



ST PAUL'S BECKENHAM



E-Notice Sheet

Sunday 27th October 2024

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP) - With Rev. Neil Fairlamb
10.30am	<p>Morning Worship, celebrating Bible Sunday With David Charlesworth and Sarah Butler</p> <p>Readings: Psalm 19: 7-14 Isaiah 55: 1-11 read by Alison Charlesworth 2 Timothy 3:14 – 4:5 read by Elaine Storey</p> <p>Prayers: Led by Keith Howick</p> <p><i>There will be no Sunday Squad group this week, as it's half-term and the leaders are having a well-deserved break. However, the service will include activities for children who will also help judge the Bible competition! As usual, there will be a self-service creche, with the service streamed in the hall. See page 2 about bringing your 'home Bible' to the service.</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>
<i>The 10.30am service will be live-streamed and available via <u>St Paul's You Tube Channel</u></i>	

Collect (Special Prayer) for the last Sunday after Trinity

Merciful God, teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty, that trusting in your word and obeying your will we may enter the unfailing joy of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

What's On this Week

Sat 26 th Oct	9.30am	Connect Café
Wed 30 th Oct	9.00am	Morning Prayer – in the Chapel. All welcome
Thurs 31 st Oct	9.00am 10.00am 2.30pm 7.30pm	Morning Prayer – in the Chapel. All welcome. Babies & Toddler Group Friendship Group – Video of 'Threads through Creation' tapestry, with Rosemary Dear. All welcome. Prayer for our Parish, Community and Nation (Zoom)
Fri 1 st Nov	9.00am	Morning Prayer – in the Chapel. All welcome
Sat 2 nd Nov	10.00am	Gardening Team
Sun 3 rd Nov 4 th Sunday before Advent	8.00am 10.30am 3.00pm	Morning Prayer (BCP) – With Rev'd Rachel Winn Holy Communion With Rev'd Rachel Winn and Keith Howick Readings: Deuteronomy 6: 1-9 and Mark 12: 28-34 Memorial Service With Sarah Butler and Rev'd Rachel Winn Reading: 1 Peter 1: 3-9

St Paul's Notices

Connect Café - Saturday 26th October, 9.30am – 11.30am. Bring your friends and neighbours (and yourself!) to our Connect Café. 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.

Bible Sunday – 27th October - For a bit of fun at our 10.30am service on Bible Sunday, we would like to encourage you to bring a Bible from home. We are looking to present prizes for the largest Bible, the oldest Bible, the strangest Bible (leave you to define that). Also an opportunity if you want to share a story about why a particular Bible is important to you.

Remembering our Loved Ones - On Sunday 3rd November, at 3pm, 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 the following day and a picture of the display will be put on the website. Any questions, please contact Anne Howick.

Knit and Natter Crochet and Chatter - Thursday 7th November, 6.30 – 8pm, in the hall. If you or anyone you know can crochet and/or knit, or would like to learn, come along and join like-minded people to have fun and socialise. Refreshments will be served. For this meeting we will be focusing on poppies for the Remembrance Day service. All are welcome!

Super Soup Lunches – We are pleased that our Super Soup lunches are back! The first lunch is on Friday 8th November, 12 noon, at the back of church.

Connect Outreach Programme Meeting/Picnic Lunch - Sunday 10th November, 12.30pm. 'Connect' is our programme of events and activities where we reach out to people in our local community - of all faiths and none. These range from cafés to plays, from 70's nights to band & BBQ, from Community Carols to the Resolve Course and many more. All those with a heart for reaching out to our community are invited to this meeting. We will informally review our 2024 activities to consider what went well, how we can improve etc. We will then agree an outline programme for 2025 with our fresh ideas and identify the teams and leaders to make it all happen. Bring an indoor picnic lunch and we will 'talk as we eat'. Tea & Coffee provided.

Remembrance Day Service – In addition to our Remembrance Sunday service on 10th November, we will be holding a short service on Remembrance Day, Monday 11th 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 crotchet a poppy, patterns are available at the back of church. Please put your completed poppies in the basket at the back of church. Thank you very much.

Margaret Doubleday – For those who remember Margaret, we are sorry to let you know that she died on 22nd October. She had been in hospital recently and in a care home in Corbridge.

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 churchwardens.

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

Tea and Coffee - Many thanks to the Blakely home group for serving tea and coffee on Sunday 27th October. On 3rd November, the Harris home group will be on duty.

Experience Christmas!

We are planning to run our 'Experience Christmas' again, for Year 2 and Year 3 children from Worsley Bridge School and for the St Paul's Pre-school in the week beginning 2nd December. Would you like to join us in sharing the wonderful Christmas story? If so, you could help with setting up, with a craft activity, with telling the story, or have a Cameo part in the narrative. There is a sign-up volunteer sheet at the back of church, if you are able to help. Thank you!

