

# ST PAUL'S BECKENHAM



## E-Notice Sheet

6<sup>th</sup> June 2021

8.00am	<b>Holy Communion (BCP)</b> – With Rev. Simon Couper
10.00am	<b>Holy Communion</b> Theme: And it was Good With Rev. Simon Couper Reading: Genesis 1: 1-23, read by Ann Birkett Prayers: Marion Blakely
(11.15am)	(No Family Service this week)
(7.00pm)	(No Youth Group this week)
<i>The 10am service will be live-streamed and available via the St Paul's <a href="#">YouTube channel</a> or on our website <a href="http://www.stpaulsbeckenham.org.uk">www.stpaulsbeckenham.org.uk</a>.</i>	
<i>Social-distancing measures are in place for services in the church, and we would ask you to please wear a mask (unless you are exempt) and to sanitise your hands on arrival. A reminder not to congregate on the pathways outside, after services. We will be able to be in a group of six (or two households), but should not move from one group to another.</i>	

### Special Prayer or Collect for the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Trinity

God of truth, help us to keep your law of love and to walk in ways of wisdom,  
that we may find true life in Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.

### Church Open for Private Prayer

The church building is open for private worship between 9am and 4pm every day.

**Collection** - There is an offertory plate and a card reader at the back of church on Sundays if you would like to contribute financially towards the work and ministry of St Paul's. Details about regular giving, standing orders and Gift Aid are available. It is also possible to give through our website; the secure payment facility can be found on the following link: [www.stpaulsbeckenham.org.uk/giving](http://www.stpaulsbeckenham.org.uk/giving).

<i>What's On This Week</i>		
Wed 9 <sup>th</sup> June	3.00pm	Wednesday Friendship Support Group – in the church garden
Thurs 10 <sup>th</sup> June	7.30pm	Prayer for our Nation and Community (by Zoom)
Sun 13 <sup>th</sup> June 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Trinity	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10.00am	<b>Morning Worship</b> Theme: Lessons from Pre-History – Dominion or Domination Reading: Genesis 1: 24 – 30 With Rev. Simon Couper and Simon Dalwood
	11.15am	<b>The 11.15</b> - All Age Worship, with Holy Communion With Rev. Simon and Anna, including a craft activity
	7.00pm	Youth Group

### *Sermon Series June and July*

#### **In the Beginning: Lessons from Genesis 1 - 11**

The book of Genesis is a fascinating text. It is alien and familiar all at once, exciting in us a sense of awe. It belongs to a long-forgotten age, touching upon themes that resonate deeply with the human psyche such as origins, morality, and purpose.

And yet the early chapters of Genesis, in particular, have long been the subject of great critique. We may well ask ourselves, "How can these things be taken seriously by the modern mind?" and "How can these things be believed in the light of contemporary science?" These are good questions, and they long pre-date the vapid rhetoric of the "New Atheists," and even of the enlightenment. So how are we to engage with the themes of creation, fall, and flood?

This term, we will be looking at Genesis 1 - 11, with a degree of sophistication lacking in the adolescent critique that owes more to scientism than the actual scientific method. We will be engaging Genesis as a theological text, and not a scientific manual. In so doing, we will connect with contemporary concerns like ecology and responsibility, the origins of morality, and the human quest for ascent.

6 <sup>th</sup> June	Genesis 1:1-23	<i>And it was Good</i>
13 <sup>th</sup> June	Genesis 1:24-30	Dominion or Domination
20 <sup>th</sup> June	Genesis 1:31 - 2:3	Keep it Holy
27 <sup>th</sup> June	Genesis 2:15 - 25	<i>It is not Good</i>
4 <sup>th</sup> July	Genesis 3:1-13	A talking snake?!
11 <sup>th</sup> July	Genesis 4:1-16	Crying out from the ground
18 <sup>th</sup> July	Genesis 9:1-17	So many animals!
25 <sup>th</sup> July	Genesis 11:1-9	Aiming for the stars

## *St Paul's Notices*

**Help with Audio/Visuals** – Do you have an interest in, or experience with, audio visual equipment? We need to expand our teams. If this is something you would be interested in, please have a word with Simon Dalwood. Full training will be given.

**Thoughts for the Day** – Please do keep these coming in - send your TFTD (voice-recorded or as written transcripts) to Rev. Simon.

## *Community Notices*

**Open Garden – for St Christopher's** – 33 Manor Way, Beckenham BR3 3LN, Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> June, 11am – 5pm. Entry is £6, with supervised under-11s free. Pre-booking is advised, but not essential ([www.stchristophers.org.uk/manorway](http://www.stchristophers.org.uk/manorway)). Refreshments available, plant sale (please bring own bags), partial disabled access, sorry – no dogs. More information on noticeboard in south aisle.

