



ST PAUL'S BECKENHAM



E-Notice Sheet

Sunday 20th September 2026

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP) – With Rev'd Rachel Winn
10.30am	Holy Communion - With Rev'd Rachel Winn and Rev'd Clive Grinham Readings: Jonah 3:10 – 4:11 read by Ishmael Gowero Matthew 20: 1-16 read by Roger Wells Prayers: Led by Anne Howick <i>Children's Activities in the Hall – Sunday Squad for children aged 4-11.</i> <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>
4.00pm	Pet Service , followed by refreshments With Olivia Masih and Rev'd Rachel Winn
<i>The 10.30am services are usually live-streamed; however if live-streaming is not possible, the service is recorded and made available after the service on <u>St Paul's You Tube Channel</u></i>	

Collect (Special Prayer) for the 16th Sunday after Trinity

Lord of creation, whose glory is around and within us:
open our eyes to your wonders, that we may serve you with reverence
and know your peace at our lives' end, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

<i>What's On this Week</i>		
Fri 18 th Sept	9.00am	Morning Prayer - in the Chapel
	7.30pm	Community Choir Rehearsal – in the Hall
Sat 19 th Sept	10.30am	Safeguarding Training, Foundation Level – in the Chapel
Wed 23 rd Sept	9.00am	Morning Prayer – in the Chapel
	7.00pm	Safeguarding Training, Foundation Level – in the Hall
Thurs 24 th Sept	9.00am	Morning Prayer - in the Chapel
	10.00am	Babies & Toddler Group
	2.30pm	Friendship Group – Quiz, with Ann Birkett. All welcome
	7.30pm	Explore Together
	7.30pm	Prayers for our Parish, Community and Nation (on Zoom)
Fri 25 th Sept	9.00am	Morning Prayer - in the Chapel
	10.00am	Funeral of Beryl White
	7.30pm	Community Choir Rehearsal
Sat 26 th Sept	9.30am	Connect Café
Sun 27 th Sept <i>17th Sunday after Trinity</i>	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP) – With Rev'd Rachel Winn
	10.30am	Morning Worship - With Keith Howick and Sarah Butler Readings: Philippians 2: 1-13 and Matthew 21: 23-32
	4.30pm	Community Choir Rehearsal
	5.30pm	Evensong With Community Choir, Rev'd Rachel and David Storey

St Paul's Notices

Safeguarding Training – We are running the Safeguarding Foundation course in person on Saturday 19th September, 10.30am – 12 noon and on Wednesday 23rd September, 7pm – 8.30pm. If you would like to attend one of these sessions, please contact Sandra Horner (safeguarding@stpaulsbeckenham.org.uk) or Rev'd Rachel (vicar@stpaulsbeckenham.org.uk). NB - You don't need to bring anything with you.

Many thanks to Gilbert Safarian for his donation for the **sanctuary flowers** in memory of his father.

Pet Service - On Sunday 20th September, at 4pm, we are holding a short service to celebrate our animal companions. If you have a pet that you are thankful to God for and would like to bring to St Paul's Church, we will sing (quietly!), share Scripture that celebrates animals and bless the creatures that bring us so much joy. If you do not have a pet, you are of course still welcome to come, and even to bring a non-live version! We will be serving refreshments after, for those whose pets can tolerate staying on. Please bring animals on a lead or in a travel basket and be sensitive as to where you sit in relation to other animals. Flyers available at the back of church.

Cakes for Pet Service – If you would like to make a cake/traybake for the refreshments after the pet service, this would be very welcome!

Connect Café - Saturday 26th September, 9.30am – 11.30am. With children's play table, book exchange and Green Corner. As ever, there will be good coffee and chat, with bacon butties and pastries ready. All free; donations welcome. Our litter-picking team will be out from 9.30am.

Evensong - Sunday 27th September, at 5.30pm, with the Community Choir. A peaceful service of choral music, prayer and reflection. Come and enjoy music, prayer, scripture and a quiet moment of reflection towards the close of the day. All are welcome.

Many thanks to Jill Brook for organising the Beetle Drive on Saturday, and to all who attended, where £700 was raised for the heating project.

Thank you - Rev'd Rachel would like to extend a huge thank you to Tim Harrington, who organised, coordinated and executed the summer BBQ, with minimum fuss and no drama whatsoever. Thank you to all the amazing volunteers who worked tirelessly to make the event a huge success. Somewhere between 250 and 300 people joined us for the afternoon and were entertained with superb live music, great food and great company. Thank you all for your hard work and effort, which gave glory to God!

Sample Chairs - Please sit on the sample chairs which are at the back of church by the offertory table. Try the weight, test the comfort, look at the prices, read the pros & cons for each chair – then vote (and put the slip in the box 'Chair Votes'). If you come in during the week, see which chair is good for a prayer! We have the chairs until the end of September so voting closes on 27th September. Waste no time!

Archives - The safe and organ loft contain many church records. To free up some space in the organ loft, we need to identify what needs to be thrown away, stored in church, or moved to the Bromley Library archives. Stephen Parkin kindly agreed some time ago to perform this task, and he's got some time free in October to do it. However, he could really do with someone to help him. If you are interested, please speak to Anne Harkness.

