

# ST PAUL'S BECKENHAM



## E-Notice Sheet

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2024

8.00am	<b>Morning Prayer (BCP) – With Keith Howick</b>
10.30am	<p><b>Holy Communion</b>                      With Sarah Butler and Rev'd Clive Grinham                      Theme: Patience (the second in our Advent sermon series)                      Readings: 2 Peter 3: 8-15 read by David Sewell                      Luke 21: 5-19 read by Olivia Masih                      Prayers: Led by Wesley Guy</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, 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>
The 10.30am service will be live-streamed and available via <a href="#"><u>St Paul's You Tube Channel</u></a>	
12.00pm	<b>Set up for 'Experience Christmas'</b>

### *Collect (Special Prayer) for Advent Sunday*

Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

### *What's On this Week*

Sat 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov	10.00am	NSPCC Coffee Morning and Christmas Craft Sale
Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	am & pm	Worsley Bridge School visit - 'Experience Christmas'
Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	10.00am	St Paul's Pre-School visit - 'Experience Christmas'
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec	am & pm 7.30pm	Worsley Bridge School visit - 'Experience Christmas' PCC Meeting
Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10.00am 2.00pm  6.30pm 7.30pm	Babies & Toddler Group (in hall and visiting 'Experience Christmas') Friendship Group – Visit from the Worsley Bridge School choir. All welcome. Knit & Natter, Crochet & Chatter Prayer for our Parish, Community and Nation (on Zoom)
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	7.00pm	Band rehearsal
Sat 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10.00am 7.30pm	Gardening Team Crystal Palace Acappella and Crystal Palace Progress Band Concert
<b>Sun 8<sup>th</sup> Dec</b> <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent</i>	8.00am 10.30am	<b>Holy Communion (BCP) – With Rev'd Neil Fairlamb</b> <b>Morning Worship</b> With Rev'd Rachel Winn and Sarah Butler Theme: Humility (the third in our Advent sermon series) Readings: John 1: 6-8, 19-28 and 1 Corinthians 1: 26-31

## *St Paul's Notices*

**Update on Rev'd Rachel's Surgery** - Rachel had surgery last week and has limited mobility for the next six weeks. She is working, but at somewhat reduced capacity, and is very grateful for everyone's understanding.

**NSPCC Coffee Morning and Christmas Craft Sale** – Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November, 10am – 12.30pm, in the hall. Come along for tea, coffee & cake and buy ahead for Christmas.

**Church closed** – Please note that the church will be closed on Monday and Wednesday all day, and on Tuesday and Thursday mornings, while the children are visiting for 'Experience Christmas'.

**NO Morning Prayer Services** – As the Chapel will be set up for 'Experience Christmas' and the children from Worsley Bridge School will be coming, please note there will be no Morning Prayer services on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> or Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December.

**Knitted and Crocheted Christmas Angels and Stars** – If you would like to knit or crochet angels or stars, for the children in our Babies and Toddler Group, there are patterns at the back of church. We will be making these at our next Knit & Natter, Crochet & Chatter on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December, at 6.30pm in the church hall.

**Gardening Team** – Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December, 10am – 12 noon. Do come along and help to keep our beautiful and much-loved church garden looking spruce and ready for Christmas! No tools or experience required, and tea and coffee is served! All welcome.

**Crystal Palace Acappella and Crystal Palace Progress Band** – Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December, at 7.30pm. An evening of musical entertainment with the choir and brass band performing a mix of Christmas and other music. Entry is by donation, and refreshments will be served in the interval.

**Choir for Carol Service on 22<sup>nd</sup> December** - There will be two more choir practices for the Carol Service: on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> December. All welcome. 7.30pm in the hall.

**Bible-Reading Notes** – There are many different Bible-reading notes available to help with reading the Bible regularly. The popular ones amongst members of St Paul's are New Daylight, Daily Bread, Encounter with God, Day by Day with God, and Guidelines. Copies of some of these notes can be found in the south west corner at the back of church – please feel free to borrow any of these to have a look at and try them out! If you would like more information, or to order some notes for 2025, please contact Marion Lowe on 020 8290 1073 or [marionlowe@talktalk.net](mailto:marionlowe@talktalk.net)

**Food Vouchers** – We will be providing 50 x £50 food vouchers to Worsley Bridge School and the St Paul's Pre-School to help support families suffering from financial hardship this Christmas. In the past, we have been able to provide these vouchers through your generous donations, and if you would like to support this much-needed project and contribute towards the £2,500 to fund the vouchers, please see Rosemary Dear.

**Service of Thanksgiving** for the life of Margaret Doubleday, on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December, at 2pm, at St Andrew's Church, Corbridge. If you would like to view the service, please go to the following link: <http://www.dejavuvideo.co.uk/margaret>.

