

# ST PAUL'S BECKENHAM

## E-Notice Sheet

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November and  
3<sup>rd</sup> December 2023



Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> November	
8.00am	<b>Holy Communion (BCP)</b> – With Paul Wright, Archdeacon Emeritus
10.30am <i>Christ the King</i>	<b>Morning Worship</b> With Keith Howick and Sarah Butler Readings: Ephesians 1: 15-23, read by Elaine Storey Matthew 25: 31-46, read by Marie Bennett Prayers: Led by Clive Grinham We welcome Anna Khan to our service, who will be speaking to us about the work of Welcare.  <i>Children's and Youth groups during the 10.30am service – There is a crèche for pre-schoolers and activities for children aged 4-11 in the hall. Our Youth Group will be meeting in the Vicarage.</i>

Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	
8.00am	<b>Morning Prayer (BCP)</b>
10.30am <i>Advent Sunday</i>	<b>Holy Communion</b> With David Charlesworth and Paul Wright, Archdeacon Emeritus Readings: 1 Corinthians 1: 3-9, read by Thomas Adu Mark 13: 24-37, read by Jill Brook Prayers: Led by John Blakely  <i>Children's activities during the 10.30am service – There is a crèche for pre-schoolers and activities for children aged 4-11</i>

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

### ***A Special Prayer or 'Collect' for Christ the King***

God the Father, help us to hear the call of Christ the King and to follow in his service, whose kingdom has no end; for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, one glory. Amen

### ***A Special Prayer or 'Collect' 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

<i>What's On</i>		
Sat 25 <sup>th</sup> Nov	9.00am	Saturday Connect Café
Sun 26 <sup>th</sup> Nov	3.00pm	'It's Nearly Christmas' Concert – With the Crystal Palace Progress Band and the Jukevox Voices (See p.3)
Thurs 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov	9.30am – 12.30pm	Rehearsal for Worsley Bridge School Christmas Production ( <i>Please note that the church will be closed to the public and church members at this time.</i> )
	10.00am	Babies and Toddler Group
	2.30pm	Friendship Group – Advent Talk with Sandra Horner. All welcome.
	7.30pm	Prayer for our Parish, Community and Nation (by Zoom)
Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	2.00pm	Worsley Bridge Year 5 and 6 Christmas Production
	7.30pm	Church Choir rehearsal for Carol Service
Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	10.00am	Gardening Team
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	7.30pm	PCC Meeting
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10.00am	Babies & Toddler Group
	2.30pm	Friendship Group – All welcome.
	7.30pm	Prayer for our Parish, Community and Nation (by Zoom)
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	7.30pm	Church Choir rehearsal for Carol Service
Sat 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9.30am – 12.30pm	Prayer for the Interregnum
Sun 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent</i>	8.00am	<b>Holy Communion</b> (BCP) – With Rev. Rachel Winn
	10.30am	<b>Morning Worship</b> With Sarah Butler and David Charlesworth Readings: 2 Peter 3: 8-15a and Mark 1: 1-8

### *St Paul's Notices*

**Saturday Connect Café** - Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November, 9am – 11am. Bring your friends and neighbours (and yourself!) to our Connect Café. The children's toys will be out, craft activities will be available, good coffee on tap and bacon butties ready for the hungry. All free, but donations welcome. Our litter-picking team will be out from 9.30am.

**Communications Sunday** – On Sunday (26<sup>th</sup> November) we will be giving people an opportunity to sign up to receive the weekly Notice Sheet and/or to become more formal members of St Paul's by joining the electoral roll. We will also be asking if you would be happy for your contact details to be included in the parish directory to share with other members.

**Church Office** – Stephanie Fox, the Church Administrator, will be on annual leave from 27<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> November. Any urgent queries, please speak to Anne Howick, Anne Harkness or Anthea P.

**Choir for Carol Service** – Choir rehearsals will be at 7.30pm on Fridays 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> December. Everyone welcome – new and old! The Carol Service is on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December, 7.15pm – 8pm.

**Prayer for the Interregnum and a new Vicar** – We will be holding a special morning of prayer on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December between 9.30am and 12.30pm. The morning will be structured to cover different aspects of the interregnum, which is a challenging time for any church, but also presents opportunities for all the congregation to serve. All of this, including the selection process to find the right person as our next Vicar, needs to be grounded in constant prayer, as we seek the Holy Spirit's guidance. Please make a note of the date and come along for as long or short a time, as you are able.

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

**Church Deep Clean** – Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> January, 9am – 12 noon, when we are planning on having a deep clean and tidy of the church, including window sills, pews, cupboards etc. Please make a note of the date, and in the New Year there will be a list to sign if you are able to help. Fresh coffee and pastries will be provided!

