





# E-Notice Sheet



## ST PAUL'S BECKENHAM



### Holy Week and Easter 2025

<p>Sun 13<sup>th</sup> April Palm Sunday</p>	<p>8.00am  10.30am</p>	<p><b>Holy Communion (BCP)</b> With Rev'd Neil Fairlamb</p> <p><b>All-Age Service</b>, with Palm Crosses With Sarah Butler and Rev'd Rachel Winn </p> <p>Readings: Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29 Luke 19: 28-40 read by Liz Spencer</p> <p>Prayers: Led by Wesley Guy</p> <p><b>Results of the Easter Garden Competition</b> will be announced towards the end of the service!</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>
<p>Mon 14<sup>th</sup> April  Tues 15<sup>th</sup> April  Wed 16<sup>th</sup> April</p>	<p>8.00pm  8.00pm  8.00pm</p>	<p><b>Compline - Night Prayer with Reflection</b> With Suzanne and Wesley Guy</p> <p><b>Compline - Night Prayer with Reflection</b> With Anne Harkness and Rev'd Rachel Winn</p> <p><b>Compline - Night Prayer with Reflection</b> With Alison Charlesworth and Sandra Horner</p> 
<p>Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> April Maundy Thursday</p>	<p>6.30pm</p>	<p><b>Supper and Holy Communion</b> Led by David Charlesworth and Rev'd Rachel Winn</p>
<p>Fri 18<sup>th</sup> April Good Friday</p>	<p>11.00am  2.00pm </p>	<p><b>CTiB Service at St Edmund's followed by Walk of Witness</b> to The Green, where there will be a short act of worship at 11.30am</p> <p><b>Images at the Cross</b> – With images, readings and music With Rev'd Rachel Winn</p>
<p>Sun 20<sup>th</sup> April Easter Sunday</p> 	<p>5.15am  6.30am 10.30am</p>	<p><b>Dawn 'Fire' Service with Holy Communion</b> With Rev'd Rachel Winn Readings: Psalm 113 and John 20: 1-18</p> <p><b>Breakfast</b></p> <p><b>All-Age Easter Celebration with Holy Communion</b> With Rev'd Clive Grinham and Rev'd Rachel Winn Readings: Acts 10: 34-43 read by David Sewell John 20: 1-18 read by Jill Brook Prayers: Led by Anne Howick</p>
<p><i>The 10.30am services will be live-streamed and available via <a href="#">St Paul's You Tube Channel</a></i></p>		

#### Verse for the Year 2025

'Christ makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love.'  
Ephesians 4: 16 (NLT)

## *St Paul's Notices*

**Super Soup Lunch** – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April, 12 noon in the hall! Join us for delicious homemade soup with crusty bread, and enjoy a warm, relaxing space, friendly company and conversation. There is no charge, although donations are welcome.

**Choir Rehearsals for Easter** – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> April, at 7.30pm.

**Easter Garden Competition** – There is still time to assemble your Easter Garden! The 3D scene can be made from any material and should include an Easter cave with a stone rolled away (max size of base 40cm x 40cm). Submissions no later than 10am on Palm Sunday (13<sup>th</sup> April), and there will be a prize for the winner at the end of the 10.30am service. Please place your creation on the table in north aisle.

**Sunday Squad** is not meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup> April, but will resume on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April.

**Easter Table on Palm Sunday** – After the 10.30am service on 13<sup>th</sup> April, there will be a table with Easter things, including cakes, available for a donation. All proceeds for St Paul's church funds.

**Morning Prayer** – There will be no 9am Morning Prayer sessions during Holy Week, but they will recommence on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup>, Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> and Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April.

**Babies and Toddlers and Friendship Group** – These Thursday groups will not be meeting on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> April but will reconvene on 24<sup>th</sup> April, at 10am and 2.30pm respectively.

**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 a Passover-style meal. This time there will be some singing, and our meal will be followed by a Holy Communion service, as instructed by Jesus at the Last Supper. We will move into the church to sing a hymn and strip the altar of its finery, to reflect the sorrowful mood of the days to come, then we will depart silently in preparation for Good Friday. The meal of three courses is punctuated by readings 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.

**Thursday Zoom Prayer** – We will not be meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> or 24<sup>th</sup> April, but will resume on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May.

**Decorating the Church for Easter** – On Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> April, from 10am, members of the church will be decorating the church for Easter. If you would like to help, please speak to Anne Howick.

**Special Foodbank collection** - It would be very special if people could bring extra donations for the foodbanks on Easter Saturday and Easter Sunday. These will be divided between CAP and Living Well. Please leave your donations on the tables in the North aisle.

