



# Christmas Services and Events

**Sunday 17th December**

8.00 am - Morning Prayer - Traditional BCP

10.30 am - Family Nativity Service

6.00 pm - Community Carols round the outdoor tree and crib with brass band, mulled wine and mince pies

7.15 pm - Candlelit Carol Service

**Saturday 23rd December**

9.00 to 11.00 am - Free Christmas Connect Café & Community Litter Pick

**Sunday 24th December - Christmas Eve**

8.00 am - Holy Communion - Traditional BCP

10.30 am - Morning Worship

5.00 pm - Christingle Service

11.30 pm - Midnight Communion

**Christmas Day - 25th December**

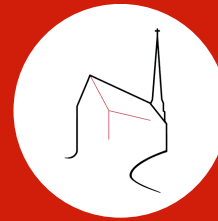
10.30 am - Christmas Day Family Communion

**Mondays 8th - 29th January 7.30 pm**

**Resolve!**

A four week personal discovery course on how we make and can keep New Year Resolutions

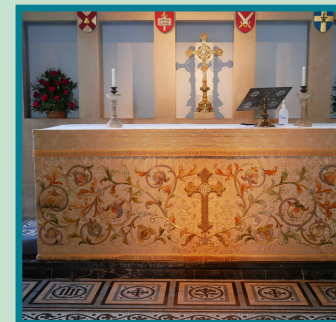
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# Christmas at St Paul's



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We are currently appointing a new vicar as Rev Simon has been called to a new parish in Twickenham. So this year's Christmas message comes from our Church Wardens, Anthea and Anne.

## Christmas Greetings



At this time of year we have long nights, and often grey days. Add to that the cost of living crisis, the climate crisis, the conflict between Israel and Gaza, and the war in Ukraine, and it can all feel pretty depressing.

But there is hope for our lives and hope for our world! At Christmas we celebrate the birth of our Saviour Jesus Christ and the promise he brings, that God is with us. In the words of St John's Gospel, *'the light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it.'*

Jesus Christ brings the assurance of God's love for us and the promise of God's light to guide us.

So on behalf of St Paul's, may God's blessing be with you this Christmas and in the year ahead.

# Celebrating Christmas with St Paul's

**Christingle**  
Sunday 24th - 5.00 pm  
The ever popular 'all the family' event making 'Christingle' oranges with candles and carols.

**Midnight Communion - Sunday 24th - 11.30 pm**  
For many the special start to Christmas day as we greet Jesus Christ on the night of his birth.

**Christmas Day Family Service - 10.30 am**  
Coming together as Christ's family to celebrate the real purpose of the day. We share Communion and children bring and show a favourite present... and adults too?

**Connect Cafe**  
Saturday 23rd 9.00 to 11.00am  
The monthly free community café has a Christmas theme. Good company, coffee, bacon butties, pigs-in-blankets & mince pies. Even the community litter picking team will dress for Christmas.

**Nativity Service**  
Sunday 17th - 10.30 am  
A traditional nativity service for the younger kids...and their families of course. Why not join in with your children coming dressed up as shepherds, kings, sheep, camels, Mary and Joseph.

**Community Carols & Carol Service - Sunday 17th 6.00 pm**  
Join with the brass band and sing carols round the outdoor tree and crib, with mulled wine and mince pies afterwards. Bring a torch. Followed by our candlelit carol service.

**...And In The New Year**  
Our usual programme of the free, friendly Connect Café, Babes and Toddlers Thursday Friendship, Concerts and Community Events, plus...  
**RESOLVE from 8th Jan**  
a four week course on keeping new year resolutions.

Details of all events are on our website - [www.stpaulsbeckenham.org.uk](http://www.stpaulsbeckenham.org.uk)