

ST PAUL'S BECKENHAM



E-Notice Sheet

Sunday 29th September 2024

8.00am	Morning Prayer (BCP) With Rev. Rachel Winn
10.30am	Morning Worship – Creation Sunday Harvest Celebration With Rev. Clive Grinham and Keith Howick Readings: Deuteronomy 24: 19-22 read by Anthea Prendergast Psalm 65 read by Wesley Guy Prayers: Led by Sarah Butler <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, if they would like to. The service is streamed in the hall.</i> <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>
4.00pm – 5.30pm	Youth Group – In the hall
<i>The 10.30am service will be live-streamed and available via St Paul's You Tube Channel</i>	

Collect (Special Prayer) for the 18th Sunday after Trinity

God, our judge and saviour, teach us to be open to your truth and to trust in your love, that we may live each day with confidence in the salvation which is given through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

What's On this Week

Sat 28th Sept	9.30am	Connect Cafe
Wed 2nd Oct	9.00am	Morning Prayer – in the Chapel. All welcome
Thurs 3rd Oct	9.00am	Morning Prayer – in the Chapel. All welcome.
	10.00am	Babies & Toddler Group
	2.30pm	Friendship Group – Quiz, with Ann Birkett. All welcome
	7.30pm	Prayer for our Parish, Community and Nation (Zoom)
Fri 4th Oct	9.00am	Morning Prayer – in the Chapel. All welcome
	7.30pm	Rehearsal for Taizé service
Sat 5th Oct	10.00am	Gardening Team
Sun 6th Oct <i>19th Sunday after Trinity</i>	8.00am	Morning Prayer (BCP) – With Rev. Rachel Winn
	10.30am	Holy Communion – Dedication Festival With Rev. Rachel Winn and David Charlesworth Readings: Psalm 122: 1-9 and John 10: 22-29
	5.00pm	Taizé Reflective Service – In the Chancel

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Connect Café - Saturday 28th September, 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 have a Book Exchange and a Green Corner. As ever, there will be good coffee and chat, with bacon butties and pastries ready for the hungry. All free; donations welcome. Our community litter-picking team will be out from 9.30am.

Creation Sunday Harvest Celebration – On 29th September we are celebrating Creationtide and Harvest. There will be a special foodbank collection for CAP (Penge) and Living Well. The following items are particularly needed: Small cartons of fruit juice, tins of fish, meat, vegetables, fruit, custard; jars of pasta sauce, coffee, rice, deodorant, toilet rolls. (Please ensure all tins have ring pulls, as many people do not have a tin opener.) As always, it is helpful if you can bring your donations in a strong carrier bag, and please check that items are in date and do not contain any alcohol. Cash donations would also be welcome and the SumUp machines will be available for cashless donations. Please note that unfortunately we are unable to accept fresh food.

Youth Group – Our Youth Group will be meeting on Sunday (29th September), 4pm – 5.30pm in the church hall. For more information, please contact Jash on jasharmasih@yahoo.co.uk.

Top of the Pew – Sunday 29th September, 7.30pm for 8pm, St Augustine's, Southborough Lane, BR2 8AT. St Paul's will be taking part in the semi-final and would really appreciate some home support! The quiz will be in the Garden Room.

Gardening Team – Saturday 5th October, 10am. Help is always welcome at our monthly Gardening Team days, if you would like to come along and help keep our church garden looking lovely. No experience or tools necessary! Tea and coffee provided.

Holy Communion at St Paul's - From 6th October, a choice will be available when receiving Holy Communion at the communion rail. At the chapel side, intincted wafers will continue to be offered (as has been the custom for a while), whilst at the vestry side, the wafers will be offered separately and the wine from the shared chalice. At the table by the pulpit, only intincted wafers will be offered. If you wish to receive the shared chalice but cannot reach the altar rail, please let one of the church wardens know.

Dedication Festival and Homeless Sunday – On Sunday 6th October, the Church acknowledges the Dedication Festival (also known as Hanukkah), which is mentioned in John 10:22. This was a celebration of the rededication of the reconstructed temple in Jerusalem in 164 BC, which symbolised hope and revival, and it was the chief place where people gathered and worshiped. We too celebrate being able to worship together as a Christian community, whilst remembering that we ourselves are a living temple where God's Holy Spirit dwells (1 Corinthians 6:19-20). We also remember those who have no home, acknowledging this as Homeless Sunday.

Taizé Reflective Service - Sunday 6th October at 5pm. All are welcome to join us for this reflective time of worship. Taizé chants are beautiful, simple and easy to learn. We will take time to sing together, pray, listen to some readings and allow times of silence.

Link to Hope Shoeboxes – Last week, Camilla Johnson shared stories with us about the shoeboxes that are sent out by Link to Hope and given personally to people of all ages in Moldova, Romania, Ukraine and Bulgaria. If you would like to fill a shoebox or donate some items to go into a shoebox, during October there will be leaflets at the back of church and boxes for toiletries, stationery, small toys, hats, gloves, scarves.

