



# ST PAUL'S BECKENHAM

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2026

8.00am	<b>Holy Communion (BCP) – With Rev'd Neil Fairlamb</b>
10.30am	<b>Morning Worship – In the Hall</b> Readings: Acts 9: 1-22 read by Maya McKeever Proverbs 3: 5-6 read by John Blakely Prayers: Led by David Charlesworth With Anne Harkness Rev'd Rachel Winn <i>Sunday Squad will take place in the office, as the congregation will be worshipping this Sunday in the hall. There will be a play area and some toys available at the back of the hall for younger children.</i> <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 office.</i>
12.00pm	<b>Vision Fellowship Lunch for St Paul's Day (In the Hall)</b>
The 10.30am service will be live-streamed and available via <a href="#">St Paul's You Tube Channel</a> .	

## *Collect (Special Prayer) for the Conversion of St Paul*

Almighty God, who caused the light of the gospel to shine throughout the world through the preaching of your servant St Paul: grant that we who celebrate his wonderful conversion may follow him in bearing witness to your truth; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## *What's On this Week*

Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> Jan	9.00am – 9.45am	Morning Prayer – in the Chapel, as part of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
Sat 24 <sup>th</sup> Jan	9.30am	Connect Café
Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> Jan	7.30pm – 9.00pm	Resolve Course – in the hall
Wed 28 <sup>th</sup> Jan	9.00am – 9.30am 7.00pm – 9.00pm 7.30pm	Morning Prayer – in the Chapel Youth Alpha – in the hall Prayer for our Parish, Community and Nation (on Zoom)
Thurs 29 <sup>th</sup> Jan	9.00am – 9.30am 10.00am 2.30pm 8.00pm	Morning Prayer – in the Chapel Babies and Toddlers Friendship Group – Tournehem sur la Hem, Sue Waters. All welcome Community Choir – in the hall
Fri 30 <sup>th</sup> Jan	9.00am – 9.30am	Morning Prayer – in the Chapel
Sun 1 <sup>st</sup> Feb <i>Candlemas</i>	8.00am 10.30am	<b>Holy Communion (BCP) – With Rev'd Rachel Winn</b> <b>Holy Communion</b> Readings: Hebrews 2: 14-18 and Luke 2: 22-40 With Rev'd Rachel Winn and Rev'd Clive Grinham

## *St Paul's Notices*

**Connect Café** - with Book Exchange and Green Corner. Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> January, 9.30am – 11.30am. Bring your friends and neighbours (and yourself!). 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.

Many thanks to Joan Waters for her donation for the **sanctuary flowers** in memory of Maurice.

**Vision Fellowship Lunch for St Paul's Day** – Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January. After the 10.30am service in the hall, we will have a very short comfort break when we will be serving tea and coffee in the church, and we will then move back into the hall for our vision fellowship lunch. Because of the space limitation, please bring a picnic with a drink, which you will need to eat on your lap. If you would like to make a spare picnic please do, in case someone turns up without one! During this time together, we will be exploring further God's vision for St Paul's over the coming years, and this will be an opportunity for everyone to take part in the discussion and pray together.

**Resolve Course** - On Monday evenings during January, from 7.30pm – 9pm, in the hall. It is not too late to come along and join in; everyone is welcome! The course is designed to reflect on how we make and keep our New Year resolutions, and to enable conversations! Free of charge, light refreshments provided. Any questions, please contact Keith Howick on 07747 033473.

**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.

**Tea and Coffee** - Many thanks to the Wells home group for serving tea and coffee on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January. On 1<sup>st</sup> February, the Birkett home group will be on duty.

### *Funday Squad for Ages 4 – 11*

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> February, 3 – 5pm

- Food
- Arts and Craft
- 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).



## *Assistant Church Administrator*

We are looking for a part-time Assistant Church Administrator to support Stephanie in our busy Church Office. This is a public-facing role dealing with enquiries from parishioners, visitors and members of the public. The ability to communicate sensitively and effectively with a variety of people is essential. If you are interested, please email [admin@stpaulsbeckenham.org.uk](mailto:admin@stpaulsbeckenham.org.uk) or call 020 8650 0501 for a Role Description/Person Specification and Application Form.

**Location** – St Paul's Church Office, Lawn Road, Beckenham, BR3 1TP

**Hours** – 15 hours per week (preferably 3 mornings x 5 hours per morning)

**Salary** - London Living Wage £14.80 per hour (equivalent to £11,544 per annum)

**Pension** – Contributory pension (auto enrolment)

**Annual leave** - 16.8 days (84 hours) per year (inclusive of bank/public holidays)

**Closing Date** – Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February; **Interviews** – Between 19<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> February

**Start date** – April, after Easter, subject to DBS check and references

## Lent 2026

Lent begins on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February, which we will be celebrating at St Paul's with a service of Holy Communion and Ashing at 7.30pm.

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](#).



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.

## Community Notices

**Romantic Melodies** – A classical vocal concert on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> January, 6pm, at St Cuthbert's Church, Earl's Court, 50 Philbeach Gardens, London SW5 9EB (close to Earl's Court tube station). With Silva McQueen (Soprano), Leonel Pinheiro (Tenor) and Timothy End (Piano). Some of us will remember Silva, who held a concert here at St Paul's a few years ago with Leonel and Timothy. The concert will include music by Mozart, Verdi, Bellini, Puccini as well as some English and Serbian tunes. Tickets £16 (£5 for children) via: [Romantic Melodies - Serbian Month of Great Britain - Booking by Bookwhen](#)

**Liam Conlon MP in Conversation with 'HOPE Not Hate'** – Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January, 6pm – 7pm (doors open 5.30pm), at St George's Beckenham, on 'How we address the rise of the far-right'. HOPE Not Hate is a UK charity that brings people together by challenging extremism and promoting inclusion and understanding. There is limited space; RSVP is essential: <https://bit.ly/HOPEnothateRSVP> or email [liam.conlon.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:liam.conlon.mp@parliament.uk).

**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. Everyone 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.

**Allegrì 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 [Allegrì Singers – A chamber choir in the London Borough of Bromley](#) or on the door.

**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**.

### *Wycliffe Bible Translators – Mission of the Month (Jan & Feb)*

The Yakar team try to draw attention to the words of the Bible in various ways. We have the photo of Julian pointing to the calendar they distributed but also every day the Yakar translation team posts a Bible verse in Yakar on Instagram together with a suitable picture. Julian writes, “we're hoping to expand into other social media platforms this year. Pray that these Bible verses will attract people's attention and whet their appetite for more of the Bible.”



Please see the mission board at the back of church for more information.

### *Please pray...*



- for the Connect Café on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> January.
- for all of us on St Paul's Day, as we celebrate together and further seek God's vision.
- for the Resolve course, running on Monday evenings during January.
- for the Youth Alpha course on Wednesday evenings.
- for home groups as they meet up again.
- for guidance regarding the church heating.
- for the application process for an Assistant Church Administrator.
- for people to keep warm and safe in the cold weather.
- for all those affected by the train crashes in Spain.
- for the family and friends and all affected by the death of 3 Palestinian journalists in Gaza.
- for all those in authority who desire to govern with justice, equity and peace.
- for our police and security services, and for protection over our land.
- 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, pain and loneliness.
- for all who are grieving the loss of a loved one.

On our Electoral Roll we pray for Ian Johnson, Alicia Kysow, Lindsey Lamb, Moreen Lane, and for our parishioners in Copers Cope Road.

### *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; [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).