


ST PAUL'S BECKENHAM



E-Notice Sheet 

Holy Week and Easter 2024

Sun 24 th March Palm Sunday	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP) With Paul Wright, Archdeacon Emeritus
	10.00am	Prayer Walk in the Parish
	10.30am	Morning Worship , with Palm Crosses Theme: Going beyond the Personality Cult Readings: Philippians 2: 5-11 read by Clari Harrington Mark 11: 1-11 read by Sue Rodgers Prayers: Led by Clive Grinham With Sarah Butler and David Charlesworth <i>Children's Activities – There will be Sunday Squad in the hall 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 wish. Our Youth Group will be meeting in the Vicarage.</i>
Mon 25 th March	8.30pm	Night Prayer with Reflections (Compline) With Anne Howick and Rev. Clive Grinham
Tues 26 th March	8.30pm	Night Prayer with Reflections (Compline) With David and Elaine Storey
Wed 27 th March	8.30pm	Night Prayer with Reflections (Compline) With Wesley and Suzanne Guy
Thurs 28 th March Maundy Thursday	6.30 for 7.00pm	Passover-style Supper and Holy Communion With Paul Wright, Archdeacon Emeritus
Fri 29 th March Good Friday	11.00am	CTiB Service at St Edmund's followed by Walk of Witness to The Green, where there will be a short act of worship
	2.00pm	Reflections at the Cross. 'They met at Calvary' – Reflections on three people present at the Crucifixion. With Rev. Clive Grinham, Keith Howick, Sarah Butler and David Charlesworth
	4.00pm	Easter Family Tea and Activities
Sun 31 st March Easter Day	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP) – With Paul Wright, Archdeacon Emeritus
	10.30am	Family Communion Easter Celebration Readings: Acts 10: 34-43 read by Jill Brook Mark 16: 1-8 read by Marian Sewell Prayers: Led by David Charlesworth With Keith Howick and Paul Wright, Archdeacon Emeritus

Prayer after the 10.30am Services – If you would like someone to pray with you, members of the prayer ministry group will be available in the Chapel.

The 10.30am services will be live-streamed and available via [St Paul's You Tube Channel](#)



Appointment of New Vicar

We are delighted to say that, on Sunday 17th March at the 10.30am service, the churchwardens read out a letter from The Bishop of Rochester, announcing that The Rev. Rachel Winn is to be appointed the next Vicar of St Paul's Church, Beckenham.

St Paul's Notices

Saturday Connect Café - Saturday 23rd March, 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 now have a Book Exchange and a Green Corner. As ever, there will be good coffee and chat, with bacon butties ready for the hungry. All free, but donations welcome. Our community litter-picking team will be out from 9.30am.

Palm Sunday Walk to Church - Palm Sunday is traditionally a day when 'Christ is King' is proclaimed in the wider community. This year, for those who are able, we will meet at 10am on Sunday 24th March at either the gates of the Kent Cricket Club on Worsley Bridge Road or the new Crystal Palace FC Academy on Copers Cope Rd. We will say prayers for the community and then walk together to church, stopping to pray for Worsley Bridge School or for commuters at New Beckenham Station. Choose your starting point. When we arrive at church we will process in at the start of the service through the 'Gates of Jerusalem', which were prepared for the 'Easter Experience', when children from Worsley Bridge School visited during the week.

Easter Connect – There is a list at the back of church showing the roads/areas that we still need help delivering to. If you are able to help, or have any queries, please speak to Anne Howick.

Church Cupboards/Deep Clean – Sunday 24th March is the last chance to look at the items on display in the north aisle, following the sort-out of cupboards. If there is anything you think is worth keeping, please let the wardens know. Anything left on the tables will be removed on Sunday (24th March) and taken to charity shops, recycling centres etc.

Thanksgiving Service for the life of John Collins – Monday 25th March, at 12.30pm here at St Paul's, followed by refreshments.

St Paul's Pre-School – Over 40 years ago, church members started a playgroup that became St Paul's Pre-School. If you are interested in finding out more and/or would consider becoming a trustee, you are welcome to come along to the annual meeting on Tuesday 26th March, at 9am in the church. Alternatively, speak to Liz Spencer or Keith Howick, who are Pre-School trustees.

Maundy Thursday - Our wonderful tradition at St Paul's is to mark Maundy Thursday (the night of the Last Supper and Gethsemane) by joining together at 6.30pm (for 7pm) for a Passover-style meal. This is followed by a simple communion service, together with a reading of the Gethsemane 'Watch' story. We then depart silently in preparation for Good Friday. The meal of three courses (fish with bitter herbs, lamb and a sweet course) is punctuated by readings and prayers and concludes with The Peace as we lead into Communion. It would really help with the catering if you could [sign up at the back of church](#) or email the office. However, don't be put off coming if you have not been able to sign up.

Decorating the Church for Easter – On Saturday 30th March, from 10am, members of the church will be decorating the church for Easter. If you would like to help, please speak to Anne Howick. All welcome!

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Easter Foodbank Collection – On Saturday 30th and Sunday 31st March we shall be having a special collection for CAP and Living Well. There will be tables in the north aisle where you can put your donations. It is really helpful if the donations are in strong carrier bags. The following are particularly needed: Tins of spaghetti, baked beans, sweetcorn, tuna, potatoes, tomatoes, meat; pasta, long-life milk, cereal and sanitary towels.

Babies & Toddler Group, Friendship Group and Zoom Prayer Meeting – There will be no meetings on 28th March or 4th April. These groups will next be meeting on Thursday 11th April.

Gardening Team – Saturday 6th April, 10am. You would be very welcome to join the Gardening Team, who do such a wonderful job of keeping our church garden looking lovely. No tools or experience needed!

