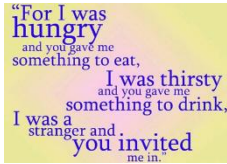


ST PAUL'S BECKENHAM



E-Notice Sheet

Sunday 22nd February 2026

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP) – With Rev'd Neil Fairlamb
10.30am	Morning Worship with Baptism Theme: Welcoming (Lent Series – see page 2) Readings: Genesis 18: 1-10 read by Richard Botton Matthew 25: 34-40 read by Liz Spencer Prayers: Led by Wesley Guy With Rev'd Rachel Winn and David Charlesworth <i>Children's Activities</i> – 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>Prayer after the Service</i> – If you would like someone to pray with you, members of the prayer ministry group will be available in the Chapel.
The 10.30am service will be live-streamed and available via St Paul's You Tube Channel .	

Collect (Special Prayer) for the 1st Sunday of Lent

Heavenly Father, your Son battled with the powers of darkness, and grew closer to you in the desert: help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer that we may witness to your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

<i>What's On this Week</i>		
Sat 21 st Feb	3.00pm	Funday Squad
Tues 24 th Feb	12.00pm	Memorial Service for Liz Ward
Wed 25 th Feb	9.00am	Morning Prayer – in the Chapel
	7.00pm	Youth Alpha – in the hall
	7.30pm	Prayers for our Parish, Community and Nation (on Zoom)
Thurs 26 th Feb	9.00am	Morning Prayer – in the Chapel
	10.00am	Babies and Toddlers
	2.00pm	Friendship Group – Visit from the Worsley Bridge School Choir. All welcome. <i>Please note earlier start time (for this week only)</i>
	8.00pm	Community Choir – in the hall
Fri 27 th Feb	9.00am	Morning Prayer – in the Chapel
Sat 28 th Feb	9.30am	Connect Café
Sun 1st Mar <i>2nd Sunday of Lent</i>	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP) – With Rev'd Rachel Winn
	10.30am	Holy Communion Readings: Psalm 23 and Luke 24: 28-35 With Rev'd Rachel Winn and Keith Howick
	12.30pm	PCC Meeting - Vision and Mission Action Planning. In the hall

St Paul's Notices

We are delighted to welcome Ashton **for baptism** on 22nd February, with his family, godparents and friends.

Many thanks to Pam Hudson for her donation for the **sanctuary flowers** in memory of Maurice.

Choral Evensong: Deanery Worship Service – Sunday 22nd February, 6.30pm, at St Mary's, Shortlands. Everyone is welcome to worship together with those in our deanery (the collective parishes in our area).

Memorial Service for Liz Ward – Tuesday 24th February, at 12 noon. All who knew Liz are very welcome to come to this service, to celebrate her life. The family have asked that, in lieu of flowers, donations should be in support of Sightsavers or Smile Train UK. Gift Aid envelopes will be available at the service. <http://www.sightsavers.org> or <http://www.smiletrain.org.uk>.

Youth Alpha resumes this Wednesday (25th February), starting with a meal at 7pm; you are welcome to join us, even if you haven't made any of the other sessions.

Connect Café with Parish Giving Scheme Helpdesk - with Book Exchange and Green Corner. Saturday 28th February, 9.30am – 11.30am. Bring your friends and neighbours (and yourself!). 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.

Church Office Telephone - On Monday 23rd February we are transferring our telephone and broadband from TalkTalk to Virgin Media. While the telephone number is being transferred, it may not be possible to use the church landline for up to two weeks. If you need to call the office during this time, please use the church mobile number: 07355 260026.

Lent Series with Lectio 365 – The Desert Fathers and Mothers. The 40 days of Lent are a time to enter the wilderness with Christ, to push into prayer and to grow spiritually. With the Lectio 365 app this year, there are daily devotions where we are invited on this journey, to keep company with the desert fathers and mothers - the ancient prayer warriors whose witness echoes down the ages and whose wisdom remains radical and relevant for us today. You can download the app from [The App - Lectio 365](#)



Good Friday Walk of Witness – Stewards needed! Please talk to Ann B or Anthea if you are able to help out with this. The CTiB Walk of Witness will be on Friday 3rd April, with a short service at St Edmund's at 11am, followed by a walk up the High Street to Beckenham Green, where there will be a short act of worship with singing. This is an excellent opportunity to get together with local churches and it has traditionally been well supported by St Paul's. Stewards are needed to help marshal the walkers; instructions and high-vis jackets will be provided.

