

ST PAUL'S BECKENHAM



E-Notice Sheet

Sunday 17th March 2024

8.00am	Morning Prayer (BCP)
10.30am	Holy Communion With Keith Howick and Paul Wright, Archdeacon Emeritus Readings: Hebrews 5: 5-10 read by Elaine Storey John 12: 20-33 read by Liz Spencer Prayers: Led by Anne Howick <i>Children's activities in the hall during the 10.30am service – There is Sunday Squad with activities for children aged 4-11 and a stay-and-play creche that parents/carers of pre-schoolers are welcome to use if they wish.</i> <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 after the 10.30am service.</i>
<i>The 10.30am service will be live-streamed and available via <u>St Paul's You Tube Channel</u></i>	

Collect (Special Prayer) for the 5th Sunday of Lent

Gracious Father, you gave up your Son out of love for the world: lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion, that we may know eternal peace through the shedding of our Saviour's blood, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

What's On this Week

Mon 18th March	9.15am – 12.30pm	Experience Easter – Visit from Worsley Bridge School
Tues 19th March	9.15am – 12.30pm	Experience Easter – Visit from Worsley Bridge School
Wed 20th March	7.30pm	PCC Meeting
Thurs 21st March	10.00am 2.30pm 7.30pm 7.30pm	Babies & Toddler Group Friendship Group – 'When we were Teenagers', Clive Grinham. All welcome Easter choir rehearsal Prayer for our Parish, Community and Nation (Zoom)
Fri 22nd March	9.15am – 12.30pm	Experience Easter – Visit from Worsley Bridge School
Sat 23rd March	9.30am	Connect Café
Sun 24th March <i>Palm Sunday</i>	8.00am 10.00am 10.30am	Holy Communion (BCP) With Paul Wright, Archdeacon Emeritus Prayer Walk Morning Worship With Sarah Butler and David Charlesworth Theme: Going beyond the Personality Cult Readings: Philippians 2: 5-11 and Mark 11: 1-11

St Paul's Notices

Easter Connect – The Easter leaflets are ready to be delivered in the parish, so please do collect your bundle! There is a list at the back of church showing the roads/areas that we still need help delivering to. If you are able to help, or have any queries, please speak to Anne Howick.

Easter Notice Sheet – There will be one Notice Sheet covering Sundays 24th and 31st March. If there is any information you would like included in this, please send to Stephanie by midday on Wednesday 20th March. Thank you.

Easter Choir – There will be two rehearsals of the church choir for Easter Sunday. These will be on Thursday 21st March and Friday 29th March, both at 7.30pm in the hall. Everyone welcome.

Saturday Connect Café - Saturday 23rd March, 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 now 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, but donations welcome. Our community litter-picking team will be out from 9.30am.

Church Cupboards/Deep Clean – Following the further sort-out of cupboards by the church wardens on 13th March, there are items on display in the north aisle. Please take a look, and if there is anything you think is worth keeping, please let the wardens know. Anything left on the tables will be removed on 24th March and taken to charity shops, recycling centres etc.

Palm Sunday Walk to Church - Palm Sunday is traditionally a day when 'Christ is King' is proclaimed in the wider community. This year, for those who are able, we will meet at 10am on Sunday 24th March at either the gates of the Kent Cricket Club on Worsley Bridge Road or the new Crystal Palace FC Academy on Copers Cope Rd. We will say prayers for the community and then walk together to church, stopping to pray for Worsley Bridge School or for commuters at New Beckenham Station. Choose your starting point. When we arrive at church we will process in at the start of the service through the 'Gates of Jerusalem'. These will have been prepared for the 'Easter Experience', when children from Worsley Bridge School will be visiting.

Thanksgiving Service for the life of John Collins – Monday 25th March, at 12.30pm here at St Paul's, followed by refreshments. All are very welcome. If you are planning to attend and stay on for refreshments, it would be helpful if you could email marthacollins5@gmail.com.

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 7pm) for a Passover-style meal. This is followed by a simple communion service, together with a reading of the Gethsemane 'Watch' story. We then depart silently in preparation for Good Friday. The meal of three courses (fish with bitter herbs, lamb and a sweet course) is punctuated by readings and prayers 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. However, don't be put off coming if you have not been able to sign up.

Save the Date – On Saturday 27th April, at 7.30pm, St Paul's Connect are excited to present an unforgettable theatre experience: professional actor Andrew Harrison in a new one-man show 'The Beloved Son', inspired by the tumultuous life of theologian Henri Nouwen. Expect laughter, tears and profound reflections on how we can learn about the love of God from those with intellectual disabilities.

Tea and Coffee - Many thanks to Jash and Liv's home group for serving tea and coffee on Sunday 17th March. On 24th March, Ann Birkett's home group will be on duty.

