

ST PAUL'S BECKENHAM



E-Notice Sheet

Sunday 12th July 2026

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP) – With Rev'd Rachel Winn
9.00am	Breakfast with Ben Ray
10.30am	<p>Morning Worship</p> <p>Readings: Isaiah 55: 10-13 read by Roger Wells Matthew 25: 14-30 read by Sue Rodgers</p> <p>Prayers: Led by Rev'd Clive Grinham With Rev'd Rachel Winn and Ben Ray</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>
2.30pm – 5pm	Open Garden and Restoration Garage - See page 2 for details
The 10.30am service will be live-streamed and available via St Paul's You Tube Channel .	

Collect (Special Prayer) for the 6th Sunday after Trinity

Creator God, you made us all in your image:
 may we discern you in all that we see,
 and serve you in all that we do;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

What's On this Week

Sat 11 th July	9.30am 10.30am	Purely Prayer – in the Chapel Brunch, Launch & Pledge – Heating Fundraising Event
Wed 15 th July	9.00am	Morning Prayer – in the Chapel
Thurs 16 th July	9.00am 10.00am 2.30pm 7.30pm	Morning Prayer - in the Chapel Babies and Toddler Group Friendship Group – Across the Pennines by Canal Boat, with David & Alison Charlesworth. All welcome Prayers for our Parish, Community and Nation (on Zoom)
Fri 17 th July	9.00am	Morning Prayer - in the Chapel
Sun 19 th July <i>7th Sunday after Trinity</i>	8.00am 10.30am	Holy Communion (BCP) – With Rev'd Neil Fairlamb Holy Communion Readings: Isaiah 44: 6-8 and Matthew 13: 24-30 and 36-43 With Sarah Butler and Rev'd Ray Shergill

St Paul's Notices

Brunch, Launch & Pledge ... Heating Fundraising Event - On Saturday 11th July after Purely Prayer 9.30am – 10.30am, please join us for a free brunch from 10.30am in the church and hear how we can raise funds to support the new heating project. Several people have already offered to put on fundraising events, and if you would like to organise an event, please let Sandi Lee know.

Visit from Ben Ray – We are looking forward to welcoming Ben Ray on Sunday 12th July. There is an opportunity to meet him at 9am, when a light breakfast will be provided, and to hear about the work of SAFI (See Ability First International) in Tanzania during the 10.30am service. Everyone is very welcome.

Open Garden and Restoration Garage – Sunday 12th July, 2.30pm – 5pm, at Alison and David's house, 183 Village Way, Beckenham (on the 352 bus route – Crease Park stop). A much-loved suburban garden with a 1938 Morris car restoration. In aid of the St Paul's Church Heating Project. £15 entry pp (cash or card), including Cream Tea.

Food Vouchers – We will be providing 50 x £50 food vouchers to Worsley Bridge School and the St Paul's Pre-School, to help support families suffering from financial hardship over the summer. We will be distributing the vouchers this coming week (before the end of term), so if you would like to support this much-needed project and contribute towards the £2,500 to fund the vouchers, please see Rosemary Dear (email r2dear@hotmail.com or phone 07803 725134).

Friendship Group in the Summer - During the summer, the Friendship Group will continue to meet at 2.30pm on Thursdays, for a time of tea and chat, for games, and for one or two speakers. All welcome.

Date for your Diary – We will be holding our popular BBQ after the 10.30am service on Sunday 13th September. Please keep the day free and invite your friends and neighbours!

Sponsored Walk and Pilgrimage – 17th/18th September 2026. Raising money for the heating project. Join us for a walk along the Way of St Augustine, approx. 19 miles from Ramsgate to Canterbury. Visit ten special places of interest along the way, with time for prayer and reflection at each church. Fundraising forms and/or advice on setting up a JustGiving page will be available. The costs will be: travel to/from Ramsgate/Canterbury, one night B&B, picnic/pub lunches and dinner. For more information, please contact Anne Harkness, 07768 992559, anne@alphatraining.com.

Auction of Promises – Saturday 31st October, 1pm. To raise funds for St Paul's Heating Project. What have you got to offer? Please see the flyer at the back of church, which has some ideas to start you thinking! On the back of the flyer is a Promise Form, and there is a box near the flyers where you can put your completed Promise Form. We are off to an encouraging start, and need many more to make it a really good day. Should you not be able to attend on 31st October, we can arrange a proxy bidder for you. We do need help on the day – auctioneers, cashiers, porters, servers for the food, people to make soup/sandwiches/cakes. For any queries, please contact Rosemary or Tarina.

