

# ST PAUL'S BECKENHAM



## E-Notice Sheet

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2026

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| 8.00am   | <b>Holy Communion (BCP)</b> – With Rev'd Rachel Winn  |
| 10.30am  | <p><b>Holy Communion</b></p> <p>Theme: Encouraging Journeys of Faith</p> <p>Readings: Psalm 23 read by Alicia Kysow<br/>Luke 24: 28-35 read by Catherine Metcalf</p> <p>Prayers: Led by Rev'd Clive Grinham<br/>With Rev'd Rachel Winn and Keith Howick</p> <p><i>Children's Activities</i> – Sunday Squad in the hall for children aged 4-11, and a stay-and-play creche that parents/carers of babies and pre-schoolers are welcome to use, if you would like to. The service is streamed in the hall.</p> <p><i>Prayer after the Service</i> – If you would like someone to pray with you, members of the prayer ministry group will be available in the Chapel.</p> |
| 12.30pm  | <b>PCC meeting</b> - Vision and Mission Action Planning, in the hall  |
| 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent*

Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings, and by following in his Way come to share in his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

### *What's On this Week*

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| Sat 28 <sup>th</sup> Feb  | 9.30am  | Connect Café (with Parish Giving Scheme Helpdesk)  |
| Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> Mar   | 9.00am  | Morning Prayer – in the Chapel   |
|   | 7.00pm  | Youth Alpha – in the hall  |
|   | 7.30pm  | Prayers for our Parish, Community and Nation (on Zoom)   |
| Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup> Mar                                       | 9.00am  | Morning Prayer – in the Chapel   |
|   | 10.00am | Babies and Toddlers  |
|   | 2.30pm  | Friendship Group – All welcome   |
|   | 6.30pm  | Knit & Natter, Craft & Chatter   |
|   | 8.00pm  | Community Choir – in the hall  |
| Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> Mar   | 9.00am  | Morning Prayer – in the Chapel   |
| Sat 7 <sup>th</sup> Mar   | 10.00am | Gardening Team   |
|   | 10.30am | Safeguarding Basic Awareness Course – In the Chapel  |
| Sun 8 <sup>th</sup> Mar<br><i>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent</i> | 8.00am  | <b>Holy Communion (BCP)</b> – With Rev'd Rachel Winn   |
|   | 10.30am | <b>Morning Worship</b> Theme: Making Christ Known<br>Readings: Psalm 46 and Romans 5: 1-11<br>With Rev'd Rachel Winn and Mary Omojole from SAT-7 |
|   | 12.00pm | <b>Interment of Ashes</b> – In the Garden of Remembrance<br>Remembering and giving thanks for the life of Ron Barrett                            |
|   | 12.30pm | <b>Experience Easter Planning Meeting</b>  |

## *St Paul's Notices*

**Connect Café** - Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> February, 9.30am – 11.30am. With Book Exchange and Green Corner. Bring your friends and neighbours (and yourself!). 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.

**Parish Giving Scheme Helpdesks** – On Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> February, during Connect Café, there will be a church member available in the office, for confidential enquiries about the Parish Giving Scheme. There will also be someone available to help after the 10.30am service on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March. Please bring your digital device if you would like help with setting up.

Many thanks to Ann Birkett for arranging the **sanctuary flowers** in memory of Peter.

**Youth Alpha – the Holy Spirit.** Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March, starting with a meal at 7pm; you are welcome to join us, even if you haven't made any of the other sessions. This special week we will be having some live music for a time of worship.

**Gardening Team** – Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March, at 10am. The team would welcome extra help to keep the church garden looking lovely. No experience or tools necessary! Tea and coffee are provided.

**Purely Prayer** – Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March, 9.30am – 10.30am. All welcome to this time of prayer.

**Making posies for Mothering Sunday** - On Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March, at 10.30am in the hall, a group will be making posies for distribution at the Mothering Sunday services on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March. If you would like to help with preparing the posies, please speak to Anne Howick for further information.