Garden Pots - Surplus garden pots available in return for donations towards the Heating Project. Some originally belonged to Juliet and Brian Bull. lizspencer9104@gmail.com 07884 426585.

Piano Duet Recital - Marion and John Blakely will be giving a piano duet recital on Saturday 10th October at 7.30pm, followed by light refreshments. Proceeds to the Heating Fund.

Tea and Coffee - Many thanks to the Howick home group for serving tea and coffee on Sunday 20th September. On 27th September, the Wells home group will be on duty.

Hymns/Songs on Sunday 20th September



Christ triumphant (Tune: Guiting Power)
Oh to see the dawn of the darkest day

The Price is Paid
Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided

Your PCC Matters: A Digest of September's PCC Meeting

The formal minutes from the meeting on Wednesday 16th September will be made available on the PCC noticeboard at the back of church once they have been agreed.

- Tenders have been received for the heating project and there was a preliminary discussion. The Heating Working Group will be meeting on 23rd September to consider these in detail.
- Shiona Pilgrim was confirmed warmly as Assistant Churchwarden.
- The PCC received a Safeguarding update, and Sunday 6th December was confirmed as our Safeguarding Sunday.
- The PCC approved a Procurement Policy seeking to demonstrate good biblical stewardship and recognising that there is a climate crisis. Caring for God's creation includes considering whether a purchase is necessary and whether we can reduce, re-use or recycle.
- Deanery Synod will be meeting on 5th October at St John's Penge.

Community Notices

Stay and Play Sessions at Worsley Bridge School – Fridays 18th September, 9th October and 13th November, at 10am. Relaxed and fun sessions for children and their parents/carers.

Eco Conference: Saturday 19th September, 9.30am – 1pm, at Rochester Cathedral. Organised jointly by the Joint Net Zero Team for Canterbury and Rochester Dioceses, the conference will include a talk from Dr Ruth Valerio. There will be workshops on sustainable floristry, church hospitality, and using thermal imaging cameras/data loggers to improve your church's energy efficiency. [Book here](#)

Autumn Table-Top Sale & Craft Fair – Saturday 19th September, 11am – 3pm, at St Michael's Church, Beckenham. Arts, crafts, pre-loved gifts, refreshments. Stalls available for £20 – to book, contact Jo at office.stmichaelbeckenham@gmail.com / 07838 146467.

The People's Emergency Briefing is a film about what the climate and nature crisis means for our lives, our economy and our future. If you have missed the screening of this, there is another opportunity locally on Tuesday 29th September, 7pm – 8.45pm, Penge East Community Centre SE20 7BE. To book: bit.ly/4z5ArT1. More information about the film: nebriefing.org/the-film.

CAP Money Course - at Holy Trinity, 66 Lennard Road, London SE20 7LX in conjunction with Living Well. This will follow on from their Pantry community supermarket, but will be open to all. Learn how to get control of your finances, budget and stick to it. Thursday 1st, 8th, 15th October (3-week course) 11:30am -1:30pm. Suitable for anyone at any level of income, it works for everyone! Please sign up using this [link](#) as they need to manage numbers.

Bromley Guild of Church Flowers – Flower arranging demonstration on Monday 5th October, at 7.30pm at All Saints' Church, Bark Hart Road, Orpington, BR6 0QD. All are welcome.

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. It is helpful if tins have ring pulls and if you can leave your donations in a strong bag.*

Christians Against Poverty - Mission of the Month (September & October)



At St Paul's we support the CAP Penge Centre which runs from St John's Church, Penge. CAP works with local churches to tackle the causes of poverty and to help people out of debt. Their services, which are free and open to people of all faiths and none, include:

- Debt advice (delivered through CAP's support office in Bradford) which provides advice and solutions for people who are heavily in debt.
- Money coaching. They run courses which are open to all and teach good household budgeting skills.

CAP Penge has been accepted for match-funding by Aviva, which means that for every pound denoted up to £250, Aviva will match it, up to £250,000. Here is a link to the appeal profile, which includes a video and information about the CAP centre and how to make a donation:

<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/pengecap>

Please pray for debt coach, Gareth Hall, for the team of volunteers, and for all the clients they work with, that many more lives will be transformed by the practical help and love they receive.

Please pray...

- for the Pilgrimage Walk taking place on 17th and 18th September.
- for the Pet Service on Sunday 20th September.
- for young people preparing to go to college or university.
- for all who visit our church and garden.
- for all those affected by the wildfire on the island of Brac in Croatia.
- for all areas of the world where there is violence, war or conflict.
- for CAP and Living Well, and for all who come to them for support and guidance.
- for those in nursing homes and hospitals, and for all who care for them.
- for all those struggling with health problems.
- for all who are grieving the loss of a loved one.



On our Electoral Roll we pray for Victoria Goode, Ishmael Gowero, Sarah Gray, Blaine Greaves, and for our parishioners in Silverwood Close.

Get in touch...

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

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

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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*