



ST PAUL'S BECKENHAM



E-Notice Sheet

Sunday 5th May 2024

8.00am	Morning Prayer (BCP)
10.30am	<p>Holy Communion With Keith Howick and Paul Wright, Archdeacon Emeritus Readings: Acts 10: 44-48 read by Thomas Adu John 15: 9-17 read by Elaine Storey Prayers: Led by Clive Grinham</p> <p><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. The service is now streamed in the hall. Our Youth Group will also be meeting in the Vicarage.</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 after the 10.30am service.</i></p>
12.00 noon	<p>Baptisms – By the font at the back of church With Paul Wright, Archdeacon Emeritus</p>
<p><i>The 10.30am service will be live-streamed and available via St Paul's You Tube Channel</i></p>	

Collect (Special Prayer) for the 6th Sunday of Easter

Risen Christ, by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples: help your Church to obey your command and draw the nations to the fire of your love, to the glory of God the Father. Amen

What's On this Week

Sat 4th May	10.00am	Gardening Team – Please do come and join us!
Wed 8th May	1.00pm	Funeral of Sylvia Pickering, followed by light refreshments. All welcome
Thurs 9th May	10.00am 2.30pm 8.00pm	Babies & Toddler Group Friendship Group – Book Aid, Ama Bennett. All welcome Ascension Day Service With David Charlesworth and Keith Howick Readings: Ephesians 1: 15-23 and Acts 1: 1-11
Sat 11th May	10.00am 10.00am	NSPCC Coffee Morning and Plant Sale Marriage Preparation Course (in the church)
Sun 12th May <i>7th Sunday of Easter</i>	8.00am 10.30am 12.00pm	Holy Communion (BCP) – With Rev. Neil Fairlamb Morning Worship - With David Charlesworth and Sarah Butler Readings: Acts 1: 15-17, 21-26 and John 17: 6-19 Annual Parochial Church Meetings – In the hall

St Paul's Notices

Baptisms on Sunday 5th May – This Sunday, at 12 noon, we are delighted to welcome Phoebe and her daughter Delilah-Rae for baptism, together with their family, godparents and friends.

Many thanks to Alison Dockray for her donation for the **sanctuary flowers** in memory of Martin.

Funeral Service for Sylvia Pickering – Wednesday 8th May, at 1pm at St Paul's, followed by light refreshments. All welcome. Gift Aid envelopes in support of Cancer Research UK will be available.

Ascension Day Service – Thursday 9th May, 8pm, here at St Paul's. We are delighted that friends from the Methodist Church will be joining us for this service. Do please come along! (Please note there will be no Zoom prayer meeting this week, as we have the Ascension Day Service.)

Thy Kingdom Come Novena Booklets – Please see notice on page 3.

Annual Parochial Church Meetings (APCM) - The APCMs will be taking place on Sunday 12th May in the church hall. At 12 noon there will be the meeting for the Election of Churchwardens. This is followed by the APCM for the election of parochial representatives of the laity to the PCC and for consideration of an Annual Report, the financial statements for the year ending 31st December 2023, and other matters of interest. Please see the notices on the board in the main porch. There are six vacancies on the PCC - please be thinking and praying about whether you would like to stand, or who you would like to nominate. Nomination forms are available in the north aisle of the church or from the PCC Secretary, Anne Howick.

Christian Aid Soup Lunch – Sunday 19th May, 12pm – 2pm. We look forward to enjoying a soup lunch together; the idea is to donate to Christian Aid what we would spend on our Sunday lunch.

Service of Thanksgiving for David Gillman – Tuesday 21st May, 12.30pm at St Paul's. Refreshments will be served after the service. All welcome. If you are hoping to attend, it would be helpful if you could let Anne Howick know.

Great Big Green Week – Help Needed! St Paul's will be hosting a Great Big Green Week event on Saturday 8th June in the afternoon. Speak to a member of the Eco team if you'd like to be involved or have any ideas. We'd like to festoon the church wall with non-plastic green heart bunting, so if you can craft/knit/crochet, please have a word with Liz S or Sandi. Donations of any plain green or green patterned fabric/felt/wool also appreciated. We also need old colourful socks to transform into washing-up sponges, and empty washing up and household cleaner bottles for a micro refill station. There are boxes at the back of church for these items. Thank you.

Prayer for the Interregnum and our new Vicar – Saturday 15th June, 9.30am – 12.30pm. Following on from our previous prayer mornings, we would love it if you could join us to cover the next stage in prayer, as we give thanks for the interregnum and look forward to welcoming Rev. Rachel Winn and the installation service on 11th July.

Thank you from Living Well – Living Well would like to thank everyone at St Paul's for their generous Easter donations of food, and for the regular gifts of food and financial donations. Times are tough for so many, and demand continues to rise, with many more families attending weekly for food and support. There were 1400 visits to the foodbank during March – that's 1400 tins of baked beans, 1400 tins of soup, etc! If you would like to know more about the work of Living Well, please speak to Sarah Gray or look at their website: [Home :: Living Well, Bromley](#).

