



ST PAUL'S BECKENHAM

E-Notice Sheet



Sunday 25th October 2026

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP) – With Rev'd Neil Fairlamb
10.30am	Morning Worship – Bible Sunday With Keith Howick and Rev'd Rachel Winn, and we welcome Nelson Pallister from Good News for Everyone (formerly The Gideons) Readings: Nehemiah 8: 1-4a, 5-12 read by Ingrid Glenister Colossians 3: 12-17 read by Penny Power Prayers: Led by Tony Pilgrim <i>Sunday Squad is not meeting this week, as it is half term. There is a play space in the church and activity sheets for children.</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>
<i>The 10.30am services are usually live-streamed; however if live-streaming is not possible, the service is recorded and made available after the service on <u>St Paul's You Tube Channel</u></i>	

Collect (Special Prayer) for the last Sunday after Trinity

Merciful God, teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty,
that trusting in your word and obeying your will
we may enter the unfailing joy of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

<i>What's On this Week</i>		
Fri 23 rd Oct	9.00am 7.00pm	Morning Prayer – in the Chapel Quiz Night – in the Hall
Sat 24 th Oct	9.30am	Connect Café
Wed 28 th Oct	9.00am	Morning Prayer – in the Chapel
Thurs 29 th Oct	9.00am (10.00am) 2.30pm 6.30pm 7.30pm	Morning Prayer - in the Chapel (No Babies & Toddler group – half term) Friendship Group – Benjamin Britten's Young Person's Guide, with David Storey. All welcome Knit & Natter, Craft & Chatter Prayers for our Parish, Community and Nation (on Zoom)
Fri 30 th Oct	9.00am	Morning Prayer – in the Chapel
Sat 31 st Oct	9.30am 12.00pm	Purely Prayer – in the Chapel Auction of Promises – in the Hall
Sun 1 st Nov <i>All Saints' Day</i>	8.00am 10.30am 4.00pm	Holy Communion (BCP) – With Rev'd Rachel Winn Holy Communion and Baptisms Readings: Revelation 7: 9-17 and Matthew 5: 1-12 With Rev'd Rachel Winn and Keith Howick Confirmation Service – at St John's Beckenham, Eden Park Avenue

British Summer Time Ends – Please remember that the clocks go back at 2am on Sunday 25th October and that you can enjoy an extra hour at home before church!



St Paul's Notices

Quiz Night - Friday 23rd October, 7pm, to raise funds for the Warm Welcome Campaign. Bread and cheese will be offered; please bring your own drinks and glasses. Suggested donation £15.

Connect Café - Saturday 24th October, 9.30am – 11.30am. With children's play table, book exchange and Green Corner. Bring your friends and neighbours (and yourself!). 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: all equipment provided, no experience needed, everyone welcome.

Wrap Up Warm! As the weather gets colder, and while we are still worshipping in the church, please wear warm clothing and feel free to borrow a blanket from the baskets at the back of church if you are feeling cold. It is helpful if the blankets can be put back in the baskets after the service.

Purely Prayer – Saturday 31st October, 9.30am – 10.30am in the Chapel. Join us for an hour of prayer as we seek God and how he is leading us forward at St Paul's. All welcome.

Auction of Promises – Saturday 31st October, in the church hall. Sandwiches, soup, cakes, wine and hot drinks available to buy 12 – 1pm. £2 entrance fee to include catalogue. Catalogues are also available to buy in advance. Fun for everyone – bring your family and friends!

Hand-sewn Patchwork Quilt - Daisy is hand sewing a square patchwork quilt of 1000 squares for the Auction of Promises on 31st October. It will be for a double bed with a drape down to the floor and a fold at the head, and the finished item will be ready in time for Advent, or Christmas at the latest. Regular updates on how the quilt is doing can be seen on the Facebook page on 'Sponsor a quilt for st Paul's church Beckenham' or on Instagram @sponser_a_quilt4stpauls. 200 squares have been made at the last count! If you would like to donate or sponsor, the link is: https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/quilt?utm_medium=CA&utm_source=CL

Poppies for Remembrance Day – Poppies and a donation box are available at the back of church.

Remembrance Day Services – There will be an Act of Remembrance including a 2-minute silence at our 10.30am service on Sunday 8th November, and an outdoor service on Remembrance Day, Wednesday 11th November, 10.45am, in the church garden.

Thanksgiving/Memorial Service – Sunday 8th November, 3pm. We will be having our annual service, when we remember those we love but see no longer. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of church, if you would like a name read out during the service.

Songs of Praise – Saturday 21st November, at 3pm in the church hall. Everyone is welcome. If you would like to sponsor a hymn for £10, please contact Sandra Horner on 07701 069638 or sandrahorne53@gmail.com. There are only twelve slots, so please let Sandra know as soon as possible! Please also be willing to say why you chose your particular hymn.

Tea and Coffee - Many thanks to the Howick home group for serving tea and coffee on Sunday 25th October. On 1st November the Wells home group will be on duty.

Verse for the Year 2026

'Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.' *Proverbs 3: 5-6*

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

The formal minutes from the meeting on Thursday 15th October will be made available on the PCC noticeboard at the back of church once they have been agreed.

