



E-Notice Sheet



ST PAUL'S BECKENHAM

Sunday 23rd November 2025

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP) – With Rev'd Neil Fairlamb
10.30am	Morning Worship and Baptism Theme: Bible Sunday Readings: Romans 15: 1-6 read by David Sewell Luke 4: 16-24 read by Marion Lowe Prayers: Led by Ian Johnson With Anne Harkness and Rev'd Rachel Winn <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 you 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.</i>
The 10.30am service will be live-streamed and available via St Paul's You Tube Channel .	

Collect (Special Prayer) for Christ the King

God the Father,
help us to hear the call of Christ the King and to follow in his service,
whose kingdom has no end;
for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, one glory. Amen.

What's On this Week

Sat 22 nd Nov	9.30am – 11.30am 10.00am – 2.00pm	Connect Café Autumn Fair
Wed 26 th Nov	9.00am	Morning Prayer (in the Chapel)
Thurs 27 th Nov	9.00am 10.00am 2.30pm 6.30pm 7.30pm	Morning Prayer (in the Chapel) Babies and Toddlers Friendship Group – Advent: 'He has come and He is coming again', with Clive Grinham. All welcome. Knit & Natter, Craft & Chatter Prayer for our Parish, Community and Nation (on Zoom)
Fri 28 th Nov	9.00am	Morning Prayer (in the Chapel)
Sat 29 th Nov	9.30 – 11.30am	Vision Prayer Morning
Sun 30 th Nov <i>Advent Sunday</i>	8.00am 10.30am 12.00pm 4.00pm	Holy Communion (BCP) – With Rev'd Rachel Winn Morning Worship Readings: Romans 13: 1-14 and Isaiah 64: 1-5a With Rev'd Rachel Winn and David Charlesworth Planning Meeting for Experience Christmas Taizé Reflective Service



Bible Sunday – 23rd November

Bible Sunday is about marking the importance of Scripture as the foundation of the Christian faith. We thank God for his Word to us and think about how it transforms individual lives and communities.

There will be a table displaying various Bible resources (Bible-reading notes, phone apps, different Bible versions) to help us engage with Scripture on a daily basis in a way that suits our individual lifestyles. 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, Guidelines, Daily Bread, Encounter with God, and Day by Day with God. If you would like more information, or to order some notes for 2026, please contact Marion: 020 8290 1073/marionlowe@talktalk.net

St Paul's Notices

Autumn Fair: 22nd November, 10am – 2pm. Contributions to the Pre-Loved and Craft Stalls can be brought to church on Friday 21st November between 2pm and 4pm. The church will be open from 8.30am on Saturday for contributions to the cake stall. Thank you very much.

We are delighted to welcome Raphael **for baptism** on Sunday 23rd November with his parents, Lucia and Kraig, the godparents, family and friends.

Vision Prayer Morning – On Saturday 29th November, 9.30am – 11.30am we are holding another morning of prayer, seeking God's vision for St Paul's Church. Everyone is invited to join us as we pray and worship together.

Link to Hope Shoeboxes – This Sunday (23rd November) is the last date to donate items to go into a shoebox. The collection boxes are at the back of church for toiletries, stationery, small toys, hats, gloves, scarves. The shoeboxes are taken to Moldova, Romania, Ukraine and Bulgaria and given personally to people of all ages. If shopping is difficult, a financial donation would be gratefully received - please speak to Jill Brook. Empty shoeboxes are also helpful.

Crystal Palace Progress Band Christmas Concert – Saturday 6th December, 7.30pm, here at St Paul's Church. Free entry; donations welcome towards local charity, The Maypole Project. Mulled wine, cake and raffle during interval.

Choir for Carol Service – There will be rehearsals on Friday 12th and 19th December, 7.30pm in the hall. Everyone welcome! The Carol Service is on Sunday 21st December, 7.15pm (following the Community Carols in the church garden, at 6pm.)

Church Heating – Until the church heating system can be fixed, we have temporary heaters set up and blankets available for use during the services. If you get too warm, please feel free to move; please do not unplug the heaters!

Food Vouchers – We are providing 50 x £50 food vouchers to Worsley Bridge School and the St Paul's Pre-School, to help support families suffering from financial hardship this Christmas. If you would like to support this much-needed project and contribute towards the £2,500 to fund the vouchers, please see Rosemary Dear (email r2dear@hotmail.com or phone 07803 725134).

Resolve course - We shall once again be holding a Resolve course, on Mondays 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th January. for further information please speak to Keith Howick.

Tea and Coffee - Many thanks to the Birkett home group for serving tea and coffee on Sunday 23rd November. On 30th November the Blakely home group will be on duty.

Confirmation Service: A Big Thank You from Rev'd Rachel

A huge thank you to everyone who gave a lot of time and effort to prepare for and serve at the Confirmation Service on Sunday. I was so grateful for the amazing refreshments which were organised by the volunteer caterers and served by a number of people. There were many comments and thank yous sent to me about the warm welcome and exceptional hosting at this service. Thank you to everybody who helped prepare the church and hall beforehand, to welcome our guests; these were beautifully clean and tidy. We congratulate all the candidates from St Paul's who were confirmed at this service: Cornelia Apotheker, James Bramwell, Mandy Harris, Maya McKeever, Marion McNally, Luca Serantes James, Amanda Yau.