Tea and Coffee - Many thanks to the Howick home group for serving tea and coffee on Sunday 12th July. On 19th July, the Wells home group will be on duty.

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*

PCC Decision about Church Pews

In recent weeks we as a church have together discussed the impact of the Heating Project on our church building. As part of the underfloor heating installation the pews will need to be removed. The question arose: should we store and refit the pews, or is this the time to replace them with chairs, which would create a more flexible space?

Last week, following the Vision Fellowship Lunch a survey was taken to gather a variety of views regarding this decision. In total, 63 responses were received throughout the week. Many people wrote detailed reasons for their preference. Every form, letter or text was considered and all the information was carefully collated and presented to the PCC for a final decision on Sunday 5th July.

87% of respondents favoured changing the church seating to chairs, with the primary reasons being greater flexibility for using the much-needed space. This change offers many benefits to the congregation and a potential increase in community outreach activities.

Following discussion and consideration of all views, the PCC approved the proposal, with one abstention: not to re-fit the pews after they are removed, but instead to apply for a Faculty for chairs.

I appreciate that some people who expressed the opposite view may feel disappointed and hurt by this decision. I urge you to please come and speak with me about this, or ask someone to speak with me on your behalf and I can arrange for you to be put in contact with someone else to talk with. For many people St Paul's is their church family and we do not want anyone who is hurt to suffer in silence.

Thank you to everyone who took the time to express their views. My prayer is that the church will move forward in a new and creative way, and that we will utilise the new space well and to God's glory.

God bless
Rev'd Rachel

Community Notices

RCCG 10th Anniversary Outreach and Celebration - Outreach on Saturday 11th July, 12pm - 4pm at Croydon Road Recreation Ground, featuring live music, dances, bouncy castle for children, food and drink. Celebration on Sunday 12th July, 1.30pm – 4pm, at Orion Eden Park School, Balmoral Avenue, Beckenham BR3 3RD, with worship, teaching and fellowship. To celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Redeemed Christian Church of God in Beckenham. All welcome.

POSTPONED - Piano Recital in aid of Welcare. Welcare have decided that, as the event would have clashed with the men's final at Wimbledon (on 12th July), they will postpone it until a date later in the year.

Songs of Praise – Sunday 12th July, 6.30pm at Christ Church Anerley, followed by light refreshments at 7.45pm. Come and worship and praise God in the words and tunes of some of the older hymns and spiritual songs. If you would like to attend, or if you have a favourite hymn you would like included, please contact Bill Woodman on 07957 566068.

Coldplay Candlelight Experience – Saturday 1st August, 7pm - 8pm and 9pm - 10pm, [here at St Paul's Church](#). A string trio playing songs including Clocks, Ever-glow, Paradise, Yellow, Magic, My universe, Fix you, Sky full of stars, The Scientist, Viva La Vida. Tickets available here: [A Coldplay Candlelight Experience In Beckenham - Saturday 1st August | Lumos Experiences](#).

Community Engagement and Social Action Adviser - Are you passionate about the Church's role at the heart of community life? Do you have the drive to support parishes in living out their faith through social action and local engagement? The Diocese of Rochester is seeking a Community Engagement and Social Action Adviser to join their dynamic team supporting parishes as they respond to the needs of their communities. Closing date: 26th July. [Find out more](#)

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. It is very helpful if you can leave your donations in a **strong bag**.*

***Mission of the Month (July and August) - Ben and Katy Ray
with CMS in Tanzania***



Give thanks for the work of Ben and Katy Ray with CMS, who have set up an international NGO called SAFI (See Ability First International) in Usa River, near Arusha in Tanzania. They are building a community where people with disabilities can belong, explore faith and receive training so they can earn a living. They currently have 26 deaf and physically disabled participants training at the SAFI Centre, and plan to train fifty more. Pray that they will have secure space in which to grow this programme, and for inspiration as they seek to empower people pushed to the edges of life to release their God-given potential.

Please pray...

- for the Brunch, Launch & Pledge heating fundraising event on Saturday 11th July and for all those attending.
- for the Open Garden on Sunday 12th July, and for all the fundraising plans and ideas.
- for all those who have attended the Baptism and Confirmation course.
- for children, teachers and families as they approach the end of the summer term.
- for those most vulnerable in the hot weather.
- for safety at Wimbledon and the World Cup football matches.
- 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 hospital, receiving treatment, recovering from operations.
- for all those struggling with health problems or increasing frailty.
- for all who are grieving the loss of a loved one.



On our Electoral Roll we pray for Lesley Brittain, Jill Brook, Carol Brownie, Catherine Bunnage, and for our parishioners in Park Road.

Get in touch...

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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).