




# ST PAUL'S BECKENHAM

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2025

8.00am	<b>Holy Communion (BCP)</b> With Rev'd Neil Fairlamb
10.30am	<p><b>All Age Celebration for St Paul's Day</b> With David Charlesworth and Rev'd Rachel Winn</p> <p>Readings: Ephesians 4: 11-16 Acts 9: 1-22</p> <p>Prayers: Led by Marion Blakely</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>
After the Service	<p><b>Coffee and Cake for St Paul's Day!</b></p> 
The 10.30am service will be live-streamed and available via <a href="#">St Paul's You Tube Channel</a>	

### *Collect (Special Prayer) for the Conversion of St Paul*

Almighty God, who caused the light of the gospel  
to shine throughout the world  
through the preaching of your servant Saint Paul:  
grant that we who celebrate his wonderful conversion  
may follow him in bearing witness to your truth;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

<i>What's On</i>		
Sat 25 <sup>th</sup> Jan	9.30am	Connect Café
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> Jan	7.30pm	Resolve course – in the Church
Wed 29 <sup>th</sup> Jan	9.00am	Morning Prayer with Music – in the Chapel
Thurs 30 <sup>th</sup> Jan	9.00am 10.00am 2.30pm 7.30pm	Morning Prayer – in the Chapel Babies & Toddler Group Friendship Group: Quiz with Ann Birkett. All welcome. Prayer for our Parish, Community and Nation (on Zoom)
Fri 31 <sup>st</sup> Jan	9.00am	Morning Prayer – in the Chapel
Sat 1 <sup>st</sup> Feb	10.00am	Gardening Group
<b>Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb</b> <i>Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)</i>	8.00am 10.30am	<b>Holy Communion (BCP)</b> – With Rev'd Neil Fairlamb <b>Holy Communion</b> Readings: Hebrews 2: 14-18 and Luke 2: 22-40 With Rev'd Clive Grinham and Sarah Butler

## *St Paul's Notices*

**Connect Café** – Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January, 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.

**St Paul's Day** - We are celebrating St Paul's Day on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January and are looking forward to enjoying coffee and cake together after the 10.30am service.

**Top of the Pew** - Each year CTiB (Churches Together in Beckenham) run a quiz competition between local churches of all denominations. St Paul's has taken part, with varying degrees of success, for several years. It involves a couple of rounds, a semi-final and a final, mainly on Sunday evenings. If you are an avid quizzier and would be interested in being in the St Paul's team, please contact Ann Birkett, [birketta@btinternet.com](mailto:birketta@btinternet.com). It would be good to have some new members on the team. There are rounds on a variety of topics, one of which is a Bible round. Supporters at these events, which take place at different churches, are always very welcome.

**Resolve Course** – You are welcome to join us for the last session of the Resolve course on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> Jan, 7.30pm – 9pm. Any questions, please contact Keith Howick on 07747 033473.

**Little Ell, is not little anymore, she is turning 1!** Claire and Sylvan would like to extend an open invitation to the church family, to celebrate with them on Sat 1<sup>st</sup> Feb between 1pm and 4pm, in the church hall here at St Paul's. Food will be a bring-and-share, so dust off your favourite recipes! Please let Claire know if you can make it (07540 172917) or just pop by on the day.

**Church keyholders** - The church wardens are currently reviewing the record of church keyholders. If you have church keys in your possession, on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February after the 10.30am service, please could you come with your keys to see us at the back of church. We will be checking keys against the records, receiving keys that are no longer required (please put them in an envelope with your name on), colour tagging keys, and identifying if anyone requires a personal safety alarm. If you can't make the date, please do contact us to arrange another time. Thank you!

**Julian Shelton's Visit** - Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February. There will be an opportunity to meet him over breakfast at 9am, when coffee, croissants and fruit salad will be provided, and to hear about his work in 'Yakarland' with Wycliffe Bible Translators (our Mission of the Month), both at the breakfast and during the 10.30am service. Everyone is very welcome.

**Ely Cathedral** – Please note that there are only two seats left on the coach. There will be a waiting list in case anyone has to drop out. Anyone who hasn't paid their £10 deposit should see Rosemary Dear or Judith Freeborn, please.

**Tea and Coffee** – Many thanks to the Harris home group for serving tea and coffee on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January. On 2<sup>nd</sup> February, the Brackley home group will be on duty.