Experience Christmas

Experience Christmas is when we tell and act out the wonderful story of Jesus Christ coming to earth, with around 150 children and many adults coming through the church just for this experience during a week in December. We transform the church (creating a Stable, the Wise Men's tent, Mary's Kitchen and other stations) and we run this interactive, multi-sensory, fun-packed event, with acting, song and crafts.

We are running this fabulous event from Monday to Friday from 8th – 12th December (excluding Wednesday), but we need more volunteers please!

If you can spare any time that week (even just two hours), please let Rev'd Rachel know and please come to a ONE HOUR ONLY planning meeting on Sunday 30th November at 12 noon in the hall after the main service.

Advent Sermon Series: Expectations, Preparation and Celebration!

For our Advent series of sermons this year we are going to look at three different perspectives leading up to Christmas. On Advent Sunday we will look at 'Expectations'. What are our expectations about the coming of Christ and what are his expectations on us?

We will then take a short break for Safeguarding Sunday on 7th December before looking at 'Preparation' as a key component of our 'Dress-Up Nativity' service on 14th December. The series will conclude on Sunday 21st December as we consider the purpose and practice of 'Celebration'.

Advent is always a good time for reflection despite, or because of the busyness leading up to Christmas itself.

St Paul's Community Choir

We are hoping to restart the Community Choir in January 2026 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 in the church hall (entrance on Lawn Road) on Thursday evenings from 8pm - 9.30pm, beginning on 15th January. All are welcome! I can think of no better New Year's resolution than to join a choir - which has been proven to be good for your social life and mental health! No need to sign up in advance – just turn up on 15th January. For more information contact David Storey (07989 251287).



Welcare in Bromley - Mission of the Month (Nov & Dec)



Welcare in Bromley began life in 1983 as a local Christian charity set up by Anglican parishes in the borough and is supported by local churches to work with families with children mainly aged between 8 and 13 years. It provides practical and emotional support to the whole family, and also offers to work with children in schools, to help them build resilience and self-esteem, in the face of difficulties at home or online. Please see Welcare's website <https://welcare.org> and the display at the back of church.

Living Well Christmas Appeal



To help feed someone in need this Christmas, Living Well are asking for donations of the following items:

Tinned ham/Corned Beef	Long-Life Milk	Coffee	
Tinned Salmon	Rice Pudding/Custard	Teabags	Toilet Roll
Tinned Veg	Jam	Hot Chocolate	Shampoo
Tinned Fruit	Festive Biscuits	Cereal	Shower Gel
Tinned Soup	Festive Chocolates	Pasta	

If you would like to make a complete food parcel, please put one each of these items in a 'bag for life'. Individual items from the list are also very welcome and Living Well will make up the bags. Please leave your donations behind the font (not in the foodbank tubs in the porch), by 11th December. Any questions, please see Sarah Gray.

Community Notices

Katy Ray Designs - Notelets and Pictures. Katy has designed notelets and pictures to raise funds to support the disabled people she and Ben work with, in Tanzania. These could make a nice Christmas present and can be found here: <https://www.etsy.com/uk/shop/KatyRayDesignsTz>;

The Creation by Joseph Haydn – Sat 29th November, 7pm, at St George's Church. Beckenham Chorale, conducted by Mark Griffiths with St Paul's Sinfonia & Coro London Chamber Choir.

Living Well Donations Doubled! - As part of their Winter Crisis Appeal, Aviva will kindly match all online donations, up to £250 per person. Simply go onto the Living Well Bromley website to donate: [Home :: Living Well, Bromley](#).

Data Analyst - Job Opportunity with Rochester Diocese - The Diocese is seeking a Data Analyst to provide the evidence, analysis, and interpretation needed to support the Called Together strategy. They will play a crucial role in helping parishes, deaneries, and diocesan leaders understand their context, track progress, and plan for mission and growth. This is a full-time, five-year, fixed-term role.

Volunteer needed for Rochester Diocese - The DAC is looking for a new Lightning Protection Consultant to advise parishes and the DAC. This is a voluntary role, and would especially suit someone with an engineering, electrical or scientific background. Please contact Sarah Anderson, DAC Secretary for more details: sarah.anderson@rochester.anglican.org or 01634 560000

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, or any items past their expiry date or containing alcohol. 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**.*

Please pray...

- for the Autumn Fair and Connect Café on Saturday 22nd November.
- for Raphael getting baptised on 23rd November, and for his family and godparents.
- give thanks for the Confirmation Service last week and pray for all those who confirmed, baptised or renewing their baptismal faith.
- for the families and friends of those killed or injured in the snowstorm blizzard in Chilean Patagonia.
- for all those who will be affected by the budget next Wednesday.
- for the families and friends of those killed in the Israeli airstrikes in Gaza.
- for those in prison, for their families and for all prison Chaplains and workers.
- 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 or increasing frailty.
- for all who are grieving the loss of a loved one.

On our Electoral Roll we pray for Alison Dockray, John and Liz Dore, Cherry Duffield, and for our parishioners in Abbey Lane.

Get in touch...

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

Office hours: Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9.15am – 2.15pm

Vicar - Rev'd Rachel Winn: 07566 274388, vicar@stpaulsbeckenham.org.uk

Churchwardens - Anne Harkness: 07768 992559; Anthea Prendergast: 07811 530230

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).

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