**Open Garden at Bishopscourt** (24 St Margaret's Street, Rochester, ME1 1TS) as part of the National Garden Scheme. Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> June, 1 – 5pm. Tickets £5, children free. See the NGS website [www.ngs.org.uk](http://www.ngs.org.uk). There will be tea and cake and a plant stall. Disabled parking only. Bridget Langstaff: 07816 828439 [bridget.langstaff@btinternet.com](mailto:bridget.langstaff@btinternet.com)

**Refugee Simulation Experience 14<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> June**, Coney Hall Baptist Church. Experience an immersive, walk-through exhibition and hear real-life stories from those who made the journey into Uganda and currently live in the BidiBidi camp. Each story is different, but the feelings of fear, confusion, loss, hope, courage and resilience are universal. Book free tickets at [www.hopehealthaction.org/forcedtofly](http://www.hopehealthaction.org/forcedtofly). More info on noticeboard in south aisle.

**Walk in aid of Welcare in Bromley** - When: anytime in the week of 21<sup>st</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> June.  
Where: any Bromley Circular walk (find online at [www.bromley.gov.uk](http://www.bromley.gov.uk)) or wherever you like. Donate: £5 per person suggested, but more if you can. Please give cash or cheques by 12<sup>th</sup> July to Alison Dockray, one of the churchwardens or Stephanie in the office. Cheques should be made payable to Welcare (on reverse: Welcare in Bromley) or send to Alison Dockray, 9 Reddons Road, Beckenham BR3 1LY.

**Celebration and Remembrance of Anne Lea** – We are invited by Anne's family to join a celebration and remembrance of Anne on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> July, from 12.30pm for a buffet lunch in Christ Church Hall, 1a Christ Church Road, Beckenham, BR3 3LE. If you would like to send a few memories of Anne, in words and photos, kindly send to her sister Helen. RSVP by 12<sup>th</sup> June to [hlea.nopo@googlemail.com](mailto:hlea.nopo@googlemail.com), 01420 85866 or Near Old Post Office Cottage, Winchester Road, Chawton, Alton, GU34 1SA.

**Foodbanks** – Foodbank donations can be left in the plastic tub outside the Vicarage. The following items are particularly needed at the moment: cereals, long-life milk, coffee, rice, pasta, spaghetti, pasta sauce, tinned rice pudding, tinned custard, tins of pulses, baked beans, tinned tomatoes, soup, tinned meatballs/stew, tinned fruit and vegetables including potatoes, toilet rolls, deodorant, sanitary towels, and toiletries. Please ensure donations do not contain alcohol and are well within their sell-by date. If you can bring items in a plastic carrier bag, that is helpful, and any additional strong carrier bags would also be appreciated.

**Daily Hope – A free phonenumber** where you can listen to hymns, prayers and weekly services from the Church of England. There is also a 'sleep well' option, and some chair exercises. The number 0800 804 8044 is available 24/7.

**Help the Diocese find a new Bishop** - With Bishop James retiring in July, the search has begun to find the next Bishop of Rochester. The Diocese would like to know what matters to us, as this will help identify the qualities needed in the next Bishop. Please click [here](#) for more information and to respond to the short survey. Responses need to be in by midnight on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> June.



***Mission of the Month for May and June - Nick & Harriet Algeo with Crosslinks, at Servants of the Word College in The Gambia***



For Nick and Harriet, Sunday gatherings in their front room of various local people have been a joy. Sometimes these meetings are with a group of children, sometimes with Christians, sometimes with Muslims and sometimes with some of their students. God always sends someone, and they trust that he has a purpose in bringing that person on that day to hear that specific word. The Algeos would love a bit more continuity so that people can get the most out of the consecutive preaching. Despite the happy chaos of

a variety of languages, the gatherings seem to be valued by those who come - pray with the Algeos that their time together serves and grows the Christians in the village, most of whom are unable to read the Bible for themselves. (*Algeo Games Night*)

***Please pray...***

- for Bishop Rose Hudson-Wilkin and the theology event on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup>.
- for children, young people and teachers as they go back to school.
- for all those affected by knife attacks and for protection on the streets.
- for wisdom for our Government and all those in position of leadership.
- for vaccination programmes, both globally and in the UK.
- for opportunities and protection for journalists and others who are determined to expose corruption, oppression and exploitation.
- for help for OFCOM and other agencies to foil attempts to destroy systems and cause harm to others.
- for all those known to us who are ill or in pain, for those suffering with long-Covid, for those in hospital and care homes, and for their families.
- for all experiencing anxiety or struggling with mental health issues - especially remembering young people; pray they would get the help and support they need.
- for those who are grieving the loss of a loved one.



On our Electoral Roll we pray this week for Jackie Allen, Mary Afolabi, Sylvia Armitage, Rufus Ballaster, and for our parishioners in Poole Close.

Get in touch...

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