

ST PAUL'S BECKENHAM

E-Notice Sheet

Sunday 29th November 2026

8.00am	**Holy Communion (BCP) –** With Rev'd Rachel Winn In the Chapel
10.30am	**Holy Communion –** In the Hall With Rev'd Rachel Winn and Jash Masih Readings: Isaiah 64: 1-9 read by Youla Yates Mark 13: 24-37 read by Ann Birkett Prayers: Led by Keith Howick *Children's Activities – Sunday Squad in the Chapel for children aged 4-11, and there will be a play area at the back of the hall that parents/carers of babies and pre-schoolers are welcome to use.* *Prayer after the Service – If you would like someone to pray with you, members of the prayer ministry group will be available in the Vestry.*
*The 10.30am services are usually live-streamed; however if live-streaming is not possible, the service is recorded and made available after the service on **St Paul's You Tube Channel***	

Collect (Special Prayer) for the 1st Sunday of Advent

Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns,
turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness,
that we may be ready to meet you
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen

What's On this Week		
Fri 27th Nov	9.00am 1.30pm	Morning Prayer – In the Chapel Thanksgiving Service for the life of Carol Brownie – in the Church
Sat 28th Nov	9.30am	Connect Café
Wed 2nd Dec	9.00am	Morning Prayer – in the Chapel
Thurs 3rd Dec	9.00am 10.00am 2.30pm 7.30pm 7.30pm	Morning Prayer - in the Chapel Babies & Toddler group Friendship Group – All welcome Explore Together Prayers for our Parish, Community and Nation (on Zoom)
Fri 4th Dec	9.00am 7.30pm	Morning Prayer – in the Chapel Choir Rehearsal for Carol Service
Sat 5th Dec	10.00am	Gardening Team
Sun 6th Dec *2nd Sunday of Advent*	8.00am 10.30am	**Holy Communion (BCP)** – With Rev'd Rachel Winn **Holy Communion** Theme: Safeguarding Sunday With Rev'd Rachel Winn, Sandra Horner and Keith Howick Readings: Psalm 139: 1-18, 23-24 and 1 Corinthians 13: 1-13

Happy Birthday

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



St Paul's Notices

Thanksgiving Service for the Life of Carol Brownie – Friday 27th November, at 1.30pm here at St Paul's, following on from the private committal. Carol was a lifelong worshipper at St Paul's, and you are warmly invited to join us for this service to celebrate Carol's life and to comfort her family and friends. The service will be in the church, so please wear very warm clothes. The family has asked if any donations could be made to Guy's & St Thomas' Kidney Patients' Assoc.

Connect Café - Saturday 28th November, 9.30am – 11.30am. With the usual good coffee, bacon butties and pastries. All free; donations welcome. As usual, there will be a children's play table, book exchange and pre-loved items etc to raise funds for the Warm Welcome Campaign. Our community litter-picking team will be out from 9.30am: all equipment provided, no experience needed, everyone welcome.

Services in the Hall – Each week, we will be improving upon the hall setup and seating arrangements. Thank you for your constructive comments which are helping us make this work. It would be helpful if those who are tall could sit closer to the sides of the hall and those who don't mind being near the front could fill up the front seats. If, towards the start of the service, you find there is an empty seat next to you, please can you shuffle up to leave the aisle seats clear for latecomers. Thank you for all your patience.

Communion Service – Trial Format for distribution. Because we are so limited for space in the hall, we will be distributing Holy Communion without everybody coming up to the front. Rachel will explain on the day!

Help us raise our social media profile and reach more people in our community. Do you follow St Paul's on Facebook and Instagram? Do you like and share our posts so more people find out about our services and Connect events - and our Warm Welcome Campaign? If not, let us show you how to do it. Support will be available after the 10.30am service on Sunday 29th November.

Christmas Connect Leaflets – There are a number of roads, or properties, which do not have an allocated deliverer. If you are able to help, please look at the list at the back of church and sign up, or speak to Anne Howick if you have any questions. Thank you very much.

Choir for Carol Service – There will be rehearsals on Friday 4th, 11th and 18th December, 7.30pm in the hall. Everyone welcome! The Carol Service is on Sunday 20th December (following the outdoor Community Carols at 6.30pm).

Many thanks to all those who attended Songs of Praise on Saturday 21st November, and to those who chose a hymn and gave a testimony. £430 was raised for the Warm Welcome Campaign.

Bible-Reading Notes - There are many different Bible-reading notes available to help with reading the Bible regularly; the popular ones amongst members of St Paul's are New Daylight, Guidelines, Daily Bread, Encounter with God, and Day by Day with God. If you would like more info, or to order some for 2027, please contact Marion Lowe on 020 8290 1073/marionlowe@talktalk.net.

