

# ST PAUL'S BECKENHAM



## E-Notice Sheet

### Summer 2022

<b>Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> July</b>	
8.00am	<b>Holy Communion (BCP)</b> – With Rev. Simon Couper
10.30am	<b>Morning Worship</b> Theme: When Jesus came to tea ... with Levi the Tax Collector Reading: Luke 5: 27-39, read by Anthea Prendergast Prayers led by Marie Read With Sarah Butler and Rev. Simon Couper
<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> August</b>	
8.00am	<b>Holy Communion (BCP)</b> – With Rev. Simon Couper
10.30am	<b>Holy Communion</b> Theme: When Jesus came to tea ... with Simon the Pharisee Reading: Luke 7: 36 - 50, read by Jill Brook Prayers led by John Blakely With Rev. Simon Couper
<b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> August</b>	
8.00am	<b>Holy Communion (BCP)</b> – With Rev. Clive Grinham
10.30am	<b>Morning Worship</b> Theme: When Jesus came to tea ... with Mary and Martha, the Sisters Reading: Luke 10: 38 - 42, read by Liz Spencer Prayers led by Hazel Koungoué With Hazel Koungoué and Sarah Butler
<b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> August</b>	
8.00am	<b>Holy Communion (BCP)</b> – With Rev. Clive Grinham
10.30am	<b>Holy Communion</b> Theme: When Jesus came to tea ... with the Scholar Reading: Luke 14: 1-14, read by Marian Sewell Prayers led by Keith Howick With Sarah Butler and Rev. Jane Peters
<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> August</b>	
8.00am	<b>Holy Communion (BCP)</b> – With Rev. Simon Couper
10.30am	<b>Morning Worship</b> Theme: When Jesus came to tea ... with the Apostles Reading: Luke 22: 14-30, read by Andrew Smith Prayers led by Marion Blakely With Rev. Simon Couper

10.30am services will be accessible for all ages, with activity sheets available and a stay-and-play crèche in the hall. Services will be live-streamed and available via the St Paul's [YouTube channel](#)

## *St Paul's Notices*

**Community Weekend** - Thank you to all the wonderful cake makers who provided delicious treats for our Community Weekend. Special thanks to those people who went home on the Saturday evening and started baking again to provide more cakes for Sunday! We were also blessed with willing and gracious volunteers who organised and served the refreshments and offered other practical help. Our thanks also to all who helped by leading activities and providing entertainment. You were all a vital part of a successful weekend.

**Climate & Ecology Team** – Many thanks to all those who were able to attend the recent Climate & Ecology Open Forums; the meetings were inspiring and challenging for all of us. For those who were not able to come along copies of the materials presented are available by the Climate & Ecology noticeboard at the back of church. For anyone wanting to get a very up-to-date analysis of the crisis and the UK's response to it, Sir Patrick Vallance, the government's Chief Scientific Adviser, hosted a presentation to the All Party Parliamentary Group on Climate Change on 11<sup>th</sup> July: it can be viewed at <https://www.policyconnect.org.uk/news/sir-patrick-vallance-briefs-parliamentarians-climate-change>.

**St Paul's Book Club** - Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August and Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September – 10.30am at 7 Embassy Gardens, Blakeney Road (by the 352 bus stop).

**Thursday Friendship Group** – During August the Friendship Group will be meeting each Thursday at 2.30pm, either in the garden or in the hall, for a time for tea and chat. All welcome.

**Thursday Prayer (on Zoom)** – The group will be taking a break during August, and will start up again on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September, at 7.30pm.

**Gardening Team** – Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> August and 3<sup>rd</sup> September, 10am – 12 noon. Our church gardens are very much appreciated by the community, and we would welcome some extra help to keep them looking good. If you are around on the first Saturday morning of the month, we would love to see you. No experience or tools required! Many thanks.

**Townswomen's Guild** - Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> August, 2pm, in the Chapel.

**Top of the Pew** – The second round of the competition is on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> August here at St Paul's, 7.45pm for 8pm. Please come and support our team!

**Church Office in the Summer** - The church office will be closed from Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> – Monday 29<sup>th</sup> August (inclusive), apart from Monday 15<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> August. If you have any urgent queries, please contact Anne Howick on [kandahowick43@aol.com](mailto:kandahowick43@aol.com), 020 8658 0808 or 07889 263261.

**The Story of Gospel Music** is our next 150<sup>th</sup> celebration event on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm. Sung by the wonderful professional singers of Amazing Grace, it tells the challenging, powerful and inspiring history of gospel music leading to its massive popularity and relevance today. This is a fantastic evening of entertainment by top performers suitable for all the community. Tickets are £15 adult and £10 child and are available from next week via Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-story-of-gospel-music-tickets-392381783477>. It will also be possible to order tickets via the church office from the beginning of September.