## *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.

## ***Your PCC Matters: A Digest of January's PCC Meeting***

*The formal minutes will be made available on the PCC notice board at the back of church once they have been agreed.*

- An Away Day is being planned to give the PCC the opportunity to discuss God's vision for St Paul's. We are delighted that Archdeacon Allie Kerr has offered to join us to lead the day. In preparation for this, a Saturday morning prayer meeting will be held which will be open to everyone to participate in.
- Bromley Council has now given planning permission for the external lighting project to go ahead. This will provide better lighting at night, at the main entrance path and at the entrance to the halls. It is expected that work will start in 8-12 weeks.
- Following visits to the church and discussions with various IT professionals, the PCC has agreed to appoint Idium Technology Ltd to carry out work to improve the Wi-Fi networks across the church, office and halls. This will improve the reliability and coverage for all users of the church buildings. The team, led by David Charlesworth, was congratulated for reaching this first stage of a wider IT/AV project.
- Final details have been agreed for new external noticeboards which will enable more information about church activities to be displayed in a more attractive way.

## ***Community Notices***

**Campfire Worship** – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January, 8pm, at Avenue Baptist Church, Avenue Road. Join the informal worship and feel free to bring an instrument to play or a verse or prayer to share. This is one of the events organised by CTiB for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (18<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> Jan).

**Share your Views and help improve our local Pharmacies** – Complete a short survey on local pharmacies on [www.bromley.gov.uk/PNA](http://www.bromley.gov.uk/PNA).

**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.*

## ***Homelessness***

**Hope into Action Bromley** are about to house another tenant, and this Christian charity has volunteers from a number of churches to offer befriending, support and Christian love to help sustain the tenant in their new home. If you have a heart for helping the homeless, you are welcome to join Rev'd Rachel at the Befriending and Support meeting on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March from 7.30pm – 8.30pm and find out how you can play a part either practically or face-to-face with the tenant.

**Citadel** – This is another initiative for homelessness, which you can find out more about on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February, 7.30pm, at the St John's site of Holy Trinity with St John's, SE20 7EQ. Citadel is a volunteer-led homelessness prevention project supporting people experiencing, or at risk of homelessness in their community. The project matches volunteers with people who experience homelessness, and volunteers can also choose to help in other ways, including DIY and form filling. If you can't make the meeting, feel free to email Carl for more information at [c.francis@housingjustice.org.uk](mailto:c.francis@housingjustice.org.uk).

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

**Wycliffe**  
**Bible**  
**Translators**

We support Julian and Catherine, with Wycliffe Bible Translators, and we are looking forward to Julian's visit to St Paul's on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February (see notice on page 2 for more details).

"The villages of the Caucasus, where "Yakar" is spoken are particularly spiritually barren places. While it is possible to find at least some kind of church in the multi-ethnic gateway towns of the Caucasus, in the villages – in the cultural heartlands – there is effectively no Christian witness at all. This makes it more vital for the translated books of the Bible into Yakar to be distributed in social media and into audio CDs so that people can hear the Bible in their heart language which they may not be able to actually read. Whether it is a Scripture quote or a short video, social media provides a way of potentially engaging those who might never pick up a printed book. Please pray for the "Yakar" team to find creative ways to make God's Word available.

**Giving at St Paul's**

If you would like to contribute financially towards the work and ministry of St Paul's, there are different ways you can do this. We now have a Collectin donation point at the back of church, which lets you easily swipe your card or phone and gives the option to Gift Aid your donation. Alternatively, you can give online using this QR code or via the church website [www.stpaulsbeckenham.org.uk/giving](http://www.stpaulsbeckenham.org.uk/giving), and these also give the option of single or regular monthly donations as well as allowing Gift Aid declarations. More traditional ways of giving, using cash or standing orders, are of course still very welcome.



**Please pray...**

- for the Connect Café on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January.
- for everyone who has been attending the Resolve course and for the last session on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January.
- for people to keep warm.
- for CAP and Living Well, and for all those who need their help.
- for all workers in accident and emergency departments, paramedics and ambulance crews.
- for nurses, doctors and all who work in hospitals, hospices and care homes.
- for all those who are unwell or in pain, attending appointments or receiving home care.
- for all who are grieving the loss of a loved one.



On our Electoral Roll we pray for Richard and Alison Bradley, Peter and Vicky Brampton, and for our parishioners in Copers Cope Road.

**Get in touch...**

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**Parish Safeguarding Officer** - Sandra Horner: 07701 069638; [sandrahorner53@gmail.com](mailto:sandrahorner53@gmail.com).

**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 Rev'd Rachel or Anne Howick (020 8658 0808).