**Pastoral Care Creative Prayer Evening** – Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March, 7pm – 8pm. The team is invited to meet in the Chapel for a team update and a special time of prayer.

**Donations in Liz Ward's Memory** - If you would like to give a donation in Liz Ward's memory and were unable to attend the Thanksgiving Service on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February, her family have asked for donations in her memory to go to Sightsavers and Smile Train UK. Gift Aid Declaration forms are available for both charities on the table at the back of church. Anne Howick will be forwarding all cash or cheque donations, and Gift Aid forms, to the charities after the weekend, so please give any cash or cheque donations for the charities to her. The websites are <http://www.sightsavers.org>. and <http://www.smiletrain.org.uk>.

**Assistant Church Administrator** – Thank you for your prayers for the selection process for the position of Assistant Church Administrator. We are pleased to say that the interviews went well, and we will be able to let you know more about the appointment in the next couple of weeks.

**New Display Boards** – Thank you to those who kindly put together the new display boards. These are now ready for use, for the Climate & Ecology, Mission and Pastoral Care team to display their information. Please contact the office to have the old boards removed. Thank you.

**New handrails** - Following our accessibility audit last year, we have now had new wrought iron handrails installed at the outside entrances to the chapel and the bishop's porch. We're pleased to say they're already getting good use, especially at the bishop's porch which provides access to the church office. And we're delighted to announce that we have received £500 Minor Repairs and Improvements Grant towards the cost, from Rochester Diocese.

**Church Office Telephone** - Our telephone and broadband are being transferred from TalkTalk to Virgin Media. Our normal landline number (020 8650 0501) may be disrupted during the next couple of weeks. If you need to call the office and cannot get through on this number, please use the temporary landline number (020 8402 1087) or the church mobile number (07355 260026).

**Tea and Coffee** - Many thanks to the Wells home group for serving tea and coffee on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March. On 8<sup>th</sup> March, the Birkett home group will be on duty.

## ***Safeguarding Courses***

We are running safeguarding courses on the following dates:

- Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March, 10.30am – 12.30pm. Basic Awareness
- Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March, 10.30am – 12.30pm. Foundation
- Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March, 6pm – 8pm. Domestic Abuse

These are for the pastoral care team but are open for anyone, especially if your certificate is due for renewal. Please contact Sandra Horner ([safeguarding@stpaulsbeckenham.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@stpaulsbeckenham.org.uk)) or Rev'd Rachel ([vicar@stpaulsbeckenham.org.uk](mailto:vicar@stpaulsbeckenham.org.uk)), if you would like to attend.

## ***Experience Easter***

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March.

This is an interactive, multi-sensory event, when the church will be transformed so that we can tell and act out the dramatic events of Jesus Christ's final week. We have around 150 children plus many adults coming through the church for this experience, which can transform the lives of those who attend.

Note to volunteers – There will be a planning meeting on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March, immediately after the burial of ashes for Ron Barrett. Set-up for the event will take place after the service on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March. All welcome.

## ***Lent Sermon Series***

During Lent we are looking at how we can reflect Christ to our community. Our sermons will focus on our core values: welcoming, encouraging journeys of faith, making Christ known, caring, and reflecting Christ.

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| 22 <sup>nd</sup> February | Welcoming                     | Genesis 18: 1-10 and Matthew 25: 34-40      |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> March     | Encouraging journeys of Faith | Psalms 23 and Luke 24: 28-35                |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> March     | Making Christ known           | Psalms 46 and Romans 5: 1-11                |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> March    | Caring                        | Isaiah 66: 10-13 (GNT) and Mark 9: 35-37    |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> March    | Reflecting Christ             | Isaiah 61: 1-3 and 2 Corinthians 3:17 – 4:7 |

## ***Carbon Fast for Lent – Week 3 Banking***



This week the Carbon Fast for Lent challenges us to steward our money responsibly. Saving deposits, pensions & investments are used by banks to fund fossil fuel expansion and companies which exploit nature and people. More details on the Green Board in church, and check out the Just Money Movement - a Christian organisation encouraging individuals and churches to switch to ethical banks. <https://justmoney.org.uk/>.

