

ST PAUL'S BECKENHAM

E-Notice Sheet

Sunday 17th May 2026



8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP) – With Rev'd Neil Fairlamb
10.30am	<p>Morning Worship with Thanksgiving for 2025 Readings: Acts 1: 6-14 read by Marion Lowe Romans 12: 1-8 read by Penny Power Prayers: Led by Paul Lashmar With Rev'd Rachel Winn. During the service, there will be a lively lookback at 2025, as a prelude to a short APCM.</p> <p><i>No Prayer Ministry this Week - This Sunday, as the APCM will be immediately after the service, members of the prayer ministry group will not be available in the Chapel. There is a space in the south aisle for anyone who would like somewhere to sit for a time of quiet reflection and personal prayer, or please feel free to sit in the Chapel or pews.</i></p> <p><i>Children's Activities – Sunday Squad in the hall for children aged 4-11, and a stay-and-play creche that parents/carers of babies and pre-schoolers are welcome to use, if you would like to. The service is streamed in the hall.</i></p>
12.00pm	Annual Parochial Church Meeting – In the hall
The 10.30am service will be live-streamed and available via St Paul's You Tube Channel .	

Collect (Special Prayer) for the 7th Sunday of Easter

Risen, ascended Lord, as we rejoice at your triumph, fill your Church on earth with power and compassion, that all who are estranged by sin may find forgiveness and know your peace, to the glory of God the Father. Amen

What's On this Week

Fri 15 th May	9.00am	Morning Prayer - in the Chapel
	7.30pm	Community Choir Rehearsal for Evensong – in the Hall
Wed 20 th May	9.00am	Morning Prayer – in the Chapel
Thurs 21 st May	9.00am	Morning Prayer - in the Chapel
	10.00am	Babies and Toddlers
	2.30pm	Friendship Group – 'In the Calahari Desert, David and Marian Sewell. All welcome
	7.30pm	Prayers for our Parish, Community and Nation (on Zoom)
Fri 22 nd May	9.00am	Morning Prayer - in the Chapel
	7.30pm	Community Choir Rehearsal for Evensong – in the Hall
Sun 24 th May <i>Pentecost</i>	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP) – With Rev'd Rachel Winn
	10.30am	Morning Worship - With Rev'd Rachel and Keith Howick Readings: Acts 2: 1-21 and John 7: 37-39

St Paul's Notices

Thy Kingdom Come (TKC) Novena Booklets and Prayer Space– TKC is a global wave of prayer between Ascension Day (14th May) and Pentecost (24th May), for more people to know God. This year's theme is 'God with Us'. There are still Novena devotional booklets available, to help us pray for five people to encounter God. There is a dedicated **Prayer Space** in the church where you are welcome to sit and pray for God's transformative power to change lives.

Community Choir Rehearsals for Evensong – We will be holding an Evensong service here at St Paul's Church on Sunday 31st May, at 5.30pm, for which the choir rehearsals will be on Fridays 15th, 22nd and 29th May, at 7.30pm in the hall. All are welcome. David Storey (07989 251287).

APCM – Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place on Sunday 17th May. Come along to the 10.30am service, to **hear and see** a lively look back at 2025, as a prelude to a short APCM. A representative of every team will be sharing with us how God has used the team during 2025. After the service, we are encouraged to move into the hall for refreshments and for the formal parts of the APCM. There are still some vacancies on the PCC. Nomination forms and role descriptions are available at the back of church, and Anne Howick needs to receive nominations by 10am on Saturday morning.

Top of the Pew - It is possible, although not confirmed, that the St Paul's Top of the Pew team will be playing the first round of the quiz on Wednesday 20th May, at 7.30pm. This may be at home, or at Petts Wood. Please listen for any details on Sunday!!

Notice Sheet – Next week's Notice Sheet will cover Sundays 24th and 31st May. If there is anything you would like included, please let Stephanie know by Tuesday 19th May. Thank you.

Youth Explore – Our next Youth Explore session will be on Wednesday 27th May, at 7pm in the Chapel. Our young people meet together to dig deeper into the Christian faith.

World Day of Prayer Representative - St Paul's needs a new rep for the World Day of Prayer, when a service is held on the first Friday in March. The purpose of the day is that each country around the world prays for the selected country and its needs (eg Nigeria in 2026). The committee works through the prescribed programme, usually in 3 planning meetings - the first in November and the rest in the new year. Please contact Catherine Metcalf for more details.

Marathon Walk – On 13th June, David Sewell will be undertaking his seventh marathon on behalf of Prostate Cancer UK. If you would like to support him, his Just giving page can be found at <https://marchformen.prostatecanceruk.org/fundraising/davids-march-for-men-2026>. Or you can give him a cheque payable to Prostate Cancer UK. He is also very happy to take cash!!