Tea and Coffee - Many thanks to the Howick home group for serving tea and coffee on Sunday 22nd February. On 1st March, the Wells home group will be on duty.

Lent Sermon Series

Throughout Lent we will be looking at how we can reflect Christ to our community. Our sermons will focus on our core values: welcoming, encouraging journeys of faith, making Christ known, caring, and reflecting Christ.

22 nd February	Welcoming	Genesis 18: 1-10 and Matthew 25: 34-40
1 st March	Encouraging journeys of Faith	Psalms 23 and Luke 24: 28-35
8 th March	Making Christ known	Psalms 46 and Romans 5: 1-11
15 th March	Caring	Isaiah 66: 10-13 (GNT) and Mark 9: 35-37
22 nd March	Reflecting Christ	Isaiah 61: 1-3 and 2 Corinthians 3:17 – 4:7

Carbon Fast for Lent

The Carbon Fast for Lent started by challenging us to wonder at Creation and think about what practical actions we can take to care for it. This week the challenge is to Fast from Excessive Shopping. More details on the Green Board, and you can sign up for the weekly emails here: <https://arocha.org.uk/carbon-fast-26/>



Community Notices

World Day of Prayer – Friday 6th March, 11.30am at St Mary's Church, Shortlands. This year the prayers and reflections will be centred on Nigeria. The service will be followed by a light lunch.

Sense Charity Shop Beckenham is in urgent need of donations. Please take any items of clothing, accessories or bric-a-brac to their store at 144 High Street, BR3 1EA.

The London Chorus : Come & Sing, Bach's St John Passion, Saturday 28th February, 10.30am - 4.30pm, at St Botolph without Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3TL, with musical director William Vann and mezzo-soprano and linguist Lorna Price. Registration opens at 10.30am with the workshop itself running from 11am - 3.30pm (including two breaks). There will be an informal performance at 3.30pm, open to any friends and family who wish to join. All welcome. See <http://www.londonchorus.org.uk> for further details.

Concert in aid of Hope into Action Bromley – Saturday 21st March, 7.30pm, at St Augustine's Church, Bromley. Please save the date; more information to follow.

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.*

Wycliffe Bible Translators – Mission of the Month (Jan & Feb)

One of the Yakar team members - Tanya - has the job of testing draft translations to check what is and isn't understood. She meets one-to-one with Yakar people who have never read the Bible before and asks them questions as they read the text. Soon she'll start testing the translation of Mark's Gospel. Pray she finds people to test it with and that it will result in lots of good conversations about Jesus.

Please see the mission board at the back of church for more information.

Prayer for Lent

*Father of my soul, I know Your love for me is limitless beyond imagining.
You care for me as a loving parent.
Through my smallest Lenten sacrifices,
help me to become less selfish and more aware of Your ways.
Fan the flame of my desire to draw ever closer to You.
Guide me to seek Your love. Amen.*

Please pray...



- for the Funday Squad event on Saturday (21st February), for all the children attending and for all the helpers.
- for Ashton and his family and friends as he comes for baptism.
- for all of us to draw nearer to God during this time of Lent.
- for children, families and teachers as they go back to school after the half-term break, including the St Paul's pre-school.
- for Youth Alpha on Wednesday.
- for children to be protected from accessing harmful material online.
- for peace talks between Kyiv and Moscow, and for all places where there is war or conflict.
- for all the participants at the Winter Olympics.
- for the friends and families of those killed by the avalanches in the French Alps.
- for CAP and Living Well, and for all who come to them for support and financial guidance.
- for those looking for work, and for everyone struggling with financial worries.
- for those in hospital, recovering from operations or having treatment and for their families.
- for all those who are struggling with physical, emotional or mental health illness.
- for all who are grieving the loss of a loved one, particularly praying for the family and friends of Liz Ward with the Memorial service on Tuesday.

On our Electoral Roll we pray for Maya McKeever, Marion McNally, Catherine Metcalf, Nomsa Moldovan, and for our parishioners in Grace Mews.

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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*