



## ST PAUL'S BECKENHAM

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

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| 8.00am   | Holy Communion (BCP) – With Rev'd Rachel Winn   |
| 10.30am  | <p><b>Holy Communion – In the Church</b></p> <p>Theme: The Presentation of Christ in the Temple - Candlemas (see p2)</p> <p>Readings: Hebrews 2: 14-18 read by Marion Lowe<br/>Luke 2: 22-40 read by Roger Wells</p> <p>Prayers: Led by Marion Blakely<br/>With Rev'd Rachel Winn and Rev'd Clive Grinham</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> |
| The 10.30am service will be live-streamed and available via <a href="#">St Paul's You Tube Channel</a> . |   |

***Collect for the Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)***

Lord Jesus Christ,  
light of the nations and glory of Israel:  
make your home among us,  
and present us pure and holy  
to your heavenly Father, your God, and our God.  
Amen

| What's On this Week   |   |  |
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| Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> Feb   | 9.00am<br>7.00pm<br>7.30pm                      | Morning Prayer – in the Chapel<br>Youth Alpha – in the hall<br>Prayer for our Parish, Community and Nation (on Zoom)   |
| Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup> Feb   | 9.00am<br>10.00am<br>2.30pm<br>6.30pm<br>8.00pm | Morning Prayer – in the Chapel<br>Babies and Toddlers<br>Friendship Group – Reminiscing and Memorabilia.<br>All welcome<br>Knit & Natter, Craft & Chatter<br>Community Choir – in the hall |
| Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb   | 9.00am  | Morning Prayer – in the Chapel   |
| Sat 7 <sup>th</sup> Feb   | 10.00am   | Gardening Team   |
| <b>Sun 8<sup>th</sup> Feb</b><br><i>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent</i> | <b>8.00am<br/>10.30am</b>                       | <b>Holy Communion (BCP) – With Rev'd Neil Fairlamb<br/>Morning Worship and Baptism</b><br>Readings: Romans 8: 18-25 and Matthew 6: 25-34<br>With Keith Howick and Rev'd Rachel Winn        |

## St Paul's Notices

**Candlemas** - This Sunday (1<sup>st</sup> February) celebrates Candlemas, which is also known as the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus Christ in the Temple by Joseph and Mary (Luke 2: 22-40). Candlemas also marks the end of the season of Epiphany, and we enter into a brief period of Ordinary Time until Lent begins on Ash Wednesday on 18<sup>th</sup> February.

**Church Office** – This week the office will be open 9.15am – 12pm on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February and all day on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February. Please note it will be closed on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February.

**Gardening Team** – Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> February, 10am – 12 noon. The team would welcome extra help if you are available to come along. No tools or experience necessary; tea and coffee served!

**Purely Prayer** – Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> February, 9.30am – 10.30am. The most important aspect of us moving forward with God's vision for St Paul's is having a foundation of prayer. The first of our monthly prayer meetings is on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> February. Please join us in the hall for one hour, as we pray about our core values and learn to step out in faith and put our priorities into action.

**Baptism Mini Course** – Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> February, 11am – 1pm. Rev'd Rachel will be running a one-off session to look at baptism for young adults who are currently exploring the Christian faith. Please speak to Rachel if you are interested.

**Funday Squad for Ages 4 – 11.** Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> February, 3 – 5pm. With food, arts and crafts, lots of games and fun. Please register your interest by 7<sup>th</sup> February to [admin@stpaulsbeckenham.org.uk](mailto:admin@stpaulsbeckenham.org.uk). Please do take a flyer to give to friends and neighbours.



**Assistant Church Administrator Vacancy** – We have extended the deadline for applications to Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February. If you or anyone you know is interested in this part-time role, please contact Stephanie in the church office for an application form and job description.

**Youth Alpha** – We are running Youth Alpha for teenagers and young adults on Wednesday evenings. The evenings start at 7pm with food, followed by a video and discussion about the Christian faith. You are still welcome to join us, even if you did not make it to the first sessions. If you are interested in attending, please speak to Rev'd Rachel, so that we can cater for you.

**Sermon Notes on Website** – When sermon notes are available, they will be put on our church website, under the 'Worship' tab.

