



# ST PAUL'S BECKENHAM



E-Notice Sheet

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2022

8.00am	<b>Holy Communion (BCP)</b> – With Rev. Simon Couper
10.30am	<b>Morning Worship, with Baptisms</b> Theme: Verse for the Year Reading: Romans 15: 1-18, read by Ingrid Glenister Prayers: Led by Simon Dalwood With Simon Dalwood and Rev. Simon Couper  <i>Children's activities during the 10.30am service – There is a crèche for pre-schoolers and activities for children aged 4-11</i>
7.00pm	<b>Youth Group</b> (Please contact Rev. Simon for details)

*The 10.30am service will be live-streamed and available via the St Paul's [YouTube channel](#) or website [www.stpaulsbeckenham.org.uk](http://www.stpaulsbeckenham.org.uk).*

**Giving to the work of St Paul's** - There is an offertory plate and a card reader at the back of church on Sundays if you would like to contribute financially towards the work and ministry of St Paul's. There is also a donation box at the back of church during the week. Details about regular giving, standing orders and Gift Aid are available. It is also possible to give through our website; the secure payment facility can be found on the following link: [www.stpaulsbeckenham.org.uk/giving](http://www.stpaulsbeckenham.org.uk/giving).

### ***Special Prayer or Collect for the Conversion of St Paul***

Almighty God, who caused the light of the gospel to shine throughout the world through the preaching of your servant Saint Paul: grant that we who celebrate his wonderful conversion may follow him in bearing witness to your truth; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### ***Church Open for Private Prayer***

The church building is open for private worship between 9am and 4pm every day.

### ***Communion by Extension***

If you are unable to make our Communion services but would like to receive Communion, please do not hesitate to get in touch with Rev. Simon or Anne Howick.

<i>What's On This Week</i>		
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> January	8.00pm	Compline Service, to launch Praying through 150 Psalms
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> January	10.00am	Babies and Toddler Group
	2.30pm	Friendship Group – Marion Blakely
	7.30pm	Prayer for our Parish, Community and Nation (by Zoom)
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> January 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Epiphany	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10.30am	Morning Worship, with Baptism Theme: The Song of the Sea. Reading: Exodus 15: 1-18 With Sarah Butler and Rev. Simon Couper
	7.00pm	Youth Group (Please contact Rev. Simon for details)

### *St Paul's Notices*

We are delighted to welcome Dylan and Evelyn for **baptism** today, with their parents Gareth and Suzanne and their godparents.

**150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** - We are delighted to be launching our 150<sup>th</sup> jubilee year today, on the Sunday nearest to St Paul's Day. Rev. Simon will be preaching on our verse for the year, and there is a cupcake for everyone – please collect yours after the service!



**Praying through 150 Psalms** - On Monday 24<sup>th</sup> January we begin praying our way through all 150 Psalms as part of our 150<sup>th</sup> celebrations. Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday we are being encouraged to read a Psalm. It doesn't matter if you are an early bird or a night owl, the challenge is to read a Psalm at some point during the day. We kick things off with a special service of Compline, on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> January at 8pm, focusing on Psalm 1.

At the PCC meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> January, the PCC welcomed Mili Tharakan and Arun Thomas on to the Electoral Roll.

### *Community Notices*

**Vacancy for Experienced Early Years Practitioner** at the St Paul's Pre-School, for three mornings a week, term-time only. For more information, please contact Pre-school Chairman, Liz Spencer 07884 426585 or [bess@lizzs99.plus.com](mailto:bess@lizzs99.plus.com)

**Foodbanks** – Donations for Living Well and CAP foodbanks can be left in the tub outside the Vicarage. CAP has particularly asked for the following items: tins of tomatoes, baked beans, sweetcorn, potatoes, fish, cold meat, spam, ham, corned beef, fruit. Pasta sauce, long life milk, plain rice, toiletries. Please double-check that donated items are in date and do not contain any alcohol. It is also helpful if you can bring any donations in a strong carrier bag.



**Daily Hope – A free phonenumber of hymns, reflections and prayers.**

A reminder about the free national phone line, which offers music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services from the Church of England at the end of a telephone line. The line is available 24 hours a day on **0800 804 8044**.

