



# ST PAUL'S BECKENHAM

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> and  
Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2025

Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> February – The 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Lent	
8.00am	<b>Holy Communion (BCP)</b> - With Rev'd Neil Fairlamb
10.30am	<p><b>Holy Communion</b> With David Charlesworth and Rev'd Clive Grinham Theme: Where are you rooted? Readings: Jeremiah 17: 5-14 read by Penny Power               Luke 6: 17-26 read by Olivia Masih Prayers: Led by Wesley Guy</p> <p><i>There will be no Sunday Squad today. There will be a stay-and-play creche in the hall that parents/carers of babies and pre-schoolers are welcome to use, if they 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>
12 noon	<b>PCC meeting with Liz Mullins</b> , Diocesan Giving Adviser – In the hall
<i>The 10.30am service will be live-streamed and available via <a href="#">St Paul's You Tube Channel</a></i>	

Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February – The 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent	
8.00am	<b>Holy Communion (BCP)</b> – With Rev'd Neil Fairlamb
10.30am	<p><b>Morning Worship</b> With Sarah Butler and Keith Howick Theme: Jesus calms the storm Readings: Revelation 4: 1 – 11 read by Ishmael Gowero               Luke 8: 22-25 read by Catherine Metcalf Prayers: Led by Suzanne Guy</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 they 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>
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### 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)

<i>What's On</i>		
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> Feb	9.00am 12.00pm	Morning Prayer – in the Chapel Super Soup Lunch – at the back of church
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> Feb	9.00am	Morning Prayer – in the Chapel
Thurs 20 <sup>th</sup> Feb	9.00am (10.00am) 2.30pm 6.30pm 7.30pm	Morning Prayer – in the Chapel (No Babies & Toddler Group – Half Term) Friendship Group: Tea and Chat. All welcome. Knit & Natter, Craft & Chatter Prayer for our Parish, Community and Nation (on Zoom)
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> Feb	9.00am	Morning Prayer – in the Chapel
Sat 22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	9.30am	Connect Café
Wed 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb	9.00am 7.30pm	Morning Prayer – in the Chapel PCC meeting
Thurs 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb	9.00am 10.00am 1.00pm  2.30pm  7.30pm	Morning Prayer – in the Chapel Babies & Toddler Group Funeral of David Peters, led by Paul Wright, Archdeacon Emeritus Friendship Group: 'Smetana, Ma Vlast' with David Storey. All welcome. Prayer for our Parish, Community and Nation (on Zoom)
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> Feb	9.00am	Morning Prayer – in the Chapel
Sat 1 <sup>st</sup> March	10.00am	Gardening team
<b>Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> March</b> <i>The Sunday next before Lent</i>	8.00am 10.30am	<b>Holy Communion (BCP)</b> <b>Holy Communion</b> Readings: Exodus 34: 29-35 and Luke 9: 28-36

### *St Paul's Notices*

**Update on Rev'd Rachel** – Rachel is recovering well but is off sick for another couple of weeks. She is very grateful for everyone's understanding and patience and is looking forward to being back with us. All services and activities will be continuing as usual.

Many thanks to Pam Hudson for her donation for the **sanctuary flowers** on 23<sup>rd</sup> February in memory of Maurice.

**Church Office** – Please note that the office will be closed during the week beginning 17<sup>th</sup> Feb.

**Knit & Natter, Craft & Chatter** – Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February, 6.30pm – 8pm. Everyone is welcome, regardless of age, experience or craft. This week we will be focusing on Easter crafts. If you have your own supplies, great! If not, do not worry because we have wool, crochet needles and knitting needles to start you off. Tea and coffee will be served. There is no charge, though donations are welcome. If you would like to be added to our WhatsApp group, please contact Olivia Masih on 07840 378033 with your name and number. We look forward to seeing you.

**Connect Café** – Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 9.30am – 11.30am. Bring your friends and neighbours (and yourself!). As well as the children's toys being out, we have a Book Exchange and a Green Corner. As ever, there will be good coffee and chat, with bacon butties and pastries ready for the hungry. All free; donations welcome. Our community litter-picking team will be out from 9.30am.

**Funeral of David Peters** – Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February, at 1pm, here at St Paul's Church. All welcome.

**Gardening Team** – Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> March, 10am – 12 noon. Everyone is welcome to come and join the team to help keep our church garden looking lovely. No tools or experience necessary; tea, coffee and biscuits provided!

**Following on from Julian Shelton's Visit** to St Paul's on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February, would you like to receive their "Shelton Snippets" for interest and prayer? It comes out about three times a year and keeps us up to date with the progress of his work with the Yakar team. If so, please contact Marie Read ([marieread1@gmail.com](mailto:marieread1@gmail.com) or Tel 020 8650 5654) and she will forward it to you.

**Access Audit** – We are planning to perform an access audit of the church, halls and grounds to assess how accessible they are for people with disabilities. We'll be touring the premises, discussing best practice, and looking at what we've got right and what we could improve. If you have any knowledge, skills, experience or interest in this area and would like to be involved in the inspection, please contact Anne Harkness.

**Tea and Coffee** – Many thanks to the Birkett home group for serving tea and coffee on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February and to the Blakely group for serving on 23<sup>rd</sup> February. On 2<sup>nd</sup> March, the Harris group will be on duty.