**Tea and Coffee** – Many thanks to the following homegroups serving tea and coffee:  
31<sup>st</sup> July - Lakeside, 7<sup>th</sup> August – Tuesday group, 14<sup>th</sup> August – Signature, 21<sup>st</sup> August – Clockhouse, 28<sup>th</sup> August – Brackley, 4<sup>th</sup> September – Lakeside.

**Church Open for Private Prayer** - The church building is open for private worship between 9am and dusk every day.

### *Praying through 150 Psalms*

Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday we are encouraged to pray our way through all 150 Psalms as part of our 150<sup>th</sup> celebrations. The Psalms for the summer are:

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> July – **Psalm 81**

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> August – **Psalm 82**

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August – **Psalm 83**

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> August – **Psalm 84**

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> August – **Psalm 85**

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> August – **Psalm 86**

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> August – **Psalm 87**

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> August – **Psalm 88**

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> August – **Psalm 89**

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> August – **Psalm 90**

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> August – **Psalm 91**

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> August – **Psalm 92**

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> August – **Psalm 93**

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> August – **Psalm 94**

Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> August – **Psalm 95**

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September – **Psalm 96**

### *Summer Sermon Series – When Jesus Came to Tea*

Let me ask you a question. If Jesus were to visit contemporary London, where would he be found? If Jesus came to our capital city, where are the sorts of places Jesus would spend his time? What are the places he would naturally gravitate toward? I imagine that Jesus would be found in the synagogues and temples on Saturday, just as he was all those years ago. I like to think of him too, preaching from the steps at the west door of St Paul's Cathedral on a Sunday. But where would he be found on a Monday, or Tuesday, or any weekday for that matter? Canary Wharf, the stock exchange, St Tommy's hospital?

Whatever our answer to that question, the chances are, all our answers involve people. If Jesus were to visit London today, we would find him spending time with people. Now why are we so confident of that? – Well because it is what we consistently see Jesus do in the New Testament. Interestingly, much of Jesus' public ministry took place in people's homes. Reading through Luke's gospel, I've been struck by how many times Jesus gets invited round for dinner. So much seems to happen in the setting of the home.

This summer, as we come and go over these busy weeks, whether we are taking a break or it's business as usual, we are going to be thinking about some of the times Jesus popped round someone's house for dinner. Our summer sermon series is called, 'When Jesus came to tea'. And as we will see, sometimes it was a quiet affair, and sometimes it caused a stir. Sometimes the nature of Jesus' teaching was to encourage, and other times it was to challenge. So perhaps to return to our original question, *where would Jesus be found in London today*, Luke's gospel has good reason to think that it may well have been your own home.

So, whatever the summer has in store for you, we look forward to welcoming you to St Paul's Beckenham, whether that's in person or online, as Jesus comes to tea.

31 <sup>st</sup> July	Tea with ... Levi the Tax Collector	Luke 5: 27-39
7 <sup>th</sup> August	Tea with ... Simon the Pharisee	Luke 7: 36-50
14 <sup>th</sup> August	Tea with ... Mary and Martha, the Sisters	Luke 10: 38-42
21 <sup>st</sup> August	Tea with ... The Scholar	Luke 14: 1-14
28 <sup>th</sup> August	Tea with ... The Apostles	Luke 22: 14-30

## Happy Birthday

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



### Community Notices

**Rock Choir Live – Fundraising Concert for Welcare** – Welcare in Bromley is holding a fundraising concert, on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September 8pm - 9.30pm at St Mary's Church, College Road, Bromley, BR1 3QG. Tickets £10 pp. Drinks available in the interval. For more information and tickets visit [www.welcare.org/events](http://www.welcare.org/events), call 020 7820 7910, email fundraising@welcare.org OR pay at the door.

**David Sewell is walking again!!** This time he is walking a marathon on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September from Portsmouth FC to Southampton FC on behalf of Prostate Cancer UK. If you feel that you could support him, he has a just giving page: [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/David-Sewell2022](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/David-Sewell2022) or there is a donation sheet at the back of church if you would like to give a cheque or cash.

**Biblical Languages for Fun, St Augustine's College of Theology** - This online course is offered free of charge and will be from 7pm – 8pm on Tuesday evenings, beginning on 13<sup>th</sup> September and running until 7<sup>th</sup> March. It is for anyone with an interest in the linguistic features of the Bible and its languages, and no academic qualifications are needed. [Biblical Languages for fun - St Augustine's College of Theology \(staugustinescollege.ac.uk\)](http://Biblical Languages for fun - St Augustine's College of Theology (staugustinescollege.ac.uk))

**Exploring your Calling** - *It's Your Calling* days, hosted by the Diocese's Vocations team, offer a chance to explore where God might be leading you. The next one takes place on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October at St John's, Meopham. Please have a word with Rev. Simon if this is something you are interested in.