**Christmas Foodbank** - This year we will be holding our annual special foodbank collection on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December, when we are all encouraged to bring donations for Living Well and CAP. If you are able to donate some food and Christmas treats, that would be very welcome. (Please check that nothing contains alcohol, including the treats.)

**St Paul's Pre-School has a vacancy** for an experienced and qualified practitioner. Full details available from Liz Spencer - email [stpaulsbeckenhampreschool@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulsbeckenhampreschool@gmail.com). Closing date for applications is 28<sup>th</sup> November.

**Tea and Coffee** - Many thanks to the Brackley home group for serving tea and coffee on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December. On 8<sup>th</sup> December, Liv/Jash's home group will be on duty.

# Happy Birthday

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



## Advent Sermon Series

This year, over four Sundays, we are focussing our Advent worship and sermon series on the four themes of Thanksgiving, Patience, Humility and Joy. It is so important in the often fraught and frantic build-up to Christmas to take time to reflect on these attributes, which we as Christians need to grow in.

## Community Notices

**Welcare Coffee Morning with mince pie tasting** – Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December, 10.30am – 12 noon, here in St Paul's Church Hall.

**Carol Singing in aid of Welcare** – Everyone is welcome to join carol singing in the Glades, on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December, 11am – 12.30pm. See the display board at the back of church or Alison Dockray for further details.

**Christmas Tree Festival** – 14<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> December, at St Francis of Assisi Church, West Wickham, BR4 0PW. For times of opening see the display board. Come along to view the trees, listen to festive music, and enjoy refreshments. Free entry; donations in aid of Welcare in Bromley.

**Together – Free Magazine from Rochester Diocese.** Copies of the latest issue are available at the back of church. This edition includes an article about Welcare in Bromley on page 16, and about Anna Chaplaincy on page 9. The magazine can also be read online: [here](#).

**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: pasta sauces, tinned meat, tinned fruit, tea and coffee, treats, toiletries. 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.*

## Living Well Christmas Appeal

To help feed someone in need this Christmas, Living Well are asking for donations of the following items:

Tinned ham/Corned Beef	Long-Life Milk	Coffee	
Tinned Salmon	Rice Pudding/Custard	Teabags	Toilet Roll
Tinned Veg	Jam/Marmalade	Hot Chocolate	Shampoo
Tinned Fruit	Festive Biscuits	Cereal	Shower Gel
Tinned Soup	Festive Chocolates	Pasta	



If you would like to make a complete food parcel, please put one each of these items in a 'bag for life'. Individual items from the list will also be very welcome and Living Well will make up the bags. Please leave your donations behind the font at the back of church (not in the foodbank tubs in the porch). If you would prefer to give a financial donation, that would also be most welcome. **From 3<sup>rd</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> December, online donations to Living Well will be doubled.** The last day for food donations is 14<sup>th</sup> December. Any questions, please see Sarah Gray.

*Welcare in Bromley*  
*Mission of the Month (Nov & Dec)*



Welcare is a local charity that works with families with children up to 13 years of age. It follows Christian values, and strives to empower families, offering practical and emotional support to overcome challenges.

Welcare's experienced social workers run a Caring Dads group for fathers who wish to improve their relationship with their children, and the Welcare 'My Space' group works with children and parents who have suffered domestic abuse. They also run groups for local schools who want support for pupils with low self-esteem. Visit [www.welcare.org.uk](http://www.welcare.org.uk) for more information, and see the display at the back of church. Please pray for Welcare staff and all the families they work with, that their lives will be improved by the help they receive.

*Please pray...*



- for 'Experience Christmas' this week, for all the children and staff from Worsley Bridge School and from the St Paul's Pre-School, and for the children and parents/carers from our Babies & Toddler group.
- for Rev'd Rachel recovering from surgery.
- for the PCC meeting on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December.
- for the visit by the Worsley Bridge choir to Friendship Group.
- for discussions in Parliament regarding the proposed assisted dying bill.
- for all those affected by the sinking of the tourist boat, Sea Story, off the Red Sea coast.
- for all those affected by the methanol poisoning at the hostel in Vang Vieng.
- for the TFL CCTV trial at bus stops to help women and girls feel safer when in London.
- for everyone to keep warm in the cold weather.
- for peace and reconciliation in all areas in the world where there is war and conflict.
- for CAP and Living Well, who run the local foodbanks, and for all the services they provide.
- for those who are unwell, in care homes, hospices and hospitals, and for all the staff.
- for all who are grieving the loss of a loved one.

On our Electoral Roll we pray for Roz Turner, Adoabi Umeh, Gill Vevers, Ann and Jim Vice, and for our parishioners in Blakeney Avenue.

*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*

'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