

ST PAUL'S BECKENHAM



E-Notice Sheet

Sunday 15th March 2026

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP) – With Rev'd Neil Fairlamb
10.30am	<p>Holy Communion – Mothering Sunday Theme: 'Caring' Readings: Isaiah 66: 10-13 (GNT) read by Maya McKeever Mark 9: 35-37 read by David Sewell Prayers: Led by Ian Johnson With Alison Charlesworth and Rev'd Rachel Winn</p>  <p><i>Children's Activities – 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 you would like to. The service is streamed in the hall.</i></p> <p><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></p>
12.00pm	<p>Setting up for Experience Easter All volunteer help gratefully received. We will need to set up promptly after the service, so that people can get away for special lunches.</p>
The 10.30am service will be live-streamed and available via St Paul's You Tube Channel .	

Collect (Special Prayer) for Mothering Sunday

God of love, passionate and strong, tender and careful: watch over us and hold us all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

What's On this Week

Sat 14 th March	9.30am 10.45am	Purely Prayer – Our monthly hour of prayer together Making Posies for Mothering Sunday
Mon 16 th March	9.30am & 1.15pm	Experience Easter – Worsley Bridge School Year 1
Tues 17 th March	10.30am	Experience Easter – St Paul's Pre-School
Wed 18 th March	9.30am & 1.15pm 7.00pm 7.30pm	Experience Easter – Worsley Bridge School Year 2 Pastoral Care Creative Prayer Meeting Prayers for our Parish, Community and Nation (on Zoom)
Thurs 19 th March	10.00am 2.30pm 6.30pm 8.00pm	Babies and Toddlers, including Experience Easter Friendship Group – 'Hebrides', with Sarah Butler. All welcome Knit & Natter, Craft & Chatter Community Choir – in the hall
Sat 21 st March	10.30am	Safeguarding Foundation Course – in Chapel
Sun 22 nd March <i>5th Sunday of Lent</i>	8.00am 10.30am	Holy Communion (BCP) – With Rev'd Rachel Winn Morning Worship Theme: Reflecting Christ Readings: Isaiah 61: 1-3 and 2 Corinthians 3:17 - 4:7 With Wesley Guy and Sarah Butler

St Paul's Notices

Purely Prayer – Saturday 14th March, 9.30am – 10.30am, in the hall. All welcome to this time of prayer as we continue to seek God's vision for St Paul's in the years ahead.

Making posies for Mothering Sunday - On Saturday 14th March, at 10.45am in the hall. All welcome to help.

Mothering Sunday 15th March - We are looking forward to our service for Mothering Sunday, but we want to acknowledge that not everyone feels like celebrating on this day because, for various reasons, it can hold pain and sadness. In this service we will be giving thanks to God for all those people who have cared for us, and offering ourselves to care for others, with God's help. The children will be distributing flowers.

Flowers in the Church - The Mothering Sunday flower arrangements, created entirely from locally-cut material, are in memory of a mother and an aunt who both grew flowers for cutting in their gardens and used them to glorify the Lord as flower arrangers at their respective churches.

Church Opening Times – The church will be closed for some of this week when the children are visiting for Experience Easter. It will be closed all day on Monday & Wednesday and on Tuesday & Thursday mornings; it will be open on Tuesday afternoon, Thursday afternoon & all day Friday.

Pastoral Care Creative Prayer Evening – Wednesday 18th March, 7pm – 8pm. The team is invited to meet in the Chapel for a team update and a special time of prayer.

Safeguarding Courses - We are running the Safeguarding Foundation course on Sat 21st March, 10.30am – 12.30pm, and the Domestic Abuse course on Fri 27th March, 6pm – 8pm. These are for the pastoral care team but are open for anyone, especially if your certificate is due for renewal. Please contact Sandra Horner (safeguarding@stpaulsbeckenham.org.uk) or Rev'd Rachel (vicar@stpaulsbeckenham.org.uk), if you would like to attend.

Easter Connect Leaflets – Our Easter Connect leaflets will be available to collect next Sunday (22nd March), for delivery in the Parish. Please look out for your bundle or have a look at the back of church to see if you could help out with the delivery, so that all our neighbours have a chance to find out about and come along to our Easter services and events. If there are roads which are not allocated after this, a group will be going out at 9.30am after Morning Prayer on Wednesday 25th March, to finish off the deliveries. All help welcome.

Maundy Thursday Supper - On Maundy Thursday, 2nd April, at 6.30pm we shall be having supper in the hall, followed by Holy Communion. If you would like to attend, or are able to help with food provision, there are [sign-up sheets at the back of church](#).

St Paul's Community Choir - Our next appearance will be on Palm Sunday, 29th March, at 3.30pm, when the choir and soloists will perform Sir John Stainer's 'Crucifixion' in St. Paul's church. This is a meditation on the biblical narrative of Holy Week and is most appropriate for this season of the Christian year. Our choir is a community choir with members drawn from Beckenham and beyond and will be joined by soloists with local connections. This is a free event with a retiring collection towards church funds. Do put the date in your diary! David Storey.

Assistant Church Administrator – We are very pleased to let you know that we have appointed an Assistant Church Administrator, Sarah Clarke. She is having three induction days during March and will start working in the office from 20th April on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays. Let's give Sarah a warm church family welcome!

Thank you - A belated thank you to those who supported the Welcare talk by Bob Ogle on the 1987 Storm, at which £1,080 was raised. Please watch this space for more talks by Bob, who is a very engaging speaker.

Tea and Coffee - Many thanks to the Blakely home group for serving tea and coffee on Sunday 15th March. On 22nd March, the Bradley home group will be on duty.

