

# ST PAUL'S BECKENHAM



## E-Notice Sheet

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2024

<b>8.00am</b>	<b>Holy Communion (BCP)</b> With Rev'd Rachel Winn
<b>10.30am</b>	<p><b>Morning Worship</b> With Keith Howick and Rev'd Rachel Winn</p> <p>Readings: Mark 10: 17-31 read by Ann Birkett Hebrews 4: 12-16 read by Penny Power</p> <p>Prayers: Led by Clari Harrington</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 after the 10.30am service.</i></p>
<p><i>The 10.30am service will be live-streamed and available via <a href="#">St Paul's You Tube Channel</a></i></p>	

### *Collect (Special Prayer) for the 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity*

God, our light and our salvation:  
illuminate our lives,  
that we may see your goodness in the land of the living,  
and looking on your beauty  
may be changed into the likeness of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

### *What's On this Week*

<b>Sat 12<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	2.00pm – 5.00pm	Autumn Fair
<b>Tues 15<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	1.30pm for 2.00pm	Pre-School Annual Meeting and Parents' Forum
<b>Wed 16<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	9.00am	Morning Prayer – in the Chapel. All welcome
<b>Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	9.00am	Morning Prayer – in the Chapel. All welcome.
	10.00am	Babies & Toddler Group
	2.30pm	Friendship Group – All welcome. Footsteps International, Wendy McMahon
	7.30pm	Prayer for our Parish, Community and Nation (Zoom)
<b>Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	9.00am	Morning Prayer – in the Chapel. All welcome
<b>Sun 20<sup>th</sup> Oct</b> <i>21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Trinity</i>	8.00am	<b>Morning Prayer (BCP)</b>
	10.30am	<b>Holy Communion</b> With Sarah Butler and Rev'd Clive Grinham Readings: Isaiah 53: 4-12 and Mark 10: 35-45

## *St Paul's Notices*

**Planet-friendly Autumn Fair** - Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October, 2pm - 5pm. The proceeds will be split between St Paul's and the charity 'Ripple Effect', who provide help to farmers in Africa (<https://rippleeffect.org/>). Any last-minute contributions of crafts, books, cakes or pre-loved items can be brought on Saturday morning, from 11am.

**The Pre-school Annual Meeting and Parents Forum** is being held on 15<sup>th</sup> October, at 2pm, in the church. All welcome. Desserts with tea/coffee being served from 1.30pm.

**Remembering our Loved Ones** - On Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 3.00 pm, we shall be holding our annual Thanksgiving and Memorial Service. During this hour we shall be reading out the names of our loved ones who have died, with the opportunity for prayer and thanksgiving to God for those whom we love but see no longer. If you would like a name to be read out, there is a sheet at the back of church to write your loved one's name on or, just before the service, there will be blank cards to add any additional name(s). This year we are also inviting people to bring a flower with them which will be made into an arrangement later on and a picture of the display will be put on the website. Any questions, please contact Rev'd Rachel or Anne Howick.

**Do you have experience managing tenanted properties?** Would you consider managing a tenanted property owned by St Paul's? For more information please contact the church wardens.

**Update on Ben and Katy Ray** – Ben and Katy Ray are now back in Arusha, based in a good location. They have received many requests for help from all over the country. To develop this side of their work, they need their charity SAFI to be registered as an NGO (Non-Government Organisation). They also need grant funding to develop their new site. This will enable them to train groups for 2 – 3 months at a time and send them back to their own area to work. Please pray that these plans will come to fruition.

**Floor Polishing** – We are looking for two or three kind volunteers to help with polishing the church floor. The commitment will be for two hours once a month, and training will be given on the use of the floor cleaning machine. Please contact Rev'd Rachel or the church wardens, if you are interested.

**Link to Hope Shoeboxes** – If you would like to fill a shoebox or donate some items to go into a shoebox, there are boxes for toiletries, stationery, small toys, hats, gloves, scarves at the back of church. There are leaflets at the back of church with more information.

**Remembrance Day Service** – In addition to our Remembrance Sunday service on 10<sup>th</sup> November, we will be holding a short service on Remembrance Day, Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November, at 10.45am in the church garden. We are planning to have a cross with poppies on, and if you would like to knit or crochet a poppy, patterns are available at the back of church.

**Red or Green Wool** – If you have any spare red or green wool, please could you give it to Carol Brownie, for a friend of hers.