- We plan to move services to the church hall when the weather turns chillier; the earliest this will take place is Sunday 8th November. Unfortunately, the temporary heating used last winter is no longer viable due to both electric supply capacity and Diocesan health and safety reasons.
- We have been offered a hall at the Kent Cricket Ground in Worsley Bridge Road for no charge for the Christingle service this year, subject to agreeing times. The current expectation is that the service will be held on Thursday 17th December in the afternoon after school hours. We are thankful to the Lord for the way in which He is providing for us as each challenge arises and enabling us to build stronger connections with the community. Community Carols will be held outside the church, if the weather permits; all other Christmas services will be in the hall (more details to follow).
- Rev'd Rachel will be leading a Racial Advisory Panel comprising church members. It is a real joy that we are seeing an increase in church members from different ethnic minorities and this group will share their own perspectives and experiences to help us ensure that we are a church family where everyone feels equally involved and valued.
- Rev'd Rachel informed the PCC that Stephanie Fox will be leaving us at the end of January. The PCC wishes to record its immense gratitude and appreciation for everything that Stephanie has done over so many years here. Stephanie has been a real pleasure to work with and has been invaluable in keeping everything running smoothly, particularly during many challenging times. Stephanie will be hugely missed and we wish her God's blessing and happiness as she moves on to new things.
- We are delighted to welcome the following members onto our Electoral Roll in recent months: Janice Bessant, Felicity Rickard, Colin Weightman, Caroline Welby, Eleanor Welby.

Heating Project Update

(given at 10.30am service on 11th October)

We have now received the Stage 3 tenders for our heating project, with the lowest at approximately £590,000, excluding VAT, professional fees and contingency. This brings the estimated overall project cost to around £700,000. We are working closely with our architect to scrutinise costs, identify potential savings and finalise the design over the coming weeks, after which we expect to have a firmer cost estimate.

Thanks to the extraordinary generosity of our congregation and supporters, donations and pledges have now reached approximately £290,000, an increase of £15,000 since our last update.

We have also submitted several grant applications and are exploring loan options as a financial safety net while awaiting funding decisions. Our aim remains to minimise borrowing wherever possible. Although we still face a potential funding gap of £400,000, we have made encouraging progress and remain committed to managing the project finances responsibly and transparently.

Thank you for your continued generosity, support and prayers. Please pray for successful funding applications and for wisdom in the decisions ahead as we work together to secure the future of God's much-loved church.

Hymns/Songs on Sunday 25th October

All my hope on God is founded / Seek ye first the Kingdom of God /
God is our strength and refuge (plus songs led by band)

Christians Against Poverty - Mission of the Month (Sept & Oct)



CAP was founded in 1996, and today their services are needed more than ever, as millions in the UK are living in poverty.

At St Paul's we support the CAP Penge Centre which runs from St John's Church, Penge. CAP works with local churches to tackle the causes of poverty and to help people out of debt. Their services, which are free and open to people of all faiths and none, include:

- Debt advice (delivered through CAP's support office in Bradford) which provides advice and solutions for people who are heavily in debt.
- Money coaching courses that are open to all and teach good household budgeting skills.

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.

Community Notices

Concert in Aid of Welcare in Bromley – Sunday 25th October, 3pm – 5.30pm, at St Mary's Church, St Mary Cray, BR5 3NL. Ilyrica String Quartet will be performing Mozart's String Quartet in C major 'Dissonance', Haydn's String Quartet in G major Op 64, Arthur Sullivan's 'Three little Maids' from The Mikado. £10 admission; interval refreshments.

South London Singers Concert – Sunday 1st November, at 4.30pm at Beckenham Methodist Church. Fauré's Requiem plus works by Mendelssohn and Vaughan Williams.

Dementia Café – On the first Wednesday of every month, 10.30am - 12pm at Avenue Baptist Church, BR3 4RX, for people living with Dementia/Alzheimers and their carers. Pop in for a cuppa, cake, a friendly chat. They are celebrating their 3-year anniversary on 4th November. For more information, contact Claire on 07872 302907.

Celebrate Interfaith Week – Thursday 12th November, 5.30pm – 7.30pm at St George's Church, Beckenham, BR3 1AX. Join Liam Conlon MP and faith leaders from across Beckenham and Penge for an evening of connection and community. Limited places, RSVP essential: visit www.bit/4hkf5Jz, or email liam.conlon.mp@parliament.uk.

Stay and Play Session at Worsley Bridge School – Friday 13th November, at 10am. A relaxed and fun session for children and their parents/carers.

Big Sleep-Out – Saturday 14th November, 7pm, Bromley Parish Church. For one night only, give up the luxury of your bed and swap it for a sleeping bag outside. This is an opportunity to raise awareness of the causes and plight of the homeless. All funds raised will support those facing homelessness this winter. <https://bromleyhomeless.org/big-sleep-out-2026/>

Bach's Christmas Oratorio - On Wednesday 18th November, at 7pm, the London Chorus and the Meridian Sinfonia, conducted by William Vann, will be performing Bach's Christmas Oratorio at Southwark Cathedral. Tickets can be purchased from [Concerts – The London Chorus](#)

Foodbanks - Tubs for foodbank donations, which are shared between Living Well and CAP, can be found in the porch, by the main church entrance. *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. It is helpful if tins have ring pulls and if you can leave your donations in a strong bag.*

Please pray...

- for the Quiz Night on Friday 23rd and the Auction of Promises on Saturday 31st October.
- for the Connect Café on Saturday.
- for those preparing for baptism and/or confirmation.
- for the Explore Together group.
- for all those affected by the ongoing protests and demonstrations in France, and for safety for all at this time.
- for hospital staff as they cope with pressure across hospitals and in particular in A&E departments.
- for all those affected by the norovirus outbreak.
- for those in nursing homes, and for all who care for them.
- for all those struggling with health problems.
- for all who are grieving the loss of a loved one.



On our Electoral Roll we pray for Sandra Horner, Keith and Anne Howick, Pam Hudson, and for our parishioners in Trafford Way.

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'd Rachel or Anne Howick (020 8658 0808).