



E-Notice Sheet



ST PAUL'S BECKENHAM

Sunday 2nd February 2025

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| 8.00am | Holy Communion (BCP) With Rev'd Neil Fairlamb |
| 10.30am | <p>Holy Communion With Rev'd Clive Grinham and Sarah Butler</p> <p>Readings: Hebrews 2: 14-18 read by David Sewell Luke 2: 22-40 read by Liz Spencer</p> <p>Prayers: Led by Anne Howick</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, 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 | |

Special Prayer for Candlemas (Presentation of Christ in the Temple)

Lord Jesus Christ, light of the nations and glory of Israel:
make your home among us, and present us pure and holy
to your heavenly Father, your God, and our God. Amen.

| <i>What's On</i> | | |
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| Sat 1 st Feb | 10.00am 1pm – 4pm | Gardening Team Ell's first birthday party |
| Wed 5 th Feb | 9.00am | Morning Prayer – in the Chapel |
| Thurs 6 th Feb | 9.00am | Morning Prayer – in the Chapel |
| | 10.00am | Babies & Toddler Group |
| | 2.30pm | Friendship Group: Music with Marion. All welcome. |
| | 7.30pm | Prayer for our Parish, Community and Nation (on Zoom) |
| Fri 7 th Feb | 9.00am | Morning Prayer – in the Chapel |
| Sun 9th Feb <i>4th Sunday before Lent</i> | 8.00am | Morning Prayer (BCP) – With Keith Howick |
| | 9.00am | Breakfast and Chat - with Julian Shelton |
| | 10.30am | Morning Worship Readings: Psalm 67 and Revelation 7: 9-12 With Sarah Butler and Julian Shelton |
| | 4pm – 5.30pm | Youth Group – at St John's Church Penge, SE20 7EQ |

St Paul's Notices

Gardening Team – Saturday 1st February, 10am. You are very welcome to come and join our wonderful gardening team to help keep our much-loved church garden looking lovely. No tools or experience needed. Tea and coffee provided!

Little Ell's first Birthday Party - Claire and Sylvan would like to extend an open invitation to the church family, to celebrate Ell's first birthday with them on Sat 1st Feb between 1pm and 4pm, in the church hall here at St Paul's. Food will be a bring-and-share, so dust off your favourite recipes! Please let Claire know if you can make it (07540 172917) or just pop by.

Church keyholders - The church wardens are currently reviewing the record of church keyholders. If you have church keys in your possession, on Sunday 2nd February after the 10.30am service, please could you come with your keys to see us at the back of church. We will be checking keys against the records, receiving keys that are no longer required (please put them in an envelope with your name on), colour tagging keys, and identifying if anyone requires a personal safety alarm. If you can't make the date, please do contact us to arrange another time. Thank you!

Julian Shelton's Visit - Sunday 9th February. There will be an opportunity to meet him over breakfast at 9am, when coffee, croissants and fruit salad will be provided, and to hear about his work in 'Yakarland' with Wycliffe Bible Translators (our Mission of the Month), both at the breakfast and during the 10.30am service. Everyone is very welcome.

Youth Group (joining with Holy Trinity with St John's) – Saturday 9th February, 4pm – 5.30pm at St John's Church Penge, SE20 7EQ. On this occasion, we meet at St John's to enjoy snacks, create and design a gingerbread masterpiece, explore who we are in God together and have fun games.

Super Soup Lunch – Friday 14th February, 12 noon at the back of church. Everyone is welcome! Join us for delicious homemade soup with crusty bread, and enjoy a warm, relaxing space, friendly company and conversation. There is no charge, although donations are welcome.

Church Office and Notice Sheet – Please note that the Notice Sheet that comes out on Friday 14th February will cover Sundays 16th and 23rd February. Stephanie will need any items for inclusion in this by Wednesday 12th February. The church office will be closed on Monday 10th February and during the week beginning 17th February.

St Paul's Pre-School - Our pre-school numbers are growing and we are looking for help, whether on a regular basis or every now and then, both in the setting with the children and with the trustees' work. Contact Liz Spencer 07884 426585.

Sanctuary Flowers - If anyone would like to make a donation or arrange the sanctuary flowers, in celebration of an event or in memory of a loved one, there are several Sundays that are available. Please speak to Anne Howick or contact her on kandahowick43@aol.com or 020 8658 0808.

Top of the Pew - Each year CTiB (Churches Together in Beckenham) run a quiz competition between local churches of all denominations. St Paul's has taken part, with varying degrees of success, for several years. It involves a couple of rounds, a semi-final and a final, mainly on Sunday evenings. If you are an avid quizzier and would be interested in being in the St Paul's team, please contact Ann Birkett, birketta@btinternet.com. It would be good to have some new members on the team. There are rounds on a variety of topics, one of which is a Bible round. Supporters at these events, which take place at different churches, are always very welcome.