## *Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 18<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> January*

There are still opportunities to share with other Christians in Beckenham in the second half of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity:

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> January**, 8pm. Camp Fire Worship (indoor!) Informal Time of Worship. Feel free to bring an instrument. Avenue Baptist Church, Avenue Road, BR3 4SA

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> January**, 8pm. Compline Service launching 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations. St Paul's, Brackley Road, BR3 1RB

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> January**, 8pm. Taize Service at Beckenham Baptist Church, Elm Road, BR3 4JB

## *Sermon Series – Israel's Folk Music: Songs beyond the Psalms*

There's no doubt that the Psalms are a rich collection of prayers and meditations. We might even consider it Israel's song book. But this is not to say that all Israel's songs are contained in the Psalms; there are other melodies and choruses to be found. Some of these even function like the folk songs of our own culture: telling a story or marking a significant historical event. Coming from Portsmouth, I have something of a soft spot for this type of music, and culinary efforts in the kitchen are often helped along with a strangled rendition of some sea shanty or other. Though arguably an unrefined form of music, these songs have a beauty and a gravity of their own. After all, song is an ancient and noble way of telling stories.

Although an imperfect analogy, we are in a sense turning to Israel's "folk music" - the songs not found in the song book. Throughout the Old Testament, there are rich and profound choruses, some of which, like the Song of the Sea from the book of Exodus, have even become Jewish liturgies still in use today.

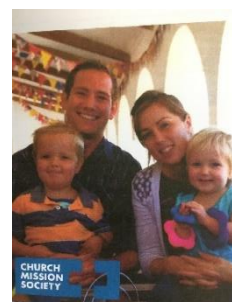
It is my prayer, that looking at these prayers over the next few weeks will enrich our own prayer lives, and the informal "folk" liturgies we weave into our own intercessions. *Rev. Simon*

30 <sup>th</sup> January	The Song of the Sea	Exodus 15: 1-18
6 <sup>th</sup> February	The Song of Moses	Deuteronomy 31:30 – 32:14
13 <sup>th</sup> February	Hannah's Prayer	1 Samuel 2: 1-10
20 <sup>th</sup> February	David's Song of Thanks	1 Chronicles 16: 8-36
27 <sup>th</sup> February	Zechariah's Song – The Benedictus	Luke 1: 67-80

## *Church Mission Society (CMS)*

### *Mission of the Month for January and February*

At St Paul's we concentrate our support for CMS on our link with Ben and Katy Ray, who are at present working at Iringa in Tanzania with disabled people, who are trained and work with Neema Crafts. Ben and Katy Ray have headed up the Neema Crafts Project for the past ten years. They are now seeking a new ministry in a wider context but still in Tanzania. Pray with them as they seek to clarify their vision and for the sensitivity to pull it into reality. Please see the display at the back of church.



### *A Prayer for those living with mental ill health*

God of the light and the darkness, we pray for those whose minds right now are locked in a living nightmare of pain and despair; for those whose condition puts them at risk, but who are not understood by others; for those who are drowning in a sea of destructive inner voices.

You are the God who speaks words of calm to the chaotic waves that threaten to engulf the vulnerable. Be the comfort and consolation of all whose minds are ravaged. By your grace, may they find the help they need and the warm assurance of those around them. We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

*Bishop Simon Burton-Jones*

### *Prayer Box*

A prayer box and prayer request papers are at the back of church, where you are welcome to submit a prayer request (anonymously if you prefer). These will be collected each week and prayed for sensitively by Rev. Simon and the Thursday prayer group.

### *Please pray...*

- for those affected by the volcano and tsunami in Tonga.
- for the government to make wise decisions.
- for our 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary year.
- for our children's and youth work.
- for Archdeacon Paul Wright as he prepares for retirement in February.
- for safety on the streets.
- for Street Pastors, for their walk and witness in High Streets, particularly in Beckenham.
- for Living Well, Christians Against Poverty, Deptford Reach and Welcare, for all the individuals and families they reach out to who are in need of food, clothing and support.
- for those who are struggling with debt or low income, and for those seeking employment.
- for all who have Covid and are self-isolating, and for all who are suffering with long-Covid.
- for those who are unwell, in pain or facing declining health.
- for those in hospital and those waiting for hospital treatment.
- for all involved in the interview process for the new Bishop of Rochester.
- for those who are grieving the loss of a loved one.



On our Electoral Roll we pray for Sheila Weaver, John Williams, Brian Woolmer, Graham Woolmer, Louise Woolmer, and for our parishioners in Gainsborough Close.

**Get in touch... Administrator** - Stephanie Fox: 020 8650 0501, [admin@stpaulsbeckenham.org.uk](mailto:admin@stpaulsbeckenham.org.uk)

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