Shopping for Foodbank Donations - If you are unable to get to the shops but would like to donate items to the foodbanks, please speak to Anne Howick who would be happy to help with shopping.

Tea and Coffee - Many thanks to Ann Birkett's home group for serving tea and coffee on Sunday 5th May. On 12th May, the Blakely home group will be on duty.

Thy Kingdom Come Novena Booklets

You are invited to take part in this year's 'Thy Kingdom Come' prayer initiative which asks Christians worldwide to pray for more people to come to know Jesus with the help of the Novena (meaning 9 days of prayer for a particular cause) booklet, which gives daily Bible reading and prayer guides between Ascension Day (9th May) and Pentecost (19th May). We pray for five people we know to enjoy the peace, love and eternal life that are found in Jesus Christ.

The booklet is available at the back of church for you to take for yourself and for friends/family.

Happy Birthday

to everyone at St Paul's who has a birthday in May!



Your PCC Matters: A Digest of April'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 is working to have the Procurement Policy on the church website and will discuss it with the relevant people and look to implement best practice where possible.
- There has been a positive reaction to live-streaming the 10.30am service in the creche. The PCC agreed to continue with this practice.
- The building work and decoration of the vicarage is almost complete. The Diocese has confirmed Rachel Winn's installation will be on Thursday 11th July at 7pm.
- The PCC had been encouraged to view Matt Redman's YouTube video 'Let there be Light', about the abuse he and others suffered from Mike Pilavachi, former leader of Soul Survivor. We discussed lessons learned about safeguarding and accountability. If anyone is affected by this [video](#), please reach out to Sandra Horner (from 7th May), or to Anne Harkness if it's urgent before 7th May.
- There will be six vacancies on the PCC at the APCM on 12th May. On the 'Getting Involved' noticeboard, there are details of what's involved in being a PCC member for anyone who is interested, and nomination forms are available at the back of church in the north aisle.
- It was agreed that the Comms Team should get quotes for new external noticeboards.
- The PCC discussed use of the restricted funds for church development projects.
- It was agreed that the church organ project team should now get quotes to replace it.

Mission of the Month (May & June) – SAT-7



SAT-7 delivers Christian media for the Middle East and North Africa. They support Christians in that area in their Christian witness and lives. They beam the Good News of the Kingdom of God straight into people's homes, into the centre of family life. In times of uncertainty, please pray for the strength of SAT-7 staff to be able to maintain their aims successfully.

Community Notices

NSPCC Coffee Morning and Plant Sale – Saturday 11th May, 10am – 12pm, in the church hall, here at St Paul's. With tea, coffee, home-made cakes and plant stalls. All welcome.

Plant Sale in support of Living Well – Saturday 11th May, 3 – 4.30pm, at Holy Trinity Church, 66 Lennard Road, SE20 7LX. Plants and cakes available. With music by Sydenham Singers. All donations support Living Well.

St Christopher's Fun Walk – Sunday 12th May at Keston Common. For more information, and to sign up, go to www.stchristophers.org.uk/funwalk.

St George's Chamber Orchestra – Vivaldi 4 Seasons. Sunday 12th May, 5pm, at St George's. Vivaldi, Albinoni, Corelli, Paganini. Tickets £16/£5 under 25s can be bought via this link: www.stgeorgesarts.co.uk. See flyer in church for more details.

Claire and Ell's Fundraiser for Sands – Claire and her baby Ell are raising funds for the charity 'Sands', by walking 50k during the month of May. Sands provides support for parents who have experienced the loss of a baby, whether during pregnancy, birth or after. If you would like to support them, please see the following website: [Claire Williams is fundraising for Sands, the stillbirth and neonatal death charity \(justgiving.com\)](http://ClaireWilliamsisfundraisingforSands,thestillbirthandneonataldeathcharity(justgiving.com)).

Foodbanks – Tubs for foodbank donations can be found in the main porch. The following items are particularly needed: Pasta sauce, tea, coffee, toilet rolls, tins of spaghetti, baked beans, kidney beans, pulses, sweetcorn, tuna, potatoes, meat. Please double-check items are in date and do not contain any alcohol. Please leave donations in a strong carrier bag.

Please pray...



- for Phoebe and Delilah-Rae as they are baptised on Sunday 5th May.
- for the Ascension Day service on Thursday 9th May.
- for the worldwide wave of prayer, 'Thy Kingdom Come' between Ascension Day and Pentecost, and that many of us would take the Novena prayer booklet available in church and use it in our private prayer times.
- for the forthcoming APCM meetings on 12th May and that people would feel called to stand for election to the PCC.
- for those affected by recent stabbings, praying particularly for the family and friends of the boy who died in N E London this week and those attacked at a school in Sheffield.
- for migrants and those who might be sent to Rwanda.
- for children and their teachers to be kept safe.
- for all in hospital, those recovering from an operation or having treatment.
- for all who are grieving the loss of a loved one.

On our Electoral Roll we pray for Tony and Susana Beale, Marie Bennett, Claire Bentley, and for our parishioners in Beckenham High Street.

Get in touch...

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