Knit & Natter, Craft & Chatter – Dates for your diary: The next gatherings will be on Thursdays at 6.30pm – 8pm, on 20th February, 6th March and 20th March.

Tea and Coffee – Many thanks to the Brackley home group for serving tea and coffee on Sunday 2nd February. On 9th February, the Wells home group will be on duty.

Happy Birthday

to everyone at St Paul's who has a birthday in February!



Lent Courses

CTiB (Churches Together in Beckenham) have organised a programme of five evening sessions on Tuesdays during Lent, beginning on 11th March. These will take place 7.30pm – 9.15pm at St John's Church, Eden Park Avenue, BR3 3JN. Choose from four workstreams:

- Come and Sing – led by David Storey (member of St Paul's)
- Lent in the early days of Christianity – led by Ray Shergill (Curate at Holy Trinity with St John's)
- Resolve – led by Keith Howick - (member of St Paul's)
- Plenty! Joy in Enough – led by Jonathan & Joanne Spink (members of Avenue Baptist Church)

Leaflets with more information and how to book are available at the back of church. You can return the form to Ann B or Anthea, or book online, by 25th February.

Community Notices

Sydenham Singers Spring Celebration – Wednesday 5th February, 6.30pm at Holy Trinity Church, Lennard Road, SE20 7LX. Singing, sharing, socialising and refreshments. Entry by voluntary donation to Living Well.

Foodbanks - Tubs for foodbank donations, which are shared between Living Well and CAP can be found in the porch, by the main church entrance. The following items are particularly needed: rice, pasta sauces, coffee, tins of: spaghetti, cold meat, curry, stew, fruit, potatoes. Please ensure tins have ring pulls, as many people do not have a tin opener. Please leave donations in a strong carrier bag. *Please also double-check items are in date and do not contain any alcohol.*

Homelessness

Hope into Action Bromley are about to house another tenant, and this Christian charity has volunteers from a number of churches to offer befriending, support and Christian love to help sustain the tenant in their new home. If you have a heart for helping the homeless, you are welcome to join Rev'd Rachel at the Befriending and Support meeting on Tuesday 18th March from 7.30pm – 8.30pm and find out how you can play a part either practically or face-to-face with the tenant.

Citadel – This is another initiative for homelessness, which you can find out more about on Thursday 6th February, 7.30pm, at the St John's site of Holy Trinity with St John's, SE20 7EQ. Citadel is a volunteer-led homelessness prevention project supporting people experiencing, or at risk of homelessness in their community. The project matches volunteers with people who experience homelessness, and volunteers can also choose to help in other ways, including DIY and form filling. If you can't make the meeting, feel free to email Carl for more information at c.francis@housingjustice.org.uk.

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



We are looking forward to Julian's visit to St Paul's on Sunday 9th February. We have invited him for "coffee and croissants" at 9am in church to give us news and answer questions, and he will give us more news at the 10.30am service.

The "Yakar" people were at least nominally Christian for several centuries and Christianity and Islam co-existed for a long time until the Russian-Caucasian war in the 18th century hastened mass conversion to Islam. But there remains a minority "Yakar" Christian community in the Caucasus and so the work of the "Yakar" Bible translation team is very important. Please pray for them and for Julian.

Please pray...



- for Julian's visit to us on 9th February.
- for everyone who attended the Resolve course.
- for all who were injured and the family and friends of all those who died in the plane crash in Washington.
- for all those affected by the crowd crush at the religious festival in India.
- for everyone affected by Storm Herminia.
- for the release of hostages and prisoners in Israel and Gaza to continue.
- for a way to be found to tackle the knife culture amongst young people.
- for people to keep warm.
- for CAP and Living Well, and for all those who need their help.
- for all workers in accident and emergency departments, paramedics and ambulance crews.
- for nurses, doctors and all who work in hospitals, hospices and care homes.
- for all those who are unwell or in pain, attending appointments or receiving home care.
- for all who are grieving the loss of a loved one.

On our Electoral Roll we pray for Steve Braithwaite, Helen Bretherick, Jill Brook, Simone Brown, and for our parishioners in Crouch 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; sandrahorners53@gmail.com.

Communion at Home – If you are unable to come to a Communion service but would like to receive Holy Communion at home, please get in touch with Rev'd Rachel or Anne Howick (020 8658 0808).

Verse for the Year 2025

'Christ makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love.'
Ephesians 4: 16 (New Living Translation)