ST PAUL'S BECKENHAM

E-Notice Sheet

Sunday 22nd November 2026

8.00am	**Holy Communion (BCP) –** With Rev'd Rachel Winn In the Chapel
10.30am	**Morning Worship –** In the Hall With Alison Charlesworth and Rev'd Rachel Winn and we welcome Anna Khan from Welcare in Bromley (see page 5) for more details) Readings: Daniel 7: 9-10,13-14 read by David Sewell John 18: 33-37 read by Elaine Storey Prayers: Led by Olivia Masih *Children's Activities – Sunday Squad in the Chapel for children aged 4-11, and there will be a play area at the back of the hall that parents/carers of babies and pre-schoolers are welcome to use.* *Prayer after the Service – If you would like someone to pray with you, members of the prayer ministry group will be available in the Vestry.*
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 St Paul's You Tube Channel	

Collect (Special Prayer) for Christ the King

God the Father, help us to hear the call of Christ the King
and to follow in his service, whose kingdom has no end;
for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, one glory. Amen

What's On this Week		
Sat 21st Nov	3.00pm	Songs of Praise - in the Hall
Wed 25th Nov	9.00am 7.30pm	Morning Prayer – in the Chapel Men's Group – in the Hall
Thurs 26th Nov	9.00am 10.00am 2.30pm 6.30pm 7.30pm	Morning Prayer - in the Chapel Babies & Toddler group Friendship Group – 'Join those who are waiting', with Sue Gilder. All welcome. Knit & Natter, Craft & Chatter Prayers for our Parish, Community and Nation (on Zoom)
Fri 27th Nov	9.00am	Morning Prayer – in the Chapel
Sat 28th Nov	9.30am	Connect Café
Sun 29th Nov *Advent Sunday*	8.00am 10.30am	**Holy Communion (BCP)** – With Rev'd Rachel Winn **Holy Communion** With Rev'd Rachel Winn and Jash Masih Readings: Isaiah 64: 1-9 and Mark 13: 24-37

St Paul's Notices

Please note the **church office** will close at the earlier time of 1pm on Friday 20th November. Apologies for any inconvenience.

Songs of Praise – Saturday 21st November, at 3pm in the church hall. Please come along and enjoy singing for the Warm Welcome at St Paul's. Everyone is welcome. There will be a retiring collection, if you would like an opportunity to give a donation.

Men's Group – Wednesday 25th November, 7.30pm in the Hall. This will be the third gathering of our growing St Paul's Men's Group, when we meet for relaxed discussion and fellowship. Please let Paul Lashmar (07793 393592) or Tony Pilgrim (07904 058817) know your vote for pizza or fish & chips. Please bring a contribution towards the cost and your own drink. All men welcome!

Thanksgiving Service for the Life of Carol Brownie – Friday 27th November, at 1.30pm here at St Paul's, following on from the private committal. Carol was a lifelong worshipper at St Paul's, and you are warmly invited to join us for this service to celebrate Carol's life and to comfort her family and friends. If you have any favourite photograph of Carol, the family would love to borrow it for a display board. Please put your name on the back if you would like the photo returned and pass it to the church office. The service will be in the church, so please wear very warm clothes.

Connect Café - Saturday 28th November, 9.30am – 11.30am. With the usual good coffee, bacon butties and pastries. All free; donations welcome. As usual, there will be a children's play table, book exchange and pre-loved items etc to raise funds for the Warm Welcome Campaign. Our community litter-picking team will be out from 9.30am: all equipment provided, no experience needed, everyone welcome.

Bible-Reading Notes - There are many different Bible-reading notes available to help with reading the Bible regularly; the popular ones amongst members of St Paul's are New Daylight, Guidelines, Daily Bread, Encounter with God, and Day by Day with God. If you would like more information, or to order some notes for 2027, please contact Marion Lowe on 020 8290 1073 or marionlowe@talktalk.net.

