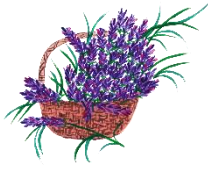


ST PAUL'S BECKENHAM



E-Notice Sheet

August 2024

Sunday 4 th August	
8.00am	Morning Prayer (BCP) – With Rev. Rachel Winn
10.30am	Holy Communion With Sarah Butler and Rev. Rachel Winn Theme: Climbing Mount Sinai with Moses Readings: Exodus 19: 16-23 read by Ann Birkett John 6: 26-35 read by David Sewell Prayers: Led by Sandra Horner

Sunday 11 th August	
8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP) – With Rev. Rachel Winn
10.30am	Morning Worship With Rev. Clive Grinham and David Charlesworth Theme: Climbing Mount Carmel with Elijah Readings: Romans 8: 31-39 read by Youla Yates 1 Kings 18: 22-39 read by Anthea Prendergast Prayers: Led by Clari Harrington

Sunday 18 th August	
8.00am	Morning Prayer (BCP) – With Rev. Rachel Winn
10.30am	Holy Communion With Rev. Rachel Winn and Sarah Butler Theme: Climbing Mount Tabor with Jesus Readings: 2 Corinthians 3: 12-18 read by Penny Power Matthew 17: 1-13 read by Ishmael Gowero Prayers: Led by Wesley Guy

Sunday 25 th August	
8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP) – With Rev. Rachel Winn
10.30am	Morning Worship With Keith Howick and Rev. Rachel Winn Theme: Climbing the last Mountain with Jesus Readings: Psalm 121 read by Thomas Adu Matthew 28: 16-20 read by Suzanne Guy Prayers: Led by Anne Howick

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.

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

St Paul's Notices

Congratulations to Fern and Jake on their wedding at St Paul's on Friday 2nd August.

Gardening Team – Saturday 3rd August, 10am – 12 noon. Our church garden is very much appreciated by the community, and the Gardening Team would welcome some extra help to keep it looking lovely. No experience or tools required, and tea and coffee are provided!

Summer Services – There is no Sunday Squad during August, but we hope the children will engage with our special theme of Mountains. There will be activity sheets for the younger children in the church, and there is a stay-and-play creche in the hall that parents/carers of babies and pre-schoolers are welcome to use. The service is streamed in the hall.

Church Office in August - The church office will be closed from Wednesday 7th August and will re-open on Monday 19th August. If you have an urgent query, please contact Anne Harkness (anne@alphatraining.com or 07768 992559.)

Morning Prayer – On Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, 9am in the Chapel, with Rev. Rachel. You are very welcome to join us as we start our day in prayer and Scripture.



Thursday Friendship Group – During August the Friendship Group will be meeting each Thursday at 2.30pm for tea and chat, either in the garden or in the hall. All welcome.

Zoom Prayer Meeting – We will continue to meet on Thursday evenings at 7.30pm throughout August to pray for our Parish, community and nation. Everyone is very welcome.

Thank you to Sylvia Armitage for her donation for the **sanctuary flowers** on Sunday 11th August, in memory of Ian.

Connect Café - Saturday 24th August, 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 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; donations welcome. Our community litter-picking team will be out from 9.30am.

Congratulations to Rene Gordon and Tyrone Brown on their wedding at St Paul's on Saturday 24th August.

BBQ and Band – Sunday 15th September, 1pm. Please save the date for our Connect Sausage Sizzle event, when we will be entertained by the Crystal Palace Progress Band and enjoy a BBQ, tea and cakes. More details to follow!

God calling - Are you a Christian who is sensing God calling you to participate in some kind of vocation within the Church? It is an important journey of discovery as to where and how God is leading. The Diocese runs special days to consider this; it might be that you would benefit from attending one, so why not speak to Rev. Rachel who can guide you and pray with you about this.

Sunday Squad and Youth Group – It would be lovely if more people could volunteer to help with our children's and young people's groups. If you would be interested in helping, please speak to Alison Charlesworth about Sunday Squad or Jash Masih about the youth group.

Tea and Coffee - Many thanks to the following homegroups for serving tea and coffee:
4th August – the Blakely group, 11th August – the Harris group, 18th August – the Wells group,
25th August – the Brackley group.

Summer Sermon Series – Let's climb a Mountain together

During the summer, our sermon series is on the significance of mountains in Scripture. Mountains were a place of sacrifice, worship, teaching and learning from God. Many characters had encounters with God on mountains; we pray that during this time, we will too!



28 th July	Climbing Mount Moriah with Abraham	Genesis 22: 1-14
4 th August	Climbing Mount Sinai with Moses	Exodus 19: 16-23
11 th August	Climbing Mount Carmel with Elijah	1 Kings 18: 22-39
18 th August	Climbing Mount Tabor with Jesus	Matthew 17: 1-13
25 th August	Climbing the last Mountain with Jesus	Matthew 28: 16-20

Community Notices

Together - Free Magazine from Rochester Diocese. There are copies of the latest issue covering August – October at the back of church. Please take your copy!