**Help needed** - A number of our congregation are finding it more difficult to get to church, partly because of mobility problems and also the timing of the local buses. If you would be willing to help to collect someone and take them home, please speak to Rev'd Rachel. It will be important that all those helping have taken the Basic Safeguarding course.

**Tea and Coffee** - Many thanks to Ann Birkett's home group for serving tea and coffee on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October. On 20<sup>th</sup> October, Liv and Jash's home group will be on duty.

## *Homelessness*

Following on from our Homelessness Sunday service, if you have been challenged to take some kind of action, you can pick up a 'What can I do?' sheet at the back of church. A digital version is also available from the office: [admin@stpaulsbeckenham.org.uk](mailto:admin@stpaulsbeckenham.org.uk).

**Winter Night Shelter - Volunteering to help the homeless.** Bromley Homeless are opening their winter night shelter from November to March and need volunteers to help. They are holding an information evening for anyone who wants to support those facing homelessness and would like to understand more about what being an overnight volunteer involves, on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October, 7pm – 8pm, at the United Reformed Church, 20 Widmore Road, Bromley, BR1 1RY. The idea of sleeping in a shelter, with a group of strangers, makes a lot of people nervous, but volunteers are always in a team of two and have an experienced Team Leader supporting them; volunteers are not expected to stay up all night!

**Some really good news to help us help the less fortunate: Aviva have agreed to match donations to Living Well (of up to £250 per donation) between now and 30<sup>th</sup> October!** This is fantastic as the colder weather sets in, utility costs rise, and there will be a likely increase in demand for support. Click on the following link <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/winter-crisis> and share this news with your friends, family and community groups.

## *Your PCC Matters: A Digest of October'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.*

- The PCC agreed that St Paul's will run a Christmas voucher appeal (as in previous years) to support families at Worsley Bridge School and St Paul's Pre-School.
- The PCC considered reports from various Church Teams, and was updated about the visit of the Diocesan Organ Advisor, whose report is awaited.
- The PCC considered matters relating to safeguarding and lone working, and will continue this work at the next meeting.

## *Christians Against Poverty (CAP) Mission of the Month (September & October)*



CAP was founded in 1996, and today their services are needed more than ever. 14 million people in the UK are living in poverty. Click on the following link to see a summary of CAP's 2024 client report: [Under the rubble of debt and poverty — CAP's 2024 client... | CAP UK](#)

CAP works with local churches to tackle the causes of poverty and to help people out of debt. Their services are free and open to people of all faiths and none. The services they offer include supporting people in finding work, life skills groups, managing money well, and addressing immediate needs.

At St Paul's we support the Penge Centre which runs from St John's Church, Penge. Please pray for debt coach, Gareth Hall, for the team of volunteers, and for all the clients they work with, that many more lives will be transformed by the practical help and love they receive.



### *Please pray...*



- for all those affected by Hurricane Milton in Florida.
- for our Autumn Fair on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October.
- for us to have the courage to step out of our comfort zones and acknowledge in some way those who have no permanent home and to ask God what our response could be.
- for prisoners and their families, victims of crime and their communities, and those working or volunteering in the criminal justice system. 13<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> October is Prisons Week and there is an information sheet to help us in our prayers: [Download an interactive Prisons Week information sheet \(pdf\)](#).
- for CAP and Living Well, who run the local foodbanks, and for all the services they provide.
- for the work of Link to Hope and for those making, buying or collecting items for the shoeboxes.
- for preparations for the Thanksgiving and Memorial Service.
- for all the places of conflict around the world.
- for the Royal Family, especially that the King and Princess of Wales may make a full recovery.
- for all those injured or affected by recent stabbings.
- for all who are anxious, lonely or depressed.
- for those in care homes and hospitals, and for all the staff.
- for all those in pain or struggling with health issues or increasing frailty.
- for all who are grieving the loss of a loved one.

On our Electoral Roll we pray for Evelyn and Ngonidzashe Mbanje, Alicia McLean, Marion McNally, Nomsa Moldovan, and for our parishioners in Trafford Way.

### *Get in touch...*

**Administrator** - Stephanie Fox: 020 8650 0501, [admin@stpaulsbeckenham.org.uk](mailto:admin@stpaulsbeckenham.org.uk)

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

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

Communion at Home – If you 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*

'Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.' 1 Peter 5: 6-7