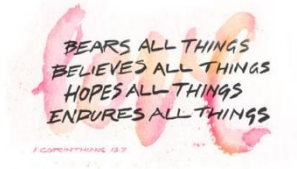


ST PAUL'S BECKENHAM



E-Notice Sheet

Sunday 15th February 2026

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP) – With Rev'd Rachel Winn
10.30am	Holy Communion Readings: 1 Corinthians 13: 1-13 read by Penny Power Luke 18: 31-43 read by David Storey Prayers: Led by Anne Howick With Rev'd Rachel Winn and Sarah Butler <i>Sunday Squad is not meeting this week. Children are very welcome in the service; there is a play space in the church and activity sheets for them. Sunday Squad will take place as usual next week on 22nd February. There will be a stay-and-play creche in the hall that parents/carers of babies and pre-schoolers are welcome to use, if you would like to.</i> <u>Prayer after the Service</u> – 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 Sunday next before Lent

Holy God, you know the disorder of our sinful lives: set straight our crooked hearts, and bend our wills to love your goodness and your glory, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

<i>What's On this Week</i>		
Sat 14 th Feb	9.30am 10.00am 11.00am	Purely Prayer – In the hall Gardening Team Baptism Mini Course – In the Chapel
Wed 18 th Feb Ash Wednesday	9.00am 7.30pm	Morning Prayer – in the Chapel Service of Holy Communion and Ashing for Ash Wednesday Readings: Joel 2: 12-17 and Matthew 6: 16-21 With Alison Charlesworth and Rev'd Rachel Winn
Thurs 19 th Feb	9.00am (10.00am) 2.30pm 6.30pm 8.00pm	Morning Prayer – in the Chapel (NO Babies and Toddlers – half term break) Friendship Group – Lent Musings, with Sandra Horner. All welcome Knit & Natter, Craft & Chatter Community Choir – in the hall
Fri 20 th Feb	9.00am	Morning Prayer – in the Chapel
Sat 21 st Feb	3.00pm	Funday Squad
Sun 22nd Feb <i>1st Sunday of Lent</i>	8.00am 10.30am	Holy Communion (BCP) – With Rev'd Neil Fairlamb Morning Worship with Baptism of Ashton Calvete Readings: Genesis 18: 1-10 and Matthew 25: 34-40 With Rev'd Rachel Winn and David Charlesworth

St Paul's Notices

Gardening Team – Saturday 14th February, 10am – 12 noon. The team is meeting this week instead of last week and would welcome extra help if you are available to come along. No tools or experience necessary; tea and coffee served!

Purely Prayer – Saturday 14th February, 9.30am – 10.30am. The most important aspect of us moving forward with God's vision for St Paul's is having a foundation of prayer. The first of our monthly prayer meetings is on Saturday 14th February, and these will take place on the second and fifth Saturdays of the month. Please join us in the hall for one hour, as we pray about our core values and learn to step out in faith and put our priorities into action.

Baptism Mini Course – Saturday 14th February, 11am – 1pm. Rev'd Rachel will be running a one-off session to look at baptism for young adults who are currently exploring the Christian faith. Please speak to Rachel if you are interested.

Ash Wednesday – Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, a time of reflection in which we prepare ourselves for Easter. We are holding a service of Holy Communion and Ashing on Wednesday 18th February, at 7.30pm.

Youth Alpha and Zoom Prayer will not be meeting on Wednesday 18th February, but will resume on 25th February.

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](#)



Carbon Fast for Lent - Traditionally Lent is a time of fasting, or giving something up to focus on God. A Rocha have a guided "Carbon Fast for Lent" to help us focus on how we might live our lives in a way to nurture God's creation more. More details and to sign up for weekly emails here: <https://arocha.org.uk/carbon-fast-26/>

Funday Squad for Ages 4 – 11. Saturday 21st February, 3 - 5pm. With food, arts and crafts, lots of games and fun. We have a number of bookings and would love even more children to come - please register via admin@stpaulsbeckenham.org.uk.