**Electoral Roll** – This year, our Electoral Roll is wiped clean and we have to start afresh. If you would like to re-join or join for the first time, please fill in the form (hard copies at the back of church) and pass it to Anne Howick by 20<sup>th</sup> April. We are also compiling a church directory for those on the Electoral Roll, but we need your consent to be included in this. This is on the reverse side of the sheet.

**External lighting works** – 10<sup>th</sup> April, 22<sup>nd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> April. CES is installing the new lighting at the church and hall entrances 22<sup>nd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> April and performing some ground works on 10<sup>th</sup> April. They will barrier off the areas where they are working. It will still be possible to access the church and hall, apart from when the new lights above each door are fitted, and alternative entrances will be indicated. If you have any questions, please speak with Anne Harkness.

**Connect Café** – Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April, 9.30am – 11.30am. Bring your friends and neighbours (and yourself!). 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 and pastries ready for the hungry. All free; donations welcome. Our community litter-picking team will be out from 9.30am.

### *St Paul's Notices Contd.*

**APCM – Save the date!** Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place after the 10.30am service on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May. More information to follow after Easter.

**Ely Cathedral 20<sup>th</sup> May** – The balance of £23.50 is now due for this trip. We can take cash, cheque or payment direct into the Church CAF Bank account (reference ELY). If anyone wants to go to the Stained Glass museum (£6) or Tower (£11) - but don't forget the stairs - please see Rosemary Dear or Judith Freeborn as soon as possible.

**Top of the Pew** - St Paul's is entering a team for Top of the Pew again this year. This also means we need to have a Question Master to do one of the sessions for other teams. It may only be for one contest but might be a couple. All material provided but you would be needed to officiate on a Sunday evening between Easter and June. Please consider whether you could do this and contact Ann Birkett asap if you are interested. Top of the Pew is an enjoyable contest between churches in Beckenham and Bromley and has been running for many years. It is increasingly difficult to get volunteers to help, but it would be sad if it came to an end.

**Church Spring Clean – Thank You** so much to everyone who helped spring clean the south porch, hall, kitchen and the church altars last Saturday. We have a beautiful church, and hall hirers always say how great the hall is. We're very grateful for everyone's support in keeping the church and hall clean and tidy throughout the year.

**Thank You** – Alison Charlesworth would like to thank everyone who sponsored her half marathon by donating to Parkinson's UK. She is very pleased to have raised over £1605 and to have run her first half marathon in a respectable time!

**Defibrillator** - Please be aware that the church has a defibrillator outside the kitchen door. Many thanks to everyone who gave up their time to attend the London Ambulance Service Emergency Life Support course on Wednesday, to learn when and how to use it. If you would like information about the defibrillator, please contact a church warden.

**Tea and Coffee** – Many thanks to the Brackley home group for serving tea and coffee on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April and to the Wells home group for serving on 20<sup>th</sup> April. On 27<sup>th</sup> April the Birkett group will be on duty.

### *Community Notices*

**Women in Scripture: Paintings, Poems and Anthems** – Exhibition, anthems and reflections at Rochester Cathedral, 14<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> April. For more information, please click here: [Women in Scripture: Paintings, Poems and Anthems – Rochester Cathedral](#)

**Volunteer needed at London Penge CAP Debt Centre** – Are you passionate about seeing people released from debt and poverty? As a volunteer you will join CAP debt coaches at client meetings and help to host events. You can also keep in contact with clients and help them with practical tasks. For more information, see poster in south aisle and/or contact the centre manager, Gareth Hall, on [garethhall@capuk.org](mailto:garethhall@capuk.org).

**Safeguarding Support Assistant with Rochester Diocese** – Details of this 4-day-a-week role are on the noticeboard in the south aisle. Closing date for applications 27<sup>th</sup> April.

**VE Day 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Concert** - Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May, 7.30pm at Holy Trinity, Sloane Square, including music by Vaughan Williams, Bliss, Holst, Walton, with The London Chorus, New London Orchestra, Petroc Trelawny (orator). Tickets from <http://www.londonchorus.org.uk>.

## Community Notices Contd.

**Christian Aid Quiz** – Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May, 6.30pm for 7pm, at St James's Church Hall, Elmers End. Tickets £8; tables of no more than 8 people; please bring your own drinks and nibbles. To book, contact Julian Gibson 07985 567147 or John Rowe 07733 466864.