Electoral Roll – If you have been worshipping at St Paul's for more than six months, and are not yet on our Electoral Roll, we would love you to fill in an application form (at the back of church).

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Planet-friendly Autumn Fair - Saturday 12th October. Contributions would be welcome for stalls: crafts, books, cakes and jams, pre-loved items (but not clothes). Also volunteers to help on the day. For further information please speak to Sarah Butler (sarahb838@outlook.com) or any of the Climate & Ecology Team.

Remembrance Day Service – In addition to our Remembrance Sunday service on 10th November, we will be holding a short service on Remembrance Day, Monday 11th November, at 10.45am in the church garden. We are planning to have a cross with poppies on, and if you would like to knit or crochet a poppy, patterns are available at the back of church.

Help needed - A number of our congregation are finding it more difficult to get to church, partly because of mobility problems and also the timing of the local buses. If you would be willing to help to collect someone and take them home, please speak to Rev. Rachel. It will be important that all those helping have taken the Basic Safeguarding course.

First Aid Boxes - It is important that the first aid boxes at the back of church and in the hall are kept up to date, and we are looking for someone to do this on a regular basis, every 3-6 months. If this is something you might be interested in, please speak to one of the churchwardens.

Tea and Coffee - Many thanks to the Brackley home group for serving tea and coffee on Sunday 29th September. On 6th October, the Wells home group will be on duty.

Community Notices

A Day in the Present Moment – A retreat at St Mary's Shortlands on Saturday 5th October, 10am – 4pm. A day to explore Christian mindfulness and song, with Shaun Lambert and Mike Leigh. For more information, see poster in south aisle, or email glosherman@icloud.com. Tickets are £25, to include drinks and light lunch.

Beckenham Concert Band in support of CAP – Saturday 5th October, 6.45pm for 7pm, at St Augustine's Church, Southborough Lane, Bromley, BR2 8AT. An evening celebration concert, raising funds for CAP Bromley. Music from The Wizard of Oz, The Four Seasons, Abba and more. Conductor: Dimitri Chrysostomou. Tickets £12, OAPs £8, under 16s free. Tickets available on the door, cash only (please bring correct money if possible).

Guild of Church Flower Arrangers – Monday 7th October, 7.30pm, at St Mary's Church, Kingswood Road, Bromley, BR2 OHG. If you love flowers and would like to broaden your knowledge, you are very welcome to the AGM followed by a demonstration by Cecilia Willatt. More information is on the poster on noticeboard in south aisle.

Concert with enSEmble26 – Saturday 19th October, 7pm, at St Bartholomew's Church, Sydenham, SE26 6QR. Performing the World Premiere of a new work by Joseph Phibbs and piano quartet in Eb by Mozart. Tickets available from www.enSEmble26.com.

Festival of Remembrance – Saturday 2nd November, 6pm at Rochester Cathedral, with Eynsford Concert Band. For tickets, click on the following Eventbrite link: [Festival of Remembrance Tickets, Sat, Nov 2, 2024 at 6:00 PM | Eventbrite](#)

Rochester Cathedral Jazz & Blues Festival, 12th – 16th November. For tickets and information, visit www.rochestercathedral.org/jazz.

Christians Against Poverty (CAP)
Mission of the Month (September & October)



CAP was founded in 1996, and today their services are needed more than ever. 14 million people in the UK are living in poverty. Click on the following link to see a summary of CAP's 2024 client report: [Under the rubble of debt and poverty — CAP's 2024 client... | CAP UK](#)

CAP works with local churches to tackle the causes of poverty and to help people out of debt. Their services are free and open to people of all faiths and none. The services they offer include supporting people in finding work, life skills groups, managing money well, and addressing immediate needs.

At St Paul's we support the Penge Centre which runs from St John's Church, Penge. Please pray for debt coach, Gareth Hall, for the team of volunteers, and for all the clients they work with, that many more lives will be transformed by the practical help and love they receive. For more information see the noticeboard at the back of church.

A Prayer

Creator God, we lift our world to you during this Season of Creation. As churches gather for harvest services and festivals, we pray these will be opportunities to talk about and act on caring for creation. We pray for our neighbours locally and globally who do not have enough. We thank you for your goodness and provision, and for this beautiful earth we call home. Amen

Please pray...



- for the Connect Café on Saturday 28th September.
- for those affected by the floods this week.
- for those who rely on the foodbanks supported by CAP (Penge) and Living Well.
- for those affected by the airstrikes in Lebanon and for all the British people who have been encouraged to leave as soon as possible.
- for places of conflict throughout the world.
- for the work of Link to Hope.
- for all those living with dementia and those caring for them.
- for those relying on foodbanks and struggling with debt.
- for those in care homes and hospitals, and for all the staff.
- for all those in pain or struggling with health issues or increasing frailty.
- for all who are grieving the loss of a loved one.

On our Electoral Roll we pray for Sandi Lee, Marion Lowe, Herbert and Ethel Mafohla, and for our parishioners in Stevens Close.

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. Rachel or Anne Howick (020 8658 0808).