Save the Date – On Saturday 27th April, at 7.30pm, St Paul's Connect are excited to present an unforgettable theatre experience: professional actor Andrew Harrison in a new one-man show 'The Beloved Son', inspired by the tumultuous life of theologian Henri Nouwen. Expect laughter, tears and profound reflections on how we can learn about the love of God from those with intellectual disabilities.

Welcome Lunch for new Church Members – Sunday 28th April, 12.30pm – 2.30pm. If you have joined St Paul's since the start of Covid, we would be delighted if you would join the leadership team for lunch. Please accept the invitation by signing the list at the back of church.

Tea and Coffee - Many thanks to Ann Birkett's home group for serving tea and coffee on Sunday 24th March and to the Blakely group for serving on 31st March. On 7th April, the Harris home group will be on duty.

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

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

- The PCC warmly welcomed the appointment of Rev. Rachel Winn as our new Vicar. A date for Rachel's licensing is currently being sought. The PCC had also received a letter of congratulations from Rev. Simon Couper, who shares our joy at this news. Thanks were expressed to those involved in the interview process.
- The PCC discussed the need to review and make good use of various restricted funds held by the church.
- The PCC noted the publication of the Church's National Safeguarding Standards and the Report by Professor Alexis Jay into the Future of Safeguarding in the Church of England.
- The latest proposals for lighting the church path and entrance were discussed.
- Thanks were expressed to all involved in creating the Easter Connect leaflet.

Community Notices

Church Times – Special Joining Offer. During March the Church Times is offering a special joining offer for just £10. New subscribers will receive their first ten issues for just £1 each. Leaflets with further details are available at the back of church or at www.churchtimes.co.uk/subscribe.

Concert with Londinium - Friday 22nd March, 7.30pm at St John's Waterloo, Waterloo Road, SE1 8TY. Heart's Music: the world of Stanford and Holst. The programme includes music by Stanford, Purcell, Howells, Holst, Coleridge-Taylor, Vaughan Williams.

Neighbourhood Gallery – Neighbourhood Church is excited to announce its first pop-up gallery. Running at set times through the week of 25th – 29th March, it features some of the artwork from New Zealand artist Jess Bond (*Salt & Gold*) and her *Footwashing* series. This free event aims to use the medium of art to engage and inspire people. The address is Cromwell Road, Beckenham, BR3 4LW. Details can be found at www.neighbourhoodchurch.org/gallery.

Noel Tredinnick – On Tuesday 16th April, at 2.30pm at Christ Church Beckenham, Noel Tredinnick is the guest speaker at the Open Doors Tea & Talk. All are welcome. To book, go to www.ccb.org.uk/calendar, phone 020 8650 3847, or email office@ccb.org.uk.

The Bereavement Journey – 7 sessions of films and discussion for anyone who has been bereaved, at any time and in any way. On Wednesdays, beginning 24th April, 2 – 4pm at Christ Church Beckenham in the main hall. To find out more, visit [The Bereavement Journey](#) and/or contact Helen on 020 8650 3847, office@ccb.org.uk. See also posters and flyers in church.

Collects (Special Prayers)

Palm Sunday - True and humble king, hailed by the crowd as Messiah: grant us the faith to know you and love you, that we may be found beside you on the way of the cross, which is the path of glory. Amen.

Maundy Thursday - God our Father, your Son Jesus Christ was obedient to the end and drank the cup prepared for him: may we who share his table watch with him through the night of suffering and be faithful. Amen.

Good Friday - Eternal God, in the cross of Jesus we see the cost of our sin and the depth of your love: in humble hope and fear may we place at his feet all that we have and all that we are, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Easter Eve - In the depths of our isolation we cry to you, Lord God: give light in our darkness and bring us out of the prison of our despair; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

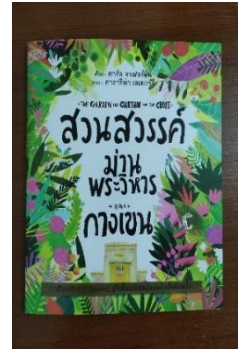
Easter Day - God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell: fill your Church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.



OMF Thailand - Mission of the Month (March & April)



The missionary we support with OMF Thailand is Julia Birkett. She is a language adviser, which involves training in the Thai language and culture. Julia manages Thai teachers and prepares learners for the mission field, which can include other missionary organisations. Work takes place in Lopburi, and can take the form of 'Daniel Training' sessions. Julia is also the training and development co-ordinator for the Thai field. Julia now has a new colleague, Jill Ramer. Pray that Jill will know which local church to join and praise God for her musical skills. The picture is of the book that will be handed out at the Children's Camp.



Please pray...

- give thanks for the appointment of Rev. Rachel Winn.
- for the Connect Café on Saturday 23rd March.
- for all of us this Holy Week and Easter, that we may journey with Christ and find hope and new life in him.
- for the Easter services here at St Paul's and at other churches all over the world.
- for all who come into our church and garden, that they may find a place of peace and welcome.
- for children, young people, families and teachers in the Easter holidays.
- for wisdom and peace for all the areas of the world where there is war and conflict.
- for CAP and Living Well, and for all who come to them for help and support.
- for all those struggling with health problems or increasing frailty.
- for all in hospital, respite or care homes, having treatment or awaiting appointments.
- for all who are grieving the loss of a loved one, praying particularly for the family and friends of David Gillman, who died this week.



On our Electoral Roll we pray for John Williams, Brian Woolmer, Graham Woolmer, Louise Woolmer, and for our parishioners in Greycot Road.

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 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