You can sign up for the weekly Carbon Fast emails: <https://climatestewards.org/resources/carbon-fast-for-lent/>

## Happy Birthday

to everyone at St Paul's who has a birthday in March!



### Community Notices

**World Day of Prayer** – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March, 11.30am at St Mary's Church, Shortlands. This year the prayers and reflections will be centred on Nigeria. The service will be followed by a light lunch.

**Stewards and First-Aiders needed for Good Friday Walk of Witness** – Please talk to Ann B or Anthea if you are able to help out with this. The CTiB Walk of Witness will be on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April, with a short service at St Edmund's at 11am, followed by a walk up the High Street to Beckenham Green, where there will be a short act of worship with singing. This is an excellent opportunity to get together with local churches and it has traditionally been well supported by St Paul's. Stewards are needed to help marshal the walkers, and there is a need for qualified first-aiders.

**St George's Chamber Orchestra** – Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March, 5pm, at St George's Church Beckenham. One Note Wonders – 'Masterpieces evolving from a single note'. See flyers at back for more info.

**The Work of Living Well** – Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2.30pm at Christ Church Beckenham. Learn about the great work done in the community by Living Well and why it is so needed. Tea, coffee and cake served after the talk. Please contact Robyn to let her know if you plan to attend – by texting (not ringing) 07926 266197.

**Beckenham Chorale** – Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March, 7pm, at St George's Church Beckenham. Vivaldi, Pergolesi, Monteverdi and Palestrina.

**Concert in aid of Hope into Action Bromley** – Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March, 7.30pm, at St Augustine's Church, Bromley. A concert featuring Adiemus by Sir Karl Jenkins. Conductor: Adrian Connell. Tickets on the door: £10 (under 16's free) – cash only. Please see poster on noticeboard in south aisle for more information.

**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.*

### Mission of the Month (March and April)



SAT-7 delivers Christian media for the Middle East and North Africa. They support Christians in that area in their Christian witness and lives. They beam the Good News of the Kingdom of God straight into people's homes, into the centre of family life. Please pray for the success of SAT 7's work in a changing and difficult world. We are looking forward to hearing more about the work of SAT-7 next Sunday (8<sup>th</sup> March), when Mary Omojole will be visiting.

**Thank You Message from Julian and Catherine Shelton** - "To everyone at St Paul's, Thank you so much for your generous support for us and the Yakar Bible translation project this past year! We really appreciate the partnership with you. Love from Julian and Catherine."

***Please pray...***



- give thanks for the children and their parents/carers who came to the Funday Squad event last weekend.
- for Ashton following his baptism last Sunday, and for his godparents, family and friends.
- for the Connect Café on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> February.
- for Youth Alpha on Wednesday.
- for all of us to draw nearer to God during this time of Lent.
- for all areas of the world where there is war or conflict.
- for Ukrainian refugees who have been living in Britain for the last four years.
- for the friends and families of those killed in a bus crash in Nepal.
- for CAP and Living Well, and for all who come to them for support and financial guidance.
- for those looking for work, and for everyone struggling with financial worries.
- for those in hospital, recovering from operations or having pre-op consultations.
- for all those who are struggling with physical, emotional or mental health illness.
- for all who are grieving the loss of a loved one.

On our Electoral Roll we pray for Wilf Orton, Stephen Parkin, Claudia Perez, Jake Philip, and for our parishioners in Grangewood Lane.

***Get in touch...***

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**Vicar** - Rev'd Rachel Winn: 07566 274388, [vicar@stpaulsbeckenham.org.uk](mailto:vicar@stpaulsbeckenham.org.uk)

**Churchwardens** - Anne Harkness: 07768 992559; Anthea Prendergast: 07811 530230

**Parish Safeguarding Officer** - Sandra Horner: 07701 069638; [safeguarding@stpaulsbeckenham.org.uk](mailto: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*