamed and available via St Paul's You Tube Channel</i>	

A Prayer for Safeguarding Sunday

Dear God, help us to be a church that:
 Loves, welcomes, protects, listens, learns, serves.
 Repents, restores, transforms, values, cares, believes.
 God of Justice and compassion, hear our prayer.
 Help us, heal us, guide us, we pray. In Jesus name. Amen.

<i>What's On This Week</i>		
Mon 20 th Nov	12.00pm	Funeral of Maudre Walters
Tues 21 st Nov	11.30am	Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of Juliet Bull
Wed 22 nd Nov	7.00pm	Concert with Musicians from Eltham College Junior School
Thurs 23 rd Nov	10.00am	Babies and Toddler Group
	2.30pm	Friendship Group – Travelling with David and Marian Sewell on the Silk Route. All welcome.
	7.30pm	Prayer for our Parish, Community and Nation (by Zoom)
Sat 25 th Nov	9.00am	Saturday Connect Café
Sun 26 th Nov <i>Christ the King</i>	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP) – With Rev. Paul Wright
	10.30am	Morning Worship With Keith Howick and Sarah Butler Readings: Ephesians 1: 15-23 and Matthew 25: 31-46
	3.00pm	'It's Nearly Christmas' Concert – With the Crystal Palace Progress Band and the Juke Vox Voices Choir (See p.3)

St Paul's Notices

Safeguarding Sunday - 19th November is 'Safeguarding Sunday', and our 10.30am Communion Service will be based on this theme. It is one response to the fact that churches have not always been the safe places we would like and hope them to be – for both children and adults. So, we will be looking at why 'Safeguarding' is not a box-ticking exercise but is a spiritual and practical response to Christ's teaching on loving our neighbour. It is not always an easy subject, particularly for those who are victims of abuse, but we hope it will be a positive response to the Lord requiring us 'to act justly and to love mercy and walk humbly with our God'.

Thanksgiving Service for the Life of Juliet Bull – Tuesday 21st November, 11.30am, at St Paul's Church, followed by refreshments. All are welcome. Juliet loved bright colours and, as this is a celebration of her life, please don't feel you need to dress in a formal or sombre manner. The family has requested no flowers, but if you would like to make a donation in memory of Juliet, there will be an opportunity at the service to donate to The British Heart Foundation. Gift Aid envelopes will be available. Donations can also be made online:

<https://www.dignityfunerals.co.uk/funeral-notices/16-10-2023-dorothy-juliet-bull/>

Concert with Musicians from Eltham College Junior School – Wednesday 22nd November, 7 – 8.30pm, here at St Paul's Church. This is a free concert of classical music for young people from Eltham College Junior School who are Grade 5 and above on piano, violin, flute and harp, giving them an opportunity to perform to a wider audience. All are very welcome to join them.

Saturday Connect Café - Saturday 25th November, 9am – 11am. Bring your friends and neighbours (and yourself!) to our Connect Café. The children's toys will be out, craft activities will be available, good coffee on tap and bacon butties ready for the hungry. All free, but donations welcome. Our litter-picking team will be out from 9.30am.

Prayer for the Interregnum and a new Vicar – We will be holding a special morning of prayer on Saturday 9th December between 9.30am and 12.30pm. The morning will be structured to cover different aspects of the interregnum, which is a challenging time for any church, but also presents opportunities for all the congregation to serve. All of this, including the selection process to find the right person as our next Vicar, needs to be grounded in constant prayer, as we seek the Holy Spirit's guidance. Please make a note of the date and come along for as long or short a time, as you are able.

Archbishops' Appeal - If you would like to make a donation to the Archbishop of Canterbury and Archbishop in Jerusalem's appeal for work in Gaza, Palestine and Israel, including funding for the Al Ahli Hospital in Gaza, there is still an opportunity to do so on Sunday in church. Contributions will be added to the money being sent by St Paul's. You can also give online, direct to the appeal, at [Archbishops Joint Appeal for the Diocese of Jerusalem | jmecca.org.uk](https://www.jmecca.org.uk)

Thank you to everyone who donated so generously to the Link to Hope Shoebox Appeal. Marion, Jill and Stephanie went to the local centre to help pack boxes. Over 2000 will be taken to Ukraine, Moldova, Bulgaria or Romania in early December and given personally to people of all ages.

Bible-Reading Notes – There are many different Bible-reading notes available to help with reading the Bible regularly. The popular ones amongst members of St Paul's are New Daylight, Daily Bread, Encounter with God, Day by Day with God, and Guidelines. If you would like more information, or to order some notes for 2024, please contact Marion Lowe on 020 8290 1073 or marionlowe@talktalk.net.

