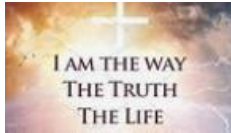


ST PAUL'S BECKENHAM



E-Notice Sheet

Sunday 3rd May 2026

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP) – With Rev'd Rachel Winn
10.30am	<p>Holy Communion</p> <p>Readings: Acts 7: 55-60 read by Liz Spencer John 14: 1-14 read by Roger Wells</p> <p>Prayers: Led by Ian Johnson</p> <p>With Rev'd Rachel Winn and Archdeacon Allie Kerr</p> <p><i>Children's Activities – 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.</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.</i></p>
12.30pm	PCC Vision and Mission Action Planning Meeting
The 10.30am service will be live-streamed and available via St Paul's You Tube Channel .	

Collect (Special Prayer) for the 5th Sunday of Easter

Risen Christ,
your wounds declare your love for the world
and the wonder of your risen life:
give us compassion and courage
to risk ourselves for those we serve,
to the glory of God the Father. Amen

What's On this Week

Sat 2 nd May	10.00am	Gardening Team
Wed 6 th May	9.00am	Morning Prayer – in the Chapel
Thurs 7 th May	7.00am – 10.00pm (9.00am) 10.00am 2.30pm 7.30pm	<p>Polling Station (No Morning Prayer today)</p> <p>Babies and Toddlers – in the Church</p> <p>Friendship Group – In the Church. All welcome</p> <p>Prayers for our Parish, Community and Nation (on Zoom)</p>
Fri 8 th May	9.00am	Morning Prayer - in the Chapel
Sat 9 th May	9.30am – 10.30am	Purely Prayer – in the Hall
Sun 10th May <i>5th Sunday of Easter</i>	8.00am 10.30am	<p>Holy Communion (BCP) – With Rev'd Rachel Winn</p> <p>Morning Worship</p> <p>Readings: Acts 17: 22-31 and Matthew 25: 34-40 With Keith Howick and Rev'd Rachel Winn.</p> <p>Rebecca Day from Hope into Action will be joining us and sharing about the work of HiA Bromley.</p>

St Paul's Notices

We welcome Archdeacon Allie Kerr, who is joining us at St Paul's this Sunday morning and will be preaching at the 10.30am service. Just under a year ago, Allie supported the PCC with our Vision Away Day, and since then we as a church have been considering God's mission for St Paul's. After the service, Allie is helping the PCC review progress with our Church Mission Action Plan.

Many thanks to Alison Dockray for her donation for the **sanctuary flowers** in memory of Martin.

Youth Explore – Our next Youth Explore session will be on Wednesday 13th May, at 7pm in the Chapel. Our young people meet together to dig deeper into the Christian faith.

On Thursday 7th May the St Paul's church hall is being used as a **Polling Station**. The Babies & Toddler group and Friendship Group will still be taking place but in the church this week.

Purely Prayer – Saturday 9th May, 9.30am – 10.30am, in the hall. All welcome to this time of prayer as we continue to seek God's vision for St Paul's in the years ahead.

Community Choir Rehearsals for Evensong – We will be holding an Evensong service here at St Paul's Church on Sunday 31st May, at 5.30pm, for which the choir rehearsals will be on Fridays 15th, 22nd and 29th May, at 7.30pm in the hall. All are welcome. David Storey (07989 251287).

APCM – Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place on Sunday 17th May. Come along to the 10.30am service, to **hear and see** a lively look back at 2025, as a prelude to a short APCM. A representative of every team within the church is welcome to share with us what they do; please send Rev'd Rachel two or three photos and nominate someone to give a brief flavour of the team. After the service, we are encouraged to move into the hall for refreshments and for the formal parts of the APCM. If you would like a hard copy of the reports, please sign up on the list at the back of church or let Anne Howick (PCC Secretary) know by 10th May.

PCC Vacancies - There will be six vacancies on the PCC. Andrew Griffiths and Keith Howick are required to stand down, Penny Power and Sandra Horner are required to stand down but are eligible for re-election, David Charlesworth and Wesley Guy have indicated that they wish to stand down. There are also two vacancies for Deanery Synod reps. The churchwardens, Anne Harkness and Anthea Prendergast, are required to stand down at each APCM but are currently eligible to stand for re-election. Nomination forms and role descriptions are available at the back of church. Please speak to Rev'd Rachel or Anne Howick if you have any questions, and please give completed forms to Anne Howick by 10th May.

Ascension Day Service with Holy Communion – Thursday 14th May, 9am – 10am, in the Chancel. We will be celebrating Ascension Day during our usual time of Morning Prayer, extended to 10am. All welcome.