Christmas Connect Leaflets – By 4th December, the St Paul's Christmas publication should be printed and ready for delivery, and our goal is to have the leaflets delivered by 10th December. If you are able to help Marion Lowe and John Williams assemble the packs, please speak to one of them. There are quite a number of roads, or properties, which do not have an allocated deliverer. If you are able to help, please look at the list at the back of church with details of these areas and sign up, or speak to Anne Howick if you have any questions. Thank you very much.

Link to Hope Shoeboxes – We are collecting items again this year for the Link to Hope shoeboxes which are taken to Moldova, Romania, Ukraine and Bulgaria and given personally to people of all ages. If you would like to donate any items to go into a shoebox, there are collection boxes at the back of church for toiletries, stationery, small toys, hats, gloves, scarves. If you would like to make a financial donation, please speak to Jill Brook.

Christmas Tree Tags – Please suggest a Charity. At St Paul's we suggest that we give to a charity instead of writing Christmas cards for our friends at St Paul's. We can write our greeting on a tag and add it as a decoration on the Christmas tree in the hall. Please email your suggested charity to Marie Read (marieread1@gmail.com) or Clari Harrington (clariharrington@ymail.com) by the end of November, and we will decide which charity we send the Christmas tree tag money to.

Tea and Coffee - Many thanks to the Bradley home group for serving tea and coffee on Sunday 22nd November. On 29th November the Howick home group will be on duty.

Warm Welcome Campaign - Double your donations!

Exciting news! Our Aviva match funding campaign has launched! This means that until Thurs 31st December Aviva will match every donation (one per person) up to £250. The maximum amount we can receive in match funding is £25,000, doubling donations to £50,000. Any contribution large or small is a step towards helping us create a warmer, greener, welcoming church for everyone.

Please share the link to our CrowdFunder page with family, friends and community groups who may be in a position to support us. Please be aware, to avoid giving CrowdFunder a tip, move the slider to the left, or press custom tip and enter zero. And if you are a tax payer, please add Gift Aid at no extra cost. Thank you!

https://communitiesfund.avivafoundation.org.uk/p/warm-welcome-campaign

Hymns/Songs on Sunday 22nd November

Christ is made the sure foundation / King of kings (Praise the Father) /
Yet not I / All hail King Jesus / The splendour of the King (How great is our God) /
Tell out my soul

Living Well Foodbank Christmas Appeal

To help feed someone in need this Christmas, please fill a bag with one of each of these items:

Tinned ham/corned beef
Tinned salmon
Tinned veg
Tinned fruit
Tinned soup
Pasta

Coffee
Tea bags
Hot chocolate
Long life milk
Rice pudding/custard

Festive chocolates
Cereal
Toilet roll
Shampoo
Shower gel



You might like to consider doing this as a home group or other church group. Sarah Gray is happy to take your bag(s) to Living Well (she can be contacted on 07761 115055), or leave your bag behind the font and she will collect it. She will take the final bags to Living Well on Friday 11th December. For more info: https://www.facebook.com/share/1H87isVjGw/?mibextid=wwXIfr

Devotional Journey in Advent (LICC)

If you would like to join London Institute of Contemporary Christianity's Advent journey, you can sign up to receive an email every day during Advent (free of charge). An aid to reading the Bible and praying during Advent, reflecting on the meaning and purpose that Jesus's birth brings to all of life. https://licc.org.uk/ourresources/everyday-adventure-a-christmas-devotional-journey/

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*

Community Notices

Welcare Service of Thanksgiving – Friday 20th November, 11.30am at Bromley Parish Church, St Peter and St Paul, BR2 0EG. This service of thanksgiving, with the choir of Parish Primary School, is open to everyone and is a joyful opportunity to learn more about the work of Welcare in Bromley. Everyone is welcome to stay for a light buffet lunch afterwards. For more information, call Welcare on 020 7820 7910 or email info@welcare.org.

Together Magazine from Rochester Diocese. Copies of the free magazine are available at the back of church. At the heart of this edition is giving thanks for all the big and small things taking place across the Diocese in parishes to bring about God's kingdom. There are also items on AI and how to offer a Christian response, as well as Advent and Christmas resources, plus a powerful testimony from someone using their lived experience of abuse to help others. The magazine is also available online here.