Worship and Prayer Service – Sunday 11th August, 5pm – 6pm at St John's Church, Eden Park, Beckenham. This is a time of music, prayer and reflection, and a chance to relax together in God's presence. Everyone is welcome.

Summer Stay and Play Sessions – Tuesdays 6th, 13th, 20th August, 10am – 12pm. Stay and play plus craft activities at Beckenham Methodist Church, BR3 5JE. For all children under 12 with a parent/ carer. For more info and/or to register, please email BMCStayandPlay@gmail.com or call 07570 230555/020 8650 2763. Donation of £2/person (adults and children), babies under 1 year free.

Summer Holiday Activity Day – Thursday 22nd August, 11am – 3pm, at Bethlem Museum of the Mind, Bethlem Hospital, Monks Orchard Road, Beckenham, BR3 3BX. Free drop-in family-friendly day which includes a self-led trail of the Bethlem Hospital site, badge making and creative activities. Under 18s must be accompanied by an adult. See poster in south aisle.

Women and the Church of England – Free Exhibition at Lambeth Palace Library. Until 29th August, 9.30am – 5pm. More information here: [Women and the Church of England – Lambeth Palace Library](#).

Ride & Stride – Saturday 14th September, 10am – 6pm. Cycle or walk around Kent churches, including St Paul's Beckenham! Sponsorship money raised is divided equally between The Friends of Kent Churches and the church of your choice. More information at back of church or from www.kentrideandstride.co.uk or Rosemary Dymond: email kent.rs.countyorg@gmail.com or Tel 01474 814143.

Thanksgiving and Farewell Service for the Archdeacon of Rochester – Saturday 14th September, 3.15pm at Rochester Cathedral. All are welcome to attend the service to celebrate the ministry of The Venerable Andrew Wooding Jones. Please book via the [online booking form](#).

Foodbanks – Tubs for foodbank donations, which are shared between Living Well and Christians Against Poverty (CAP) can be found in the porch, by the main church entrance. The following items are particularly needed: Jars of pasta sauce, coffee, tins of fish, cold meat, corned beef, ham, fruit, custard, rice pudding, toiletries, toilet rolls. Please leave donations in a strong carrier bag. *Please also double-check items are in date and do not contain any alcohol.*

Happy Birthday
to everyone at St Paul's who has a
birthday in August!



Mission of the Month (July & August) – CMS



Having moved last year from Neema Crafts in Iringa (Tanzania), Ben and Katy Ray are now setting up SAFI in Arusha (north Tanzania). Their call is to show God's love for the most marginalised by providing training and employment opportunities for people with disabilities. It was lovely to welcome Ben at St Paul's recently, and it was inspiring to hear of their work. Please pray for him, Katy and the children during their time in the UK this summer and for when they go back to Arusha.



Special Prayers or 'Collects'

4th August - 10th Sunday after Trinity. Lord of heaven and earth, as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer, give us patience and courage never to lose hope, but always to bring our prayers before you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

11th August - 11th Sunday after Trinity. God of glory, the end of our searching, help us to lay aside all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom, and to give all that we have to gain the pearl beyond all price, through our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

18th August – 12th Sunday after Trinity - God of constant mercy, who sent your Son to save us: remind us of your goodness, increase your grace within us, that our thankfulness may grow, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

25th August – 13th Sunday after Trinity - Almighty God, you search us and know us: may we rely on you in strength and rest on you in weakness, now and in all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Summer Prayer – by John Birch

The warmth of the sun's embrace,
the gentle breeze swept in by incoming tide,
the rhythm of seasons, of new birth, death and recreation.
All these speak so clearly of your love, your power and your beauty.
All are expressions of your creativity,
and more importantly of yourself.
As an artist might share his personality within each brushstroke,
so within the myriad colours of a butterfly's wing
you share the exuberance of your love.

Please pray...



- for all the children killed or injured at the holiday club in Southport and their families, and for the police officers injured in the protests.
- for the families of all those killed or injured in the Indian landslide.
- for children, teachers and students in their summer holidays.
- for the families from Worsley Bridge School and our pre-school who have received food vouchers.
- for families for whom the summer holidays are difficult, for whatever reason.
- for all who are graduating this summer or are awaiting exam results.
- that we may all feel refreshed this summer and take time to rest and relax.
- for safety for all those attending or competing in the Olympics in Paris.
- for safety and protection for all those travelling.
- for those getting married at St Paul's in August.
- for all who visit our church and garden.
- for areas in the world where there is turmoil, war, unrest, poverty and hunger.
- for those facing injustice because of their faith; may they be comforted and strengthened.
- for protection for all CAP's clients during August while the centre is closed, and for rest and refreshment for Gareth and the team of volunteers.
- for Living Well, and for all their guests during the holiday period.
- for those in nursing homes and hospitals, and for all those caring for them.
- for prisoners and all who work with them, for hope and effective rehabilitation.
- for all those in pain or struggling with health issues or increasing frailty.
- for all who are grieving the loss of a loved one.

On our Electoral Roll we pray for Anne Harkness, Tim and Clari Harrington, Chris Harris, and for our parishioners in Radleigh Place.

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