Tea and Coffee - Many thanks to the Brackley Homegroup for serving tea and coffee on Sunday 19th November. On 26th November, the Wells's Homegroup will be on duty.

Community Notices

Thank you - Beckenham District NSPCC would like to thank everyone who generously gave up their time to support them on Saturday 11th November. Fortunately, the weather stayed fine and their Coffee and Craft morning was a great success and most enjoyable, so a huge thank you to you all. The funds raised will go directly to the NSPCC and Childline to support the valuable work the charity does at Christmas and throughout the year.

Christmas Fair Weekend at the Greener & Cleaner Hub in The Glades - Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th November. Tips for a greener Christmas, enjoy festive, guilt-free shopping, fantastic workshops and interactive displays. Reduce your carbon footprint and your bills this festive season. More information at <https://www.greenerandcleaner.co.uk>.

Christmas Arts & Crafts Market – Saturday 18th November, from 2.30pm, at St George’s Church Hall, Albermarle Road, Beckenham. Handmade gifts/art/refreshments.

St George’s Chamber Orchestra – Sunday 19th November, 5pm, at St George’s Beckenham. For more information, see poster in south aisle and flyers at the back of church.

Bromley Eco Church Network Meeting with A Rocha – Wednesday 22nd November, 7.30pm, at Beckenham Methodist Church, BR3 5JE. A speaker from the international charity ‘A Rocha’ will be talking about how Christians can respond to the climate crisis. All are welcome. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be available in the atrium café before the meeting.

‘It’s Nearly Christmas’ Concert - Our friends from the Crystal Palace Progress Band are having their ‘It’s Nearly Christmas’ concert [here at St Paul’s](#) on Sunday 26th November at 3pm. Together with the Juke Vox Voices choir, there’s a programme of popular music...and some carols....plus refreshments too. It’s free and everyone is welcome to this jolly brass band and choir event.

Living Well Christmas Appeal – To help feed someone in need this Christmas, fill a bag with one of each of these items and take it to Living Well on 15th or 16th December, 9am – 3pm. Tinned ham/corned beef, tinned salmon, tinned veg, tinned fruit, tinned soup, long-life milk, coffee, tea bags, hot chocolate, jam/marmalade, rice pudding/custard, festive biscuits, festive chocolates, cereal, pasta, toilet roll, shampoo, shower gel. *NB – Nothing with alcohol in please.* If you would prefer to donate £40 (the cost of a full food parcel), please go to www.livingwell.life.

Foodbanks - CAP and Living Well are very grateful for all the donations people give. Donations can be left in the tubs outside the Vicarage – if possible, in a strong carrier bag. Please double-check items are in date and do not contain any alcohol.

Welcare - Mission of the Month (November & December)

We are looking forward to welcoming Anna Khan from Welcare at our 10.30am service on Sunday 26th November and hearing more about the work of Welcare.

Our local Welcare team, based in Bromley, provides families with practical and emotional support. Many referrals relate to mental health, drug abuse and domestic violence, and Welcare liaises with partner agencies to provide a comprehensive service. They also run groups in local schools for children in need of extra support, some of whom have complex mental health needs.



Please look at the board at the back of church to find out more, or by going to their website: www.welcare.org.

Please pray...

- for the services this week for Maudre Walters and Juliet Bull.
- for the Saturday Connect Café on 25th November.
- for our Government and all the recent changes.
- for all those coping with fear, trauma, separation and loss in the Middle East, Ukraine and other war-torn areas, and for those seeking to bring aid and reconciliation.
- for all those whose housing conditions are inadequate or who have no home.
- for the foodbanks and other services provided by Living Well and CAP.
- for young people who are afraid or despairing because of bullying or abuse on social media, and for wisdom for parents, carers, teachers and those involved in the legislation governing social media.
- for those in pain and struggling with health issues or increasing frailty.
- for those living alone and who need extra support.
- for all in hospital, hospices or care homes, and for the staff caring for them.
- for all who work in the NHS, and for more people to study medicine or pursue other healthcare careers, to enable the NHS and pharmacies to be better able to face the challenges of staff shortages and the increasing demand for its services.
- for safety on the roads.
- for all who are grieving the loss of a loved one, thinking especially of the family and friends of Maudre Walters and Juliet Bull.



On our Electoral Roll we pray for David Holmes, Sandra Horner, Keith and Anne Howick, and for our parishioners in Bethersden Close.

Get in touch...

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Communion by Extension - 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).

St Paul's Verse for the Year

‘Just as our bodies have many parts and each part has a special function, so it is with Christ’s body. We are many parts of one body, and we all belong to each other.’ Romans 12: 4-5