**St Christopher's Fun Walk** – Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May, Keston Common. Walks of 3, 5, 8 or 11 miles, to raise funds for St Christopher's Hospice. For more details see flyer on noticeboard in south aisle, go to [www.stchristophers.org.uk/funwalk](http://www.stchristophers.org.uk/funwalk) or ring 020 8768 4575.

**Trek in support of Alzheimer's Society** – Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May in London. For more information, visit [www.alzheimers.org.uk/trek26](http://www.alzheimers.org.uk/trek26).

**The Bereavement Journey** – Christ Church Beckenham Main Hall, Mondays 2<sup>nd</sup> June – 14<sup>th</sup> July, 2 – 4pm. Seven sessions of films and discussion for anyone bereaved anytime. Please contact Helen on 020 8650 3847 / [office@ccb.org.uk](mailto:office@ccb.org.uk).

**A Prayer Festival** – Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June at St Benedict's Centre, West Malling. With workshops on pilgrimage, Christian meditation, Celtic prayer, labyrinth, praying with Ignatius, creative prayer, creative prayer writing and more. Keynote speaker: Simon Burton-Jones, Bishop of Tonbridge.

**Race for Life** – 26<sup>th</sup> July, Beckenham Place Park. 3k, 5k, 10k and Pretty Muddy events, in support of Cancer Research UK. Further details at [www.raceforlife.org](http://www.raceforlife.org).

**St Christopher's 'Palace to Palace' Bike Ride** (London to Versailles) – September 2025. For more information, go to [www.stchristophers.org.uk/palacetopalace](http://www.stchristophers.org.uk/palacetopalace).

**Foodbanks** - Tubs for foodbank donations, which are shared between Living Well and CAP can be found in the porch, by the main church entrance. The following items are particularly needed: rice, pasta sauces, coffee, tins of: spaghetti, cold meat, curry, stew, fruit, potatoes. Please ensure tins have ring pulls, as many people do not have a tin opener. Please leave donations in a **strong carrier bag**. *Please also double-check items are in date and do not contain any alcohol.*

## Mission News

**Mission of the Month (March and April) SAT-7.** Mauritania is partially isolated from surrounding countries by the Atlas Mountains. The Berbers nevertheless began to make their way south to the country now known as Mauritania - in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Century they established trade routes and brought the Gospel. Christianity grew in the region and was officially established under Byzantine rule.



Mauritania was the last country in the world to outlaw slavery and even now the practice persists. The Global Slavery Index estimates that in 2024 the number of people living in modern slavery in Mauritania was 149,000, mostly women and children, with slave status passed from mother to child. Please pray for an end to slavery and inequality in Mauritania and that those who are oppressed will come to know their true worth in God's eyes. Pray that those watching SAT-7's programmes in Mauritania will come to understand the dignity of every human being.

Please look at the new SAT-7 Prayer book on the table with the display at the back of the church.

**April Update of Ben and Katy Ray** – They praise God that SAFI Tanzania has received the first part of its funding. This was donated to set up a new training and innovations hub, deaf-run café and crafts shop in Usa River. 'Please pray with us that we'd made good use of this grant and that it would have a huge kingdom impact in the community. Pray for a favourable decision from the government regarding the charitable status.'

### *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 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.

### *Please pray...*

- 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 Super Soup lunch on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April.
- 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 the family and friends of Izaiah Smith, who died while swimming in the lake at Beckenham Place Park.
- for the family and friends of 16-year-old Ahmad, who was stabbed in Huddersfield.
- for King Charles and Queen Camilla as they celebrate their 20<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary during their visit to Italy.
- for all the areas of the world where there is natural disaster, violence, war or 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.



On our Electoral Roll we pray for Andrew and Jenny Griffiths, Wesley and Suzanne Guy, and for our parishioners in Headingley Drive.

### *Get in touch...*

**Administrator** - Stephanie Fox: 020 8650 0501, [admin@stpaulsbeckenham.org.uk](mailto:admin@stpaulsbeckenham.org.uk)

Office hours: Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9.15am – 2.15pm

**Vicar** - Rev'd Rachel Winn: [vicar@stpaulsbeckenham.org.uk](mailto:vicar@stpaulsbeckenham.org.uk)

**Churchwardens** - Anne Harkness: 07768 992559; Anthea Prendergast: 07811 530230

**Parish Safeguarding Officer** - Sandra Horner: 07701 069638; [sandrahorne53@gmail.com](mailto:sandrahorne53@gmail.com).

**Communion at Home** – If you are unable to come to a Communion service but would like to receive Holy Communion at home, please get in touch with Anne Howick (020 8658 0808)