The People's Emergency Briefing is a film about what the climate and nature crisis means for our lives, our economy and our future. More information about the film: nebriefing.org/the-film. The following are opportunities to see local screenings:

- Sunday 22nd November, 7pm, Neighbourhood Church, 12 Cromwell Road, Beckenham, BR3 4LW. https://Neighbourhood.churchsuite.com/events/brfflwvq
- Tuesday 24th November, 7pm, St John's Church, 2 St John's Road, Penge SE20 7EQ. https://buytickets.at/concernedcitizensofbeckenhampenge/2518618
- Tuesday 19th January, 7pm, Penge East Community Centre, Penge East Station Car Park, Station Rd, SE20 7BE. https://buytickets.at/concernedcitizensofbeckenhampenge/2518682

Christmas Fairs!

- Saturday 21st November, 9.30am – 1.30pm at The Salvation Army, Maple Road, Penge, including Santa's grotto (£2 including present). 50p entrance.
- Saturday 28th November, 10am – 2pm, at St James's Church, Elmers End.

Britten - 50 years on. A concert with the Allegri Singers on Saturday 28th November, 7.45pm at St Mark's Church, Westmoreland Road, Bromley, BR2 0TB, for an evening marking 50 years since Benjamin Britten's death, featuring some of his most beautiful and compelling choral works: Saint Nicolas, Choral Dances from Gloriana, A Ceremony of Carols, Cantata Misericordium. Also featuring the Bromley Boy Singers and the Rosenau Sinfonia. Adults £15, u18s £5. Tickets on the door or via www.allegrisingers.org.uk.

Choral Concert with Beckenham Chorale – Saturday 28th November, 7pm, at St George's Church Beckenham. Programme to include Benjamin Britten's St Nicolas and Gerald Finzi's Magnificat and other works. Conducted by Mark Griffiths; Tenor: Luke Price. Featuring the Taplow Girls' Choir and St Paul's Sinfonia. Tickets £23, £18, £5 (concessions), including free drink and programme, available online (www.ticketsource.co.uk) or on the door from 6.15pm (card only).

Young Adults Gathering – Friday 11th December, 7pm in the lounge at Christ Church Beckenham. This gathering is aimed for people in their 20s to 40s who are child-free and would like to gather and meet for food and fellowship. £5/person; drinks will be sold on the evening. For more details, please contact the CCB office: office@ccb.org.uk or 020 8650 3847.

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 that 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.* Thank you very much.

Welcare - Mission of the Month (Nov & Dec)

We are looking forward to welcoming Anna Khan to our 10.30am service on Sunday (22nd Nov), who will be sharing more about the work that Welcare is involved with.

Welcare is a Christian charity set up originally by the Bromley Anglican Churches. They are based in Bromley and work with families with children under 13 years, where there are difficulties, typically involving mental health, drug abuse, domestic violence and/or special needs. Welcare can offer targeted 1:1 help, organising access to services from other agencies, as well as providing practical and emotional support themselves.

The number of groups in schools have increased, nurturing wellbeing where children are struggling with anxiety and self-esteem. They offer online and face to face parenting courses and have run a successful Caring Dads programme, accredited by the Courts, to support fathers. See Welcare.org for more information.

Please pray…



- for the Songs of Praise fundraising event on Saturday 21st November.
- give thanks for the match funding from Aviva towards our Warm Welcome Campaign.
- for us as a congregation to be patient as we work out the best way to set up the hall for our services.
- for wisdom in communicating our Christmas publicity this year.
- for people to keep warm in the cold weather.
- for hospital staff as they cope with lots of pressure.
- for those in nursing homes, 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, especially friends and family of Vanetta following Gordon's funeral on Thursday, and those who loved Carol Brownie, whose funeral is next week.

On our Electoral Roll we pray for Jash and Olivia Masih, Jane McCartney, Maureen McHugh, and for our parishioners in Alton Gardens.

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).