**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. If you would like more information, or to order some notes for 2024, please contact Marion Lowe, on 020 8290 1073 or [marionlowe@talktalk.net](mailto:marionlowe@talktalk.net), by Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December.

**Tea and Coffee** - Many thanks to the Wells's Homegroup for serving tea and coffee on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November and to the Tuesday Homegroup for serving on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December. On 10<sup>th</sup> December, the XJB Homegroup will be on duty.

### *Community Notices*

**'It's Nearly Christmas' Concert** - Our friends from the Crystal Palace Progress Band are having their 'It's Nearly Christmas' concert here at St Paul's on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November at 3pm. Together with the Jukevox Voices, there's a programme of popular music, and some carols, plus refreshments too. It's free and everyone is welcome to this jolly brass band and choir event.

**Welcare Coffee Morning and Mince Pie Tasting** - Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December, 10am – 12 noon, here in St Paul's Church Hall. Come and choose your tastiest mince pie, and support Welcare in Bromley at the same time.

**Welcare Fundraiser – Christmas Tree Festival** at St Francis Church, West Wickham, BR4 0PW. Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December 10am - 1pm; Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> 12 noon - 3pm, Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> 10.30am - 1pm, Friday 15<sup>th</sup> 10am - 1pm and Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> 10am - 1pm.

**Living Well Christmas Appeal** – To help feed someone in need this Christmas, fill a bag with one of each of these items and take it to Living Well on 15<sup>th</sup> or 16<sup>th</sup> December, 9am – 3pm. Tinned ham/corned beef, tinned salmon, tinned veg, tinned fruit, tinned soup, long-life milk, coffee, tea bags, hot chocolate, jam/marmalade, rice pudding/custard, festive biscuits, festive chocolates, cereal, pasta, toilet roll, shampoo, shower gel. *NB – Nothing with alcohol in please.* If you would prefer to donate £40 (the cost of a full food parcel), please go to [www.livingwell.life](http://www.livingwell.life).

**Together Magazine** – The latest edition of the Diocesan magazine 'Together' is available at the back of church and online [here](#). It has the usual mix of news, feature articles, interviews, as well as resources. There is a strong theme running throughout of God's call in people's lives, whether that be to a ministry or role they hold, or for an issue or project they feel particularly called to. Bishop Jonathan also explores how we can find hope at this time of year, in Jesus' birth, death, and resurrection.

**Foodbanks** - CAP and Living Well are very grateful for all the donations people give. Donations can be left in the tubs outside the Vicarage – if possible, in a strong carrier bag. Please double-check items are in date and do not contain any alcohol.

## *Welcare - Mission of the Month (November & December)*

We are looking forward to welcoming Anna Khan from Welcare at our 10.30am service on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November and hearing more about the work of Welcare.



Our local Bromley Welcare team provides families with practical and emotional support. Many referrals relate to mental health, drug abuse and domestic violence, and Welcare liaises with partner agencies to provide a comprehensive service. They also run groups in local schools for children in need of extra support, some of whom have complex mental health needs. Please look at the board at the back to find out more, or by going to their website: [www.welcare.org](http://www.welcare.org).

## *Please pray...*

- for the Saturday Connect Café on 25<sup>th</sup> November.
- for us all, as we prepare for the time of Advent.
- for all those helping to cover services at St Paul's during the interregnum.
- for the PCC meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> December.
- for everyone who comes into our church, hall and garden.
- for our Government and the changes proposed in the budget.
- for the situation in the Middle East, Ukraine and other war-torn areas, and for those seeking to bring aid and reconciliation.
- for the foodbanks and other services provided by Living Well and CAP.
- for the charities and agencies that offer advice and support to children and young people and their families, especially for Welcare in Bromley.
- for all those suffering from post-traumatic stress, eg survivors of natural disasters, conflict and displacement; within our military, police & emergency services; victims of abuse, crime and modern slavery.
- those in pain and struggling with health issues or increasing frailty.
- for all in hospital, hospices or care homes, and for the staff caring for them.
- for all who are grieving the loss of a loved one, especially the family and friends of Maudre Walters and Juliet Bull, giving thanks for their services this week.



On our Electoral Roll we pray for Pam Hudson, Doreen James, Ian Johnson, Nicolas and Hazel Kougoué, and for our parishioners in Blakeney Avenue.

## *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

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

**Parish Safeguarding Officer** – Sandra Horner: 07701 069638; [sandrahorner53@gmail.com](mailto:sandrahorner53@gmail.com).

**Communion by Extension** - 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).

## *St Paul's Verse for the Year*

'Just as our bodies have many parts and each part has a special function, so it is with Christ's body. We are many parts of one body, and we all belong to each other.' Romans 12: 4-5