**Foodbanks** – Living Well and CAP are in desperate need of foodbank donations at the current time. Donations can be left in the tub outside the Vicarage. The following items are particularly needed: Tins of spaghetti, soup, sweetcorn, peas, carrots, green beans, potatoes, pulses, fish, cold meat, tomatoes; tea, coffee, pasta sauce, long-life milk, pasta, biscuits, cereal, toilet rolls, shower gel, shampoo. Please double-check items are in date and do not contain any alcohol. It is helpful if you can bring any donations in a strong carrier bag.

### Eco Tips - August

*(A monthly series of suggestions to help us all care for God's world)*

Be kind to the environment  
Cut down on your car use  
Give someone a lift to church



Make the most of the good weather –  
walk or cycle  
Save money on petrol and keep fit!

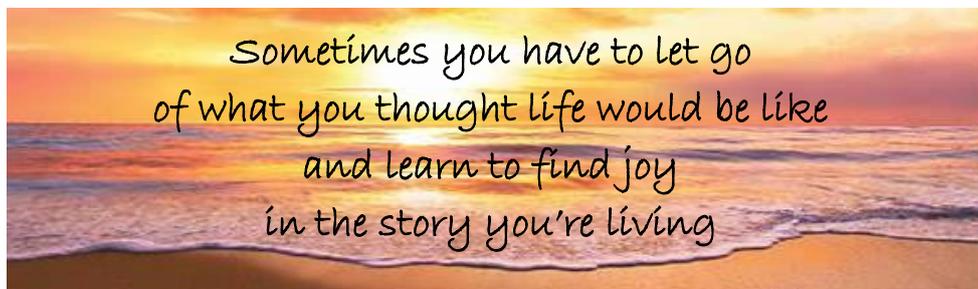
*If you have a tip you would like to share, please send your suggestion to Stephanie in the office.*

### ***Mission of the Month for July and August – Nick and Harriet Algeo, with Crosslinks***

Nick and Harriet are thankful to God for providing the job that Nick is going to start shortly - Minister at Christ Church Central, Leeds. Although a huge change for them all, they are excited to get to know the church and the city and to be part of the ministry there.



They reflect that their time in The Gambia has taught them so much about God's faithfulness and his provision and ask that we pray that they don't forget these things. They are thankful that they now have a house waiting for them, and that Phoebe and Arthur both have a place at a local school. The Algeos would welcome our prayers for the daunting adjustment to life back in the UK. We look forward to receiving a further update from them as their new life starts in Leeds.



### ***Special Prayers or 'Collects'***

**31<sup>st</sup> July - 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity.** Generous God, you give us gifts and make them grow: though our faith is small as mustard seed, make it grow to your glory and the flourishing of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**7<sup>th</sup> August – 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity.** Lord God, your Son left the riches of heaven and became poor for our sake: when we prosper save us from pride, when we are needy save us from despair, that we may trust in you alone; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**14<sup>th</sup> August - 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity.** Gracious Father, revive your Church in our day, and make her holy, strong and faithful, for your glory's sake in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**21<sup>st</sup> August - 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity.** Lord of heaven and earth, as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer, give us patience and courage never to lose hope, but always to bring our prayers before you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**28<sup>th</sup> August - 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity.** God of glory, the end of our searching, help us to lay aside all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom, and to give all that we have to gain the pearl beyond all price, through our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Please pray...*

- for children and young people, parents, and school and college staff in the summer holidays.
- for those awaiting exam results.
- for safety in travel for those able to get away, and for rest and refreshment for all.
- for families for whom the summer holidays are difficult, for whatever reason. May they be given the help and support that they need.
- for our Government, and wisdom for the Conservative Party, as they select a new leader.
- for areas in the world where there is turmoil, war, unrest and hunger.
- for those facing injustice because of their faith. May they be comforted, strengthened and filled with hope.
- for prisoners and all who work with them, for hope and effective rehabilitation.
- for the foodbanks and other services provided by Living Well and CAP.
- for all who are ill or in pain, including those suffering with Covid or long-Covid.
- for those who are having an operation or waiting for medical procedures.
- for those in nursing homes and hospitals, and those caring for them.
- for all who are anxious, lonely or depressed.
- for those who are grieving the loss of a loved one.



*Get in touch...*

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**Communion by Extension** - If you are unable to make our Communion services but would like to receive Communion, please do not hesitate to get in touch with Rev. Simon or Anne Howick

*St Paul's Verse for the Year*

“Welcome everyone, as Christ welcomed you, to the glory of God.” Romans 15: 7