



ST PAUL'S BECKENHAM

Sunday 8th February 2026

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP) – With Rev'd Neil Fairlamb
10.30am	<p>Morning Worship and Baptism – In the Church</p> <p>Readings: Romans 8: 18-25 read by James Bramwell Matthew 6: 25-34 read by Penny Power</p> <p>Prayers: Led by Ian Johnson With Keith Howick and Rev'd Rachel Winn</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> <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.</i></p>

The 10.30am service will be live-streamed and available via [St Paul's You Tube Channel](#).

Collect (Special Prayer) for the 2nd Sunday before Lent

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image:
teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit
reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever. Amen.

What's On this Week		
Sat 7 th Feb	10.00am	Gardening Team
Mon 9 th Feb	7.30pm	PCC Meeting
Wed 11 th Feb	9.00am 7.00pm 7.30pm	Morning Prayer – in the Chapel Youth Alpha – in the hall Prayer for our Parish, Community and Nation (on Zoom)
Thurs 12 th Feb	9.00am 10.00am 2.30pm 8.00pm	Morning Prayer – in the Chapel Babies and Toddlers Friendship Group – Quiz with Ann Birkett. All welcome Community Choir – in the hall
Fri 13 th Feb	9.00am	Morning Prayer – in the Chapel
Sat 14 th Feb	9.30am 11.00am	Purely Prayer – In the hall Baptism Mini Course – In the Chapel
Sun 15 th Feb <i>Sunday next before Lent</i>	8.00am 10.30am	Holy Communion (BCP) – With Rev'd Rachel Winn Holy Communion Readings: 1 Corinthians 13: 1-13 and Luke 18: 31-43 With Rev'd Rachel Winn and Sarah Butler

St Paul's Notices

Gardening Team – Saturday 7th February, 10am – 12 noon. The team would welcome extra help if you are available to come along. No tools or experience necessary; tea and coffee served!

We are delighted to welcome Jacob **for baptism** on Sunday 8th February, with his parents, godparents, family and friends.

Lent Booklet – The Church of England's theme for Lent 2026 is 'Draw Near: Life-giving habits for Lent'. If you would like to order a copy of this booklet (£2.99), there is still time! Please let Stephanie know by first thing on Monday morning, 9th February.

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.

Youth Alpha continues this Wednesday (11th February), starting with a meal at 7pm; you are welcome to join us, even if you haven't made any of the other sessions. Please note we are taking a break for half-term week on 18th February, when there will be an Ash Wednesday service (see below). Youth Alpha then re-starts on 25th February.

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

Funday Squad for Ages 4 – 11. Saturday 21st February, 3 – 5pm. With food, arts and crafts, lots of games and fun. Please register via admin@stpaulsbeckenham.org.uk. To run this event, we need a minimum number of people, so if you are intending to sign up, please do so by Monday 9th February, otherwise we will have to postpone this event.

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.

Assistant Church Administrator Vacancy – The deadline for applications is Monday 9th February.

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).

Sanctuary Flowers - Many thanks to those who have arranged the flowers in the sanctuary or given a donation for the flowers in memory of a loved one. There are a number of weekends which are not sponsored, so if you would like to arrange or sponsor the flowers in future, please speak to Anne Howick.

Sermon Notes on Website – When sermon notes are available, they will be put on our church website, under the 'Worship' tab.

Tea and Coffee - Many thanks to the Blakely home group for serving tea and coffee on Sunday 8th February. On 15th February, the Harris group will be on duty.

Community Notices

Welcare Fundraiser: Bob Ogley is giving a talk on the 1987 Great Storm. Saturday 7th February, 3pm at St Peter & St Paul Church hall, Bromley (behind Primark). Light refreshments and raffle. Cost: £10 on the door, but please register attendance to sheilabee498@gmail.com or telephone 01689 851605, for catering purposes.

Allegri Singers: Tudor Reflections. Saturday 7th February, 7.45pm, St Mark's Church, Westmoreland Road, Bromley BR2 0TB. Exploring Tudor choral masterpieces and their modern echoes. Tickets £15 (u18 £5), via [Allegri Singers – A chamber choir in the London Borough of Bromley](#) or on the door.

Quiet Mondays – 9th February (and every second Monday of the month), 5pm – 6pm, at St Edmund's Church Hall. Everyone is welcome to join this time of contemplative prayer in the Christian tradition: with stillness, silence, simplicity and stability. 'Let's pause for a while, leave the chatter of the crowd, make a pilgrimage to the heart in silence and stillness. Let's return to the source where springs of Peace and Unity well up for the refreshment of all.'

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. Please also ensure tins have ring pulls, as many people do not have a tin opener.* Please leave your donations in a **strong bag**. If you have any spare strong bags it would be most helpful if you could leave them in the tubs in the porch, as CAP and Living Well do not currently have enough bags.

Wycliffe Bible Translators – Mission of the Month (Jan & Feb)

Julian and the Yakar team are currently doing the final check of Leviticus. It's been slow-going as Leviticus is so detailed and complex! Pray for wisdom and sharp minds so that they can finish it soon." Please see the mission board at the back of church for more information.



Update from Julia Birkett - Please click on the following link to read Julia's latest update, or contact Stephanie in the Church Office. [Birkett Feb 26.pdf](#)

Children's Mental Health Week (9th - 15th February)

Lord, many young people currently experience mental health issues;
please grant wisdom to families, teachers, counsellors, medical professionals and others
to help them heal and recover their lives, free from anxiety and negative beliefs.

May they find good friends. In your mercy, Amen.

Please pray...

- for the Youth Alpha course on Wednesday evening.
- for the process of appointing an Assistant Church Administrator.
- for the Heating Working Group as they explore new ways of heating the church.
- for Archbishop Sarah Mullally, her family, and those who are working with her.
- for children with special needs, and for their families and teachers.
- for vulnerable adults and all who care for them.
- for all those in authority.
- 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 Marion Lowe, Herbert and Ethel Mafohla, Liz Martin, and for our parishioners in Daleworth Close.

Get in touch...

Administrator - Stephanie Fox: 020 8650 0501, admin@stpaulsbeckenham.org.uk

Office hours: Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9.15am – 2.15pm

Vicar - Rev'd Rachel Winn: 07566 274388, vicar@stpaulsbeckenham.org.uk

Churchwardens - Anne Harkness: 07768 992559; Anthea Prendergast: 07811 530230

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*