Tea and Coffee - Many thanks to the Birkett home group for serving tea and coffee on Sunday 17th May. On 24th May, the Blakely home group will be on duty.

Mission of the Month (May and June): Hope into Action Bromley ... Empowering churches to end homelessness



It was good to hear an update from Rebecca Day, when she visited us at St Paul's last Sunday (10th May). If you missed the service, you can see the update at approximately 17 minutes on the following link: <https://www.youtube.com/live/OILOIE4Njmk?si=7pnWekw8WgEyHhBT>.

Hope into Action Bromley is working with [Hope into Action UK](#) and aims to see individuals, who are trapped in relational poverty and homelessness, proactively supported by the local church, through the provision of a home and a loving Christian support network. Please read the board at the back of church and notice donation and referral contacts.

Community Notices

A huge THANK YOU to everyone who supported the Living Well plant & cake sale last Saturday. £1,600 was raised in two hours, which will help support the most vulnerable in our local area. A great result!

Christian Aid Big Brekkie – Saturday 16th May, 9am – 12pm, at Beckenham Baptist Church, Elm Road, Beckenham. All welcome. Please see poster on the noticeboard in south aisle.

Messy Cathedral – Saturday 16th May, at Rochester Cathedral. 1pm– 3pm Activities; 3.15pm Worship; 3.45pm Picnic in the Garden (Bring your own). All ages welcome. Free event and no need to book. There is a sensory breakout space with tents and self-regulating activities for those who benefit from or need a quieter space.

Beckenham Concert Band perform Flamenco, Ellington, Bond & More – Saturday 23rd May, 7pm at Beckenham Baptist Church, with Conductor Dimitri Chrysostomou. Tickets £15 (£10 concessions, children free) on the door – card or cash. Retiring collection for Christian Aid.

Prayer Festival – Saturday 30th May, 10am – 4pm at St Benedict's Centre, West Malling. Exploring different ways of praying. With keynote speaker Canon Dr Neville Emslie (Director of Mission and Ministry, Canterbury Diocese), and workshops on Pilgrimage, Christian meditation, Celtic Prayer, Labyrinth, Praying with Dreams, Ignatian Prayer & the Jesus Prayer. For more information and to book, please go to the Rochester Diocese website or click here: [The Heart of Mission is Prayer](#).

Money Coaching - Want to get control of your finances, learn to budget and stick to it? CAP is running a FREE Money Coaching course on Friday 5th and Friday 12th June, 12.45pm – 3pm, at St John's Church Penge, SE20 7EQ. The trained Money Coaches will help you to understand how to better manage your money so that it isn't a constant worry and you can focus on what is important in life, knowing it is under control. Suitable for anyone at any level of income, it works for everyone! Please sign up using this [link](#) as they need to manage numbers.

Local screening of "The People's Emergency Briefing" - Friday 12th June, 7pm at Beckenham Methodist Church. Nine leading scientists and experts will give an update on the latest climate and nature crisis and its impact on everyday life, and this will be followed by a facilitated discussion on what this could mean locally. The event is free but pre-registration required. See poster on the Eco Board for the QR code, or at <https://bit.ly/3OsNlI4>

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. Please also ensure tins have **ring pulls**, as many people do not have a tin opener. It is very helpful if you can leave your donations in a **strong bag**.*

A General Thanksgiving

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble & hearty thanks for all thy goodness & loving-kindness to us & to all men. We bless thee for our creation, preservation, & all the blessings of this life; but above all for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, & for the hope of glory.

And we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we shew forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives; by giving up ourselves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

Please pray...



- for all who will be sharing during the service on 17th May and for the APCM.
- for 'Thy Kingdom Come' and for many people to encounter God.
- give thanks for Rebecca Day's visit last Sunday and for the work of Hope into Action Bromley. We pray for the two tenants to be able to build trust and good relationships.
- for our Youth Explore course and all the young people taking part.
- for children, young people and teachers preparing for exams this summer.
- for the government, and for wisdom and discernment for the counsellors who were elected last week.
- for the Princess of Wales on her visit to Reggio Emilia in Northern Italy to learn about its child-led approach to pre-school education.
- for all areas of the world where there is violence, war or conflict, and for wisdom for all those involved in peace talks.
- for President Trump's visit to Beijing.
- for safety for all those attending the FA Cup final on 16th May at Wembley.
- for all those affected by the outbreak of hantavirus and who now have to be in isolation for a long time.
- for CAP and Living Well, and for all who come to them for support and guidance.
- for those in hospital, receiving treatment, recovering from operations.
- for the families and friends of the three young women who drowned in Brighton.
- for all those struggling with health problems or increasing frailty.
- for all who are grieving the loss of a loved one.

On our Electoral Roll we pray for Caroline Welby, Eleanor Welby, Roger and Gail Wells, and for our parishioners in Lawn Road.

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 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*