Thy Kingdom Come is a global wave of prayer for more people to come to know God. It takes place between Ascension Day (14th May) and Pentecost (24th May), and this year's theme is 'God with Us'. **Resources** - There will be Novena devotional booklets available, to help us pray for five people to encounter God. God is with us in the everyday – in the joys and sorrows of life (and everything in between) and, through His spirit, He longs to reveal Himself to those who do not yet know Him. There will be a dedicated **prayer space** available in the church where you are welcome to sit and pray for God's transformative power to change lives.

Marathon Walk – On 13th June, David Sewell will be undertaking his seventh marathon on behalf of Prostate Cancer UK. If you would like to support him, his Just giving page can be found at <https://marchformen.prostatecanceruk.org/fundraising/davids-march-for-men-2026>. Or you can give him a cheque payable to Prostate Cancer UK. He is also very happy to take cash!!

Tea and Coffee - Many thanks to the Wells home group for serving tea and coffee on Sunday 3rd May. On 10th May, the Wells home group will be on duty.

Happy Birthday
to everyone at St Paul's who has a
birthday in May!



Community Notices

Living Well Plant Sale - on Saturday 9th May, from 2pm - 4pm at Holy Trinity Church, Lennard Road, SE20. Indoor and outdoor plants, cake stall and refreshments. If you have any plants or cakes to donate, please see Sarah Gray. Thank you.

Fun Walk 2026 - Sunday 10th May, Keston Common, in support of St Christopher's Hospice. Walk 3, 5, 8 or 11 miles to support your local hospice. www.stchristophers.org.uk/funwalk.

Christian Aid Big Brekkie – Saturday 16th May, 9am – 12pm, at Beckenham Baptist Church, Elm Road, Beckenham. All welcome. Please see poster on the noticeboard in south aisle.

Messy Cathedral – Saturday 16th May, at Rochester Cathedral. 1pm– 3pm Activities; 3.15pm Worship; 3.45pm Picnic in the Garden (Bring your own). All ages welcome. Free event and no need to book. There is a sensory breakout space with tents and self-regulating activities for those who benefit from or need a quieter space.

Job Vacancy in Joy's Kitchen - A busy and popular community café based at Beckenham Methodist Church is looking for a new Chairperson from September. The role involves overseeing non day-to-day café activities, such as chairing quarterly café committee meetings, making funding applications and preparing reports. It would suit someone who has previous charity committee work experience and/or is looking for experience in this field. For further information, full role description and application form, email JKChair26@gmail.com. Closing date for applications is 15th June; interviews in week commencing 22nd June.

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. Please also ensure tins have **ring pulls**, as many people do not have a tin opener. It is very helpful if you can leave your donations in a **strong bag**.*

Mission of the Month (May and June): Hope into Action Bromley *... Churches making a difference to homelessness in Bromley*



Our Mission of the Month for May and June is 'Hope into Action Bromley'. This is a new venture for St Paul's, and we pray that we make a difference in people's lives and support this Mission financially and commit to volunteer as individuals.

Hope into Action Bromley is working with [Hope into Action UK](http://www.hopeintoaction.org.uk) and aims to see individuals, who are trapped in relational poverty and homelessness, proactively supported by the local church, through the provision of a home and a loving Christian support network. Please read the board at the back of church and notice donation and referral contacts.

Please pray...



- for preparations for the APCM on 17th May and for those considering standing for election to the PCC.
- for the Gardening Team and everyone who comes into our church and garden.
- for the election on Thursday 7th May; for wisdom and discernment, and for godly counsellors to be elected.
- for our Youth Explore course and all the young people taking part.
- for children, young people and teachers preparing for exams this summer.
- for those persecuted for their faith, thinking particularly of all those affected by the recent attacks on synagogues and other Jewish areas.
- for all areas of the world where there is violence, war or conflict, and for wisdom for all those involved in peace talks.
- for CAP and Living Well, and for all who come to them for support and financial guidance.
- for those in hospital, receiving treatment, recovering from operations.
- for all those struggling with health problems or increasing frailty.
- for all who are grieving the loss of a loved one, remembering particularly the family and friends of Audrey Fisher.

On our Electoral Roll we pray for Mili Tharakan, Arun Thomas, Elaine Thomson, Roz Turner, and for our parishioners in Ingleside Close.

Get in touch...

Church Administrator - Stephanie Fox: admin@stpaulsbeckenham.org.uk; Tel: 020 8650 0501

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Vicar - Rev'd Rachel Winn: 07566 274388, vicar@stpaulsbeckenham.org.uk

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

Parish Safeguarding Officer - Sandra Horner: 07701 069638; 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*