Easter at St Paul's



Palm Sunday – 29th March

- 8.00am BCP Holy Communion Service (*traditional*)
10.30am Morning Worship, with palm crosses
3.30pm Stainer's Crucifixion, with the Community Choir

Monday 30th March, Tuesday 31st March, Wednesday 1st April

- 8.00pm Compline – Night Prayer (in the Chancel)

Maundy Thursday – 2nd April

- 6.30pm Supper and Holy Communion

Good Friday – 3rd April

- 11.00am Walk of Witness *from St Edmund's Church*
11.30am CTiB Service on Beckenham Green *by St George's Church*
2.00pm Reflection at the Cross *at St Paul's Church*

Easter Sunday – 5th April

- 5.45am Dawn 'Fire' Service and Holy Communion
6.30am Breakfast
10.30am All-Age Celebration with Holy Communion

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

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

- We have had enquiries from local parishioners who use our church gardens, to have a commemorative plaque or bench for their deceased loved ones. The PCC discussed options and has agreed that we would purchase a single commemorative bench for the garden, on which a number of memorial plaques can be affixed. Donations can be made towards the bench, and the plaque wording will be PCC-approved.
- The Environmental and Procurement policies were given PCC approval and will be available in church and on our website.
- The Temporary Faculty for the removal of two front pews on both sides of the nave has now been submitted. This will create more space for occasions when we need the staging, will accommodate the growing band, and will create safer circulation at the front of the church. We will also trial having the children's tables on the right hand side, at the front.
- We discussed a safeguarding scenario, always an interesting exercise, prompted by Sandra Horner.
- We discussed the repairs and minor improvements that are needed in the kitchenette at the back of church and in the hall. Keeping in mind potential future building works, it was felt that we cannot overlook the ongoing need to maintain our buildings to a reasonable standard. The Buildings Team has therefore been asked to obtain quotes to improve these facilities.



Carbon Fast for Lent – Week 5, Fast from non-essential Driving

Transport has the highest carbon footprint in the UK and this week the Carbon Fast for Lent challenges us to drive down emissions. Walk with God - praying for the world around you, simply walk more, car-share more, use public transport, or donate to a charity promoting lighter forms of transport such as The Walk Wheel Cycle Trust - which works to protect the National Cycle Network. <https://www.walkwheelcycletrust.org.uk/>. More details on the Green Board in church, and from: <https://climatestewards.org/resources/carbon-fast-for-lent/>

Community Notices

St George's Chamber Orchestra – Sunday 15th March, 5pm, at St George's Church Beckenham. One Note Wonders – 'Masterpieces evolving from a single note'. See flyers at back for more info.

The Work of Living Well – Tuesday 17th March, 2.30pm at Christ Church Beckenham. Learn about the great work done in the community by Living Well and why it is so needed. Tea, coffee and cake served after the talk. Please contact Robyn to let her know if you plan to attend – by texting (not ringing) 07926 266197.

Beckenham Chorale – Saturday 21st March, 7pm, at St George's Church Beckenham. Vivaldi, Pergolesi, Monteverdi and Palestrina.

Concert in aid of Hope into Action Bromley – Saturday 21st March, 7.30pm, at St Augustine's Church, Bromley. A concert featuring Adiemus by Sir Karl Jenkins. Conductor: Adrian Connell. Tickets on the door: £10 (under 16's free) – cash only. Please see poster on noticeboard in south aisle for more information.

Variety Night - Saturday 18th April, 7pm, at Elmers End Free Church, in the Sanctuary at the Goddard Road end of the building. Admission £10 cash at the door; hot drinks available in the interval. All very welcome. Attractions will include resident Flamenco troupe, a modern jazz quartet, a conjuror and a virtuoso on the Bevington organ. You can park up to 3 hours in the Tesco car park opposite.

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. 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**.*

Mission of the Month (March and April): SAT-7



It was lovely to welcome Mary Omojole last Sunday (8th March), to have her contribution to our service and to find out more about the work of SAT-7.

Since the end of January, prayers from SAT-7 supporters all over the world were displayed on the SAT-7 PARS live feed, even though there was an internet block-out over Iran when people there were isolated from friends and relatives from outside Iran. SAT-7 is deeply aware that behind every headline are real people who long for peace. All of SAT-7's language channels are continuing production as normal. Their Persian channel is continuing to share programmes despite satellite communication and the internet being disrupted. They have been reaching out to viewers via Whatsapp and social media to let them know they are not alone.

Please pray:

- for protection for civilians in every affected area;
- for restraint and wisdom among leaders;
- for comfort for those living in fear;
- for de-escalation and lasting peace and justice.

Please see the SAT-7 display board at the back of church.

Please pray...



- for children and parents on Mothering Sunday, giving thanks for family life and for the mother figures in our lives.
- for all who find Mothering Sunday a tender or difficult day.
- for Experience Easter this week, for all the children and adults visiting the church and for all those taking part.
- for all the young people who attended Youth Alpha this term and for the plans for the group to continue to meet after Easter to study the Bible further, as 'Youth Explore'.
- for the planning of all the Easter services.
- for all of us to draw nearer to God during this time of Lent.
- for all areas of the world where there is war or conflict, praying particularly at this time for the situation in the Middle East.
- for the families of those killed or injured in a bus blaze in Switzerland.
- for those persecuted for their faith around the world.
- for CAP and Living Well, and for all who come to them for support and financial guidance.
- for prisoners and prison staff.
- for those in hospital, recovering from operations or having pre-op consultations.
- for all those who are struggling with physical, emotional or mental health illness.
- for all who are grieving the loss of a loved one.

On our Electoral Roll we pray for Anthea Prendergast, Robyn Ranu, Marie Read, Tess Ring, and for our parishioners in Hackington Crescent.

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).

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*