Easter at St Paul's 		
Sun 24 th March Palm Sunday	8.00am 10.00am 10.30am	Holy Communion (BCP) Palm Sunday Prayer Walk in the Parish Morning Worship, with distribution of Palm Crosses
Mon 25 th March	8.30pm	Night Prayer with Reflections (Compline)
Tues 26 th March	8.30pm	Night Prayer with Reflections (Compline)
Wed 27 th March	8.30pm	Night Prayer with Reflections (Compline)
Thurs 28 th March Maundy Thursday	6.30 for 7.00pm	Passover-style Supper and Holy Communion
Fri 29 th March Good Friday	11.00am 2.00pm 4.00pm	CTiB Service at St Edmund's followed by Walk of Witness to The Green, where there will be a short act of worship 'They met at Calvary' - Reflections on three people present at the Crucifixion Easter Family Tea and Activities
Sun 31 st March Easter Day	8.00am 10.30am	Holy Communion (BCP) All Age Family Communion Service

Community Notices

Church Times – Special Joining Offer. During March the Church Times is offering a special joining offer for just £10. New subscribers will receive their first ten issues for just £1 each. Leaflets with further details are available at the back of church or at www.churchtimes.co.uk/subscribe.

St George's Chamber Orchestra – Sunday 17th March, 5pm, at St George's Beckenham. See poster and flyers in church or go to www.sgco.co.uk for more information.

Concert with Londinium - Friday 22nd March, 7.30pm at St John's Waterloo, Waterloo Road, SE1 8TY. Heart's Music: the world of Stanford and Holst. The programme includes music by Stanford, Purcell, Howells, Holst, Coleridge-Taylor, Vaughan Williams.

Neighbourhood Gallery – Neighbourhood Church is excited to announce its first pop-up gallery. Running at set times through the week of 25th – 29th March, it features some of the artwork from New Zealand artist Jess Bond (*Salt & Gold*) and her *Footwashing* series. This free event aims to use the medium of art to engage and inspire people. The address is Cromwell Road, Beckenham, BR3 4LW. Details can be found at www.neighbourhoodchurch.org/gallery.

Job Opportunities with Rochester Diocese – The Diocese of Rochester is recruiting for a Director of Mission and Ministry Development Work and a Communications Officer. Information about both these vacancies can be found here: Diocese of Rochester Vacancies | Church of England

The Bereavement Journey – 7 sessions of films and discussion for anyone who has been bereaved, at any time and in any way. On Wednesdays, beginning 24th April, 2 – 4pm at Christ Church Beckenham in the main hall. To find out more, visit The Bereavement Journey and/or contact Helen on 020 8650 3847, office@ccb.org.uk. See also posters and flyers in church.

Foodbanks – Please note that, for the time being, while work is taking place in the vicarage, the tubs for foodbank donations are in the main church entrance and near the vicarage garage. Please leave donations in a strong carrier bag. The following are particularly needed: Tinned meat, fish, vegetables, baked beans; pasta, long-life milk, cereal and sanitary towels. Please double-check items are in date and do not contain any alcohol. On behalf of their clients, CAP and Living Well are very grateful for all our donations.

OMF Thailand - Mission of the Month (March & April)

Our mission of the month in March/April is OMF Thailand, and the missionary we support is Julia Birkett. She is a language adviser, and this involves training in Thai language and culture. Julia manages Thai teachers and prepares learners for the mission field, which can include other missionary organisations. Work takes place in Lopburi, and can take the form of 'Daniel Training' sessions. Julia is also the training and development co-ordinator for the Thai field. This year she is being joined by Jill Ramer; please give thanks for Jill's visa which was processed smoothly.



'What's in a smile?' OMF Thailand has produced a new magazine with stories of struggle and transformation in Thailand, and giving prayer points. Please do use this new resource individually or in groups you are a part of. You can find the online version here: <https://thailand-prayer.net/>

Please pray...

- for the visits by pupils and staff from Worsley Bridge School this week, for 'Experience Easter', when they will hear the Easter story.
- for the PCC meeting on Wednesday.
- for the Connect Café on Saturday 23rd March.
- for all of us during Lent, that we will make space for God, that we would grow in grace and faith, and that we will look out for the opportunities God gives us.
- for the preparations in churches for Easter.
- for our children and young people, giving thanks for all the volunteers who teach them in our Sunday Squad and youth group and praying for more people to join the team.
- for wisdom and peace for all the areas of the world where there is war and conflict.
- for CAP and Living Well, and for all those who need their help and support.
- for all those struggling with health problems or increasing frailty.
- for all who bear the burden of care for friends or family members.
- for all in hospital or care homes, having treatment or awaiting appointments.
- for all who are grieving the loss of a loved one, praying particularly for the family and friends of John Collins.



On our Electoral Roll we pray for Joan Waters, Sheila Weaver, Roger and Gail Wells, and for our parishioners in Grangewood Lane.

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