Community Notices

Matched Donations to Living Well – Up until 30th October, there is still time to double our financial giving to Living Well, as Aviva have agreed to match donations (of up to £250 per donation). As the colder weather sets in, utility costs rise, and there will be a likely increase in demand for support. <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/winter-crisis>.

Autumn Fair – Saturday 2nd November, 10am – 2pm, at St James's Church, Elmers End, BR3 4HF. Fun for all the family - with bottle tombola, face painting, craft stall, bric-a-brac, games, raffle, children's tombola, homemade cakes, refreshments, and much more! Free entry.

Sleep-Out – Saturday 2nd November, 7pm, Bromley Parish Church. For one night only, give up the luxury of your bed and swap it for a sleeping bag outside. This is an opportunity to raise awareness of the causes and plight of the homeless. All funds raised will support those facing homelessness this winter. [2024 Sleep Out - Bromley Homeless](#)

Festival of Remembrance – Saturday 2nd November, 6pm at Rochester Cathedral, with Eynsford Concert Band. [Festival of Remembrance Tickets, Sat, Nov 2, 2024 at 6:00 PM | Eventbrite](#)

Overseas Link Celebration Service – Saturday 2nd November, 6.30pm at St Stephen's Church in Tonbridge, TN9 2SW. We are invited to this service which celebrates the Diocese's link with dioceses in Zimbabwe, Tanzania and Estonia. Ben and Katy Ray in Tanzania are supported by St Paul's Church, and all are welcome to attend this celebration service which will be attended by Bishop Jonathan as well as 2 Bishops from Tanzania. Light refreshments will be served afterwards.

South London Singers Concert - Saturday 2nd November, 7.45pm, at Beckenham Methodist Church. Programme includes Durufle *Requiem*, Dyson, *Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in F*.

Rochester Cathedral Jazz & Blues Festival 12th–16th November. www.rochestercathedral.org/jazz.

St George's Chamber Orchestra – Sunday 17th November, 5pm. 20th birthday concert, to include Mozart, Elgar, Bach and Telemann. See poster in the south aisle and flyers at the back of church.

Concert with Musicians from the Eltham College Family of Schools – Thursday 21st November, 7pm, at [St Paul's Church Beckenham](#). This is a free concert of classical music for young people from Eltham College Junior School and Blackheath Prep who are Grade 5 and above on their instruments. This event will give them an opportunity to perform to a wider audience. All are welcome to come along to the concert, which will last for about an hour and a half.

Crystal Palace Acappella and Crystal Palace Progress Band – Saturday 7th December, at 7.30pm, [here at St Paul's Church](#). An evening of musical entertainment with the 40-strong choir and brass band performing a mix of Christmas and other music. Entry is by donation, and refreshments will be served in the interval.

SENSational Church – Taster gathering of this new venture on Sunday 15th December, 2 – 4pm at Bromley Methodist Church, with lots of ways to engage which are not part of 'normal' Sunday services. Creative worship for children and teenagers of all abilities, including those who find sitting still hard! With a sensory room, a quiet space, crafts, music. For more information, or if you would like to help out in any way, please email SENSationalchurch@proton.me.

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CAP Money Coaching Course – Saturday 23rd November, 9.30am – 3.30pm, at St John’s Church Penge, SE20 7EQ. This is to help people manage their finances and is suitable whether you have a lot of money or only a little. It will help you to understand how to get on top of your spending, by building a budget and understanding how to stick to it. Please see poster and flyers. If you would like to attend, please sign up via this link and click on ‘Holy Trinity with St John’s Church’:
<https://capuk.org/get-help/results?find=money-course&postcode=BR3+1TP>.

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: pasta sauces, tinned meat, tinned fruit, tea and coffee, treats, toiletries. 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.*

Christians Against Poverty - 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, which are free and open to people of all faiths and none, 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 the Connect Café on Saturday 26th October.
- for the pre-school and any other schools as they return this week after their half-term break, and for those who have this coming week off.
- for Rachel Reeves as she delivers the budget on Wednesday and for those who will be most affected by it.
- for safety and protection for all during Halloween.
- for preparations for the Thanksgiving and Memorial Service and for all those who attend.
- for CAP and Living Well, who run the local foodbanks, and for all the services they provide.
- for all those needing extra support at home.
- for those in care homes, hospices and hospitals, and for all the staff.
- for all who are grieving the loss of a loved one, particularly praying for the family and friends of Margaret Doubleday.



On our Electoral Roll we pray for Anthea Prendergast, Peter Quantrill, Robyn Ranu, Marie Read, and for our parishioners in Abbey Lane.

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