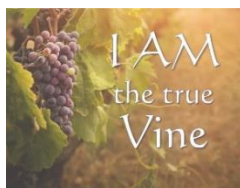


ST PAUL'S BECKENHAM



E-Notice Sheet

Sunday 28th April 2024

8.00am	<p>Holy Communion (BCP) With Paul Wright, Archdeacon Emeritus</p>
10.30am	<p>Morning Worship With Keith Howick and David Charlesworth Readings: Acts 8: 26-40 read by John Blakely John 15: 1-8 read by Ingrid Glenister 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. The service is now 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 after the 10.30am service.</i></p>
<p><i>The 10.30am service will be live-streamed and available via <u>St Paul's You Tube Channel</u></i></p>	

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

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

<i>What's On this Week</i>		
Sat 27th April	9.30am 7.30pm	Saturday Connect Café 'The Beloved Son' Theatre Event
Sun 28th April	12.30pm	Welcome Lunch (for 'newcomers' to St Paul's since Covid)
Thurs 2nd May	All Day 10.00am 2.30pm 7.30pm	Hall being used as a Polling Station Babies & Toddler Group (in the church) Friendship Group (in the church). All welcome Prayer for our Parish, Community and Nation (Zoom)
Sat 4th May	10.00am	Gardening Team – Please do come and join in!
Sun 5th May <i>6th Sunday of Easter</i>	8.00am 10.30am 12.00pm	Morning Prayer (BCP) Holy Communion With Keith Howick and Paul Wright, Archdeacon Emeritus Readings: Acts 10: 44-48 and John 15: 9-17 Baptisms

St Paul's Notices

Saturday Connect Café - Saturday 27th April, 9.30am – 11.30am. Bring your friends and neighbours (and yourself!) to our Connect Café. As well as good coffee, bacon butties and chat, the children's toys will be out, and we have a Book Exchange and a Green Corner. All free, but donations welcome. Our community litter-picking team will be out from 9.30am.

'The Beloved Son' – Saturday 27th April, 7.30pm. Tickets are available online [here](#) until 5pm on Saturday, or at the door (cash or card). This gripping play, in which Andrew Harrison plays multiple characters with dizzying speed, explores the tumultuous life of Catholic priest, academic and psychologist Henri Nouwen.

Many thanks to Marie Read for her donation for the **sanctuary flowers** in memory of her husband John.

On **Thursday 2nd May**, the hall is being used all day as a **Polling Station**, so it will not be possible to enter the church via the Lawn Road entrance.

Funeral Service for Sylvia Pickering – Wednesday 8th May, at 1pm at St Paul's, followed by tea/coffee and biscuits. All welcome.

Ascension Day Service – Thursday 9th May, 8pm, here at St Paul's. We are delighted that friends from the Methodist Church will be joining us for this service. Do please come along!

Annual Parochial Church Meetings (APCM) - The APCMs will be taking place on Sunday 12th May in the church hall. At 12 noon there will be the meeting for the Election of Churchwardens. This is followed by the APCM for the election of parochial representatives of the laity to the PCC and for consideration of an Annual Report, the financial statements for the year ending 31st December 2023, and other matters of interest. Please see the notices on the board in the main porch. As there will be vacancies on the PCC, please be thinking and praying about whether you would like to stand, or who you would like to nominate. Nomination forms are available in the north aisle of the church or from the PCC Secretary, Anne Howick.

Christian Aid Soup Lunch – Sunday 19th May, 12pm – 2pm. We look forward to enjoying a soup lunch together; the idea is to donate to Christian Aid what we would spend on our Sunday lunch.

Service of Thanksgiving for David Gillman – Tuesday 21st May, 12.30pm at St Paul's. Refreshments will be served after the service. All welcome.

Great Big Green Week – Help Needed! St Paul's will be hosting a Great Big Green Week event on Saturday 8th June in the afternoon. Speak to a member of the Eco team if you'd like to be involved or have any ideas. We'd like to festoon the church wall with non-plastic green heart bunting, so if you can craft/knit/crochet, please have a word with Liz S or Sandi. Donations of any plain green or green patterned fabric/felt/wool also appreciated. We also need old colourful socks to transform into washing-up sponges, and empty washing up and household cleaner bottles for a micro refill station. There are boxes at the back of church for these items. Thank you.

Prayer for the Interregnum and our new Vicar – Saturday 15th June, 9.30am – 12.30pm. Following on from our previous prayer mornings, we would love it if you could join us to cover the next stage in prayer, as we give thanks for the interregnum and look forward to welcoming Rev. Rachel Winn and the installation service on 11th July.