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

## Lent Booklet

The Church of England's theme for Lent 2026 is 'Draw Near: Life-giving habits for Lent'. This year's resources have at their heart the theme of a 'rhythm of life' – habits and patterns which help us grow as disciples of Christ day by day, especially as we prepare to celebrate the great mystery of God's saving love at Easter. "Draw Near is all about teaching us how we can cultivate the habits and practices that will draw us nearer to God. And we will find that, in doing so, God will draw nearer to us, too." (Archbishop-elect Sarah Mullally & Archbishop Stephen Cottrell). Please click on the link for more details: [Draw Near: Life-giving habits for Lent | The Church of England](https://www.churchofengland.org/life-giving-habits-for-lent).



You are welcome to purchase a booklet privately. However, because of delivery charges, it is more cost-effective to order several at the same time, and so if you would like to order a copy through the church office, please let Stephanie know by Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February.

# Happy Birthday

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



## Community Notices

**Memory Box – A Dementia-Friendly Service.** Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January, 2pm for 2.15pm, at Emmanuel Church, The Grove, Off High Street, West Wickham. Followed by refreshments. All welcome.

**Welcare Fundraiser:** Bob Ogle is giving a talk on the 1987 Great Storm. Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> February, 3pm at St Peter & St Paul Church hall, Bromley (behind Primark). Light refreshments and raffle. Cost: £10 on the door, but please register attendance to [sheilabee498@gmail.com](mailto:sheilabee498@gmail.com) or telephone 01689 851605, for catering purposes.

**Allegri Singers: Tudor Reflections.** Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> February, 7.45pm, St Mark's Church, Westmoreland Road, Bromley BR2 0TB. Exploring Tudor choral masterpieces and their modern echoes. Tickets £15 (u18 £5), via [Allegri Singers – A chamber choir in the London Borough of Bromley](#) or on the door.

**The London Chorus : Come & Sing, Bach's St John Passion,** Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> February, 10.30am - 4.30pm, at St Botolph without Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3TL, with musical director William Vann and mezzo-soprano and linguist Lorna Price. Registration opens at 10.30am with the workshop itself running from 11am - 3.30pm (including two breaks). There will be an informal performance at 3.30pm, open to any friends and family who wish to join. All welcome. See <http://www.londonchorus.org.uk> for further details.

**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 News

**Wycliffe Bible Translators – Mission of the Month (Jan & Feb).** Julian is training to become a translation consultant who can advise other projects. As part of his training he's checking the translation of the book of Jonah into a small language spoken by Siberian reindeer herders. Pray that he can give good input to their team. Please see the mission board at the back of church for more information.



**SAFI Café and Craft Shop** - We give thanks with [Ben and Katy Ray](#) that the SAFI (See Ability First International) café and crafts shop opened its doors to the public in October and is a great success! Ben and Katy are based in Usa River, near Arusha, where they are building a community for people with disabilities to belong, explore faith and receive training so they can earn a living. The SAFI café and crafts shop is run by a team of deaf waiters and staff, who are earning a living while reducing stigma around disabilities. Pray for staff to continue to grow in their skills and to feel loved by the community, and for those who visit the café & shop to feel welcome and valued.

### *A Prayer for Candlemas*

Lord, give us the eyes of faith, to see your presence in the world.  
Where fear closes our eyes, help us.  
Where tears blind us, heal us.  
Where busyness keeps us from noticing, slow us.  
Where pride gets in the way, release us.  
Set us free to see your love at work in the world,  
and to be your light to others. Amen.



### *Please pray...*

- Thank God for a good attendance for our St Paul's Vision Fellowship Lunch. Pray for us to trust God with our whole heart for the vision we are seeking to go ahead with.
- for all those who attended the Resolve course in January.
- for the Youth Alpha course on Wednesday evenings.
- for the Community Choir rehearsals.
- for the process of appointing an Assistant Church Administrator.
- for Bishop Sarah Mullally as she is confirmed as the new Archbishop of Canterbury.
- for all those affected by Storm Chandra.
- for people to keep warm and safe in the cold weather.
- for vulnerable adults and all who care for them.
- for all those in authority who desire to govern with justice and integrity.
- for all areas of the world where there is war or conflict, for peace and reconciliation.
- for CAP and Living Well, and for all who come to them for support and financial guidance.
- for those in hospital, recovering from operations or having treatment and for their families.
- for all those struggling with health problems.
- for all who are grieving the loss of a loved one, particularly praying for the family & friends of Liz Ward, who sadly passed away on 28<sup>th</sup> January. (Memorial service date to follow.)



On our Electoral Roll we pray for Paul and Laura Lashmar, Sandi Lee, Patty Lien, and for our parishioners in Crouch Close.

### *Get in touch...*

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

Office hours: Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9.15am – 2.15pm

**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*