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 and support her family.

Church Directory – Don't forget, if you are an Electoral Roll member you can receive a copy of the church directory. Please collect a copy from members of the Comms Team at the back of church over the next couple of weeks or contact Stephanie in the church office.

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).

Good Friday Walk of Witness – Stewards needed! Please talk to Ann B or Anthea if you are interested in helping out with this. The CTiB Walk of Witness will take place 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 of all denominations 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 Harris group for serving tea and coffee on Sunday 15th February. On 22nd February, the Howick home group will be on duty.

Your PCC Matters: A Digest of February's PCC Meeting

The formal minutes will be made available on the PCC noticeboard at the back of church once they have been agreed.

- The Church Heating Working Group has been busy, visiting a church which recently installed a new system, meeting with consultants to hear advice about suitable solutions for St Paul's and sending out a brief to engage with potential suppliers. Rev'd Rachel expressed her appreciation for the way people have been bearing with the difficult situation graciously.
- In the light of a recent generous legacy, the PCC approved the establishment of a working group to take forward plans for a new electronic organ.
- Look out for three new, portable notice boards coming soon. PCC approved their purchase for use in the church and hall.
- We will shortly be submitting a request for a faculty (permission from the diocese) to remove 2 front pews on either side at the front of the church, to *trial* a more user-friendly space for the music group on one side and families with younger children on the other.
- Safeguarding is a regular item on the PCC agenda. At this meeting Sandra, our Parish Safeguarding Officer, presented a scenario we might encounter and asked us to discuss what would be the right steps to take. It was a very thought-provoking discussion.
- Finally, are you still feeling unsure about signing up for the Parish Giving Scheme? If so, there will be a private Help Hesk available at Connect Café on 28th February and after the 10.30am service on 1st March. Please see the small leaflets at the back of church.

Community Notices

5-Week Lent Course at Beckenham Methodist Church – Beginning on Wednesday 25th February, 12.15pm in the Richmond Room, to discuss the book 'The Re-Enchantment of Morality' by Richard Harries. Everyone is welcome.

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.

Torch Trust are looking for a prayerful, committed Christian to lead the Bromley Torch Fellowship Group for blind and partially-sighted people that meets on the second Sunday of each month, at 3pm in the Bromley Baptist church hall. The meeting lasts until 4pm and is followed by tea and fellowship. The leader, supported by a lovely group of people, arranges the meetings, leads them and keeps in touch with individual members, especially when they need help or prayer. For more information, please contact Diana Knights: 020 8325 5232 or diana.knights@ntlworld.com

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)

The Yakar translators don't get paid very much. They do it because they love it. But Julian writes, "We really need to find a way to increase Misha's salary, the main translator. He's got a family to provide for and if he wasn't doing this he could be earning twice as much. Pray that God will provide the extra money."

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

Please pray...



- for children, families and teachers on their half-term break this week.
- for all the young people attending the Youth Alpha course this term, and that they would come back after half term full of renewed enthusiasm.
- for the interviews this week for an Assistant Church Administrator.
- for the new Pastoral Care team.
- for the Heating Working Group as they explore new ways of heating the church.
- for the families of the two boys stabbed at a school in Brent, North West London.
- for the discussions at General Synod this week.
- for those competing at the Winter Olympics.
- for the Prince of Wales on his visit to Saudi Arabia.
- for all those in Tumbler Ridge, Canada, affected by the shooting at a school and home.
- for all areas of the world where there is war or conflict, for peace and reconciliation.
- 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.

On our Electoral Roll we pray for Jash and Olivia Masih, Jane McCartney, Maureen McHugh, and for our parishioners in Gainsborough Close.

Get in touch...

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Parish Safeguarding Officer - Sandra Horner: 07701 069638; safeguarding@stpaulsbeckenham.org.uk

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*