Shopping for Foodbank Donations - Many thanks to all who donate to the foodbanks. If you are unable to get to the shops but would like to donate, please speak to Anne Howick, who would be happy to help with shopping for the foodbanks.

Tea and Coffee - Many thanks to Jash & Liv's home group for serving tea and coffee on Sunday 28th April. On 5th May, Ann Birkett's home group will be on duty.

Community Notices

Concert with XBY Concert Band in aid of Welcare in Bromley – Saturday 27th April, 7.30pm, at St George's Church, Bickley Park Road, BR1 2BE. Tickets on the door £12 (concessions £10).

Elgar's The Dream of Gerontius – On Sunday 28th April, 5pm at Cadogan Hall, The London Chorus will be performing Elgar's The Dream of Gerontius. Tickets are available from the box office (020 7730 4500) or via www.cadoganhall.com.

An Evening of Music by Bach – Sunday 28th April, 6pm at All Saints Church, Orpington, BR6 0QD. With BYMT adult choir, orchestra and soloists. The best of Choral Bach, Magnificat BWV 243 and Choruses from Cantatas. Tickets available [here](#).

NSPCC Coffee Morning and Plant Sale – Saturday 11th May, 10am – 12pm, in the church hall, here at St Paul's. With tea, coffee, home-made cakes and plant stalls. All welcome.

Plant Sale in support of Living Well – Saturday 11th May, 3 – 4.30pm, at Holy Trinity Church, 66 Lennard Road, SE20 7LX. Plants and cakes available. With music by Sydenham Singers. All donations support Living Well.

St Christopher's Fun Walk – Sunday 12th May at Keston Common. For more information, and to sign up, go to www.stchristophers.org.uk/funwalk.

St George's Chamber Orchestra – Vivaldi 4 Seasons. Sunday 12th May, 5pm, at St George's. Vivaldi, Sandwich, Albinoni, Corelli, Paganini. Tickets £16/£5 under 25s can be bought via this link: www.stgeorgesarts.co.uk. See flyer in church for more details.

Foodbanks – Tubs for foodbank donations can be found in the main porch. The following items are particularly needed: Pasta sauce, tea, coffee, toilet rolls, tins of spaghetti, baked beans, kidney beans, pulses, sweetcorn, tuna, potatoes, meat. Please double-check items are in date and do not contain any alcohol. Please leave donations in a strong carrier bag.

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



The missionary we support with OMF Thailand is Julia Birkett. She is a language adviser, which involves training in the Thai language and culture. Julia manages Thai teachers and prepares learners for the mission field, both those with OMF and those with other missionary organisations.

Pray for the families juggling language learning and homeschooling and that the children will adjust well to being away from their home countries. Pray especially for Hannah, who is the only girl in the current group of six missionary children. It is often easier for the singles and those without children to get out and spend more time interacting with Thai people and using their Thai language skills.

Give thanks for all the Thai children who attended the children's camp at the beginning of April and received a storybook. Pray these will be read and re-read!



Please pray...



- for the Connect Café on Saturday 27th April.
- for 'The Beloved Son', the theatre event here at St Paul's on Saturday evening.
- for the local elections on 2nd May and for the smooth running of the Polling Station in our church hall.
- for those affected by the recent stabbings, praying particularly for all the children and staff at the school in Wales.
- for those injured by the charge of the Household Cavalry horses in London.
- for the police and emergency services, especially remembering those who experience distressing or traumatic events as they respond to accidents and serious cases.
- for victims of crime and their families.
- for the children and young people connected to St Paul's and their helpers/leaders.
- for St Paul's Pre-School, for the children, teachers and families.
- for all areas of the world where there is war and conflict.
- for CAP and Living Well, and for all who come to them for help and support.
- for all medical professionals, for wisdom, skill and compassion.
- for all in hospital, those recovering from an operation, having treatment or awaiting appointments.
- for all who are grieving the loss of a loved one, thinking especially of the family and friends of Sylvia Pickering and David Gillman.

On our Electoral Roll we pray for Eric and Lesley Barney, Ron and Pauline Barrett, and for our parishioners in Highland Croft.

Get in touch...

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Churchwardens: Anne Harkness 07768 992559; Anthea Prendergast 07811 530230

Parish Safeguarding Officer – Sandra Horner: 07701 069638; sandrahorne53@gmail.com.

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