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



We had a great privilege to meet Julian and hear about his work Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February, and you may have taken away some urgent prayer requests – please do follow them up and pray. Here is more - Most people in the Caucasus do not read for pleasure, so there is a need for non-print products alongside printed Scripture materials. Please do pray for Julian as he works with the local translation team and the test readers to produce a translation which is technically correct and natural in the "Yakar" language and that they can also listen to on audio versions. The 70 Bible Stories can be heard in Russian and in Yakar and so be available as well as the translations of the Bible."

### *Update from Ben and Katy in Tanzania*

Ben and Katy Ray write, "There's so much need in every corner of our town for those living with disabilities," Please pray for Ben and Katy to be able to meet the needs of as many people as possible through providing wheelchairs and prostheses, building adaptive chairs and offering hope to those without employment. Pray for SAFI, the charity Ben and Katy have started, to be granted charitable status. For more information, click [here](#).

### *Lent Courses*

CTiB (Churches Together in Beckenham) have organised a programme of five evening sessions on Tuesdays during Lent, beginning on 11<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> February.

## ***Community Notices***

**Shift Evening Worship** - Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February, 5pm at St John's Eden Park. This is an informal service centred on worship, with time for prayer and reflection, and a chance to relax together in God's presence. Everyone is welcome.

**On the Wing: Choral Music on the Theme of Birds**, sung by Londinium, on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February, at St John's, Waterloo, at 7.30pm. More details at <https://www.londinium-voices.org.uk/>

**Greener and Cleaner Bromley** (the 'Hub' in the Glades) are offering free advice on saving energy, and help for anyone worried about their energy bills. There are drop-in sessions at the Hub on Fridays from 12.30 - 1.30. Enquiries to [energy@greenerandcleaner.co.uk](mailto:energy@greenerandcleaner.co.uk), or you can request a home visit via <https://rb.gy/aqxp6c>.

**Beckenham Photographic Society Exhibition** – In Christ Church Main Hall, Fairfield Road, BR3 3LE on the following dates: Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February, 11am – 7pm; Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February, 10am – 7pm; Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 10am – 4pm. Free admission.

**Deanery Synod is looking for a new Secretary.** This voluntary role entails attending Synod and Standing Committees, 3 of each annually, taking minutes, sending out agendas, inviting speakers and organising venues. Any interest, please contact Sarah Poole ([njgpoole@btinternet.com](mailto:njgpoole@btinternet.com)).

**Don't fudge it. Budget.** 28<sup>th</sup> February, 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> March, at Holy Trinity Church, Lennard Road, SE20 7LX. A free 3-day money coaching course run by Penge Debt Centre, designed to empower with the knowledge, skills, tools and confidence to manage finances better. Everyone is welcome to this free course, from budgeting experts to those struggling to get to grips with their finances.

**Elgar The Music Makers, Faure Cantique de Jean Racine, and Rand Piano Concerto No 3** - Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March, at 7.30 pm at Holy Trinity, Sloane Square, with The London Chorus, New London Orchestra, Emily Gray (mezzo soprano), Alan Brown (piano). For tickets visit [www.londonchorus.org.uk](http://www.londonchorus.org.uk).

**Brahms Requiem & Poulenc Gloria** - on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March, at 7.30pm, at Cadogan Hall, Sloane Square. With Sophie Bevan (soprano), Roderick Williams (bass), Kingston Choral Society and the Thames Sinfonia. Tickets at <https://cadoganhall.com/whats-on/kingston-choral-society-brahms-requiem-and-poulenc-gloria/>

**Play at Bromley Little Theatre - Welcare Fundraiser.** A special charity preview of 'Labour of Love' by James Graham on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April, 7.45pm, at Bromley Little Theatre, North Street, Bromley, BR1 1SD. Tickets £12 from Alison Dockray (020 8776 5584, [aliray1@hotmail.com](mailto:aliray1@hotmail.com)).

**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.*

## ***Special Prayers (Collects)***

**The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Lent** - Eternal God, whose Son went among the crowds and brought healing with his touch: help us to show his love, in your Church as we gather together, and by our lives as they are transformed into the image of Christ our Lord. Amen.

**The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent** - Almighty God, give us reverence for all creation and respect for every person, that we may mirror your likeness in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Please pray...***



- for the Knit & Natter, Craft & Chatter group on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February.
- for the Connect Café on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> February.
- for the PCC meeting on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February.
- for healing for Rev'd Rachel and for the church and leadership team while she is recovering.
- for the discussions about the assisted dying bill.
- for all those whose jobs will be affected by the closure of many shops.
- for a way to be found to tackle the knife culture amongst young people.
- for people to keep warm and to be able to pay their utility bills.
- for CAP and Living Well, and for all those who need their help.
- for all NHS workers and those who work in hospices and care homes.
- for all those who are unwell, in physical pain or mental distress.
- for all who are grieving the loss of a loved one, remembering particularly the family and friends of David Peters.

On our Electoral Roll we pray for Carol Brownie, David Bryan, Audrey Burford, Sarah Butler, Elizabeth Camden-Pratt, David and Alison Charlesworth and for our parishioners in Daleworth Close.

***Get in touch...***

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**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 Anne Howick (020 8658 0808).