Christmas Tree Tags - do you agree? We have had suggestions for the Christmas tree tags for supporting A Rocha and Street Pastors. Clari and Marie will present information on them but if you have an urgent alternative suggestion, please let us know before 30th November. Thank you. marieread1@gmail.com or clariharrington@ymail.com.

St Paul's Notices Cont'd

Link to Hope Shoeboxes – Thank you so much to everyone who has given so much to this charity and for all your support. Camilla, the hub leader, is very grateful to St Paul's; she will be distributing boxes personally to schools and to people of all ages in their private homes in Moldova. Over 2,000 boxes will be taken to Moldova, Ukraine, Bulgaria & Romania.

Tea and Coffee - Many thanks to the Howick home group for serving tea and coffee on Sunday 29th November. On 6th December the Wells home group will be on duty.

Warm Welcome Campaign - Double your donations!

Aviva will match every donation (one per person) up to £250, until Thursday 31st December. The maximum amount we can receive in match funding is £25,000, doubling donations to £50,000. Any contribution large or small is a step towards helping us create a warmer, greener, welcoming church for everyone.

Please share the link to our CrowdFunder page with family, friends and community groups who may be in a position to support us. Please be aware, to avoid giving CrowdFunder a tip, move the slider to the left, or press custom tip and enter zero. And if you are a tax payer, please add Gift Aid at no extra cost. Thank you!

https://communitiesfund.avivafoundation.org.uk/p/warm-welcome-campaign

Hymns/Songs on Sunday 29th November ♪♫♪

Everlasting God (Strength will rise), Come thou long-expected Jesus, Lord,
I lift your name on high, Light of the World (Here I am to worship),
You are the king of glory, Come, O Come Emmanuel

Living Well Foodbank Christmas Appeal

To help feed someone in need this Christmas, please fill a bag with one of each of these items:

Tinned ham/corned beef
Tinned salmon
Tinned veg
Tinned fruit
Tinned soup
Pasta

Coffee
Tea bags
Hot chocolate
Long life milk
Rice pudding/custard

Festive chocolates
Cereal
Toilet roll
Shampoo
Shower gel



You might like to consider doing this as a home group or other church group. Sarah Gray is happy to take your bag(s) to Living Well (she can be contacted on 07761 115055), or leave your bag behind the font in the church and she will collect it. She will take the final bags to Living Well on Friday 11th December. https://www.facebook.com/share/1H87isVjGw/?mibextid=wwXIfr

Devotional Journey in Advent (LICC)

If you would like to join London Institute of Contemporary Christianity's Advent journey, you can sign up to receive an email every day during Advent (free of charge). An aid to reading the Bible and praying during Advent, reflecting on the meaning and purpose that Jesus's birth brings to all of life. https://licc.org.uk/ourresources/everyday-adventure-a-christmas-devotional-journey/

Community Notices

Christmas Fair - Saturday 28th November, 10am – 2pm, at St James's Church, Elmers End.

Britten - 50 years on. A concert with the Allegri Singers on Saturday 28th November, 7.45pm at St Mark's Church, Westmoreland Road, Bromley, BR2 0TB, for an evening marking 50 years since Benjamin Britten's death, featuring some of his most beautiful and compelling choral works: Saint Nicolas, Choral Dances from Gloriana, A Ceremony of Carols, Cantata Misericordium. Also featuring the Bromley Boy Singers and the Rosenau Sinfonia. Adults £15, u18s £5. Tickets on the door or via www.allegrisingers.org.uk.

Choral Concert with Beckenham Chorale – Saturday 28th November, 7pm, at St George's Church Beckenham. Programme to include Benjamin Britten's St Nicolas and Gerald Finzi's Magnificat and other works. Conducted by Mark Griffiths; Tenor: Luke Price. Featuring the Taplow Girls' Choir and St Paul's Sinfonia. Tickets £23, £18, £5 (concessions), including free drink and programme, available online (www.ticketsource.co.uk) or on the door from 6.15pm (card only).

Young Adults Gathering – Friday 11th December, 7pm in the lounge at Christ Church Beckenham. This gathering is aimed for people in their 20s to 40s who are child-free and would like to gather and meet for food and fellowship. £5/person; drinks will be sold on the evening. For more details, please contact the CCB office: office@ccb.org.uk or 020 8650 3847.

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 that items do not contain any alcohol and are not past their expiry date. It is helpful if tins have ring pulls and if you can leave your donations in a strong bag.* Thank you very much.

Welcare - Mission of the Month (Nov & Dec)

Welcare is a Christian charity set up originally by the Bromley Anglican Churches. They are based in Bromley and work with families with children under 13 years, where there are difficulties, typically involving mental health, drug abuse, domestic violence and/or special needs. Welcare can offer targeted 1:1 help, organising access to services from other agencies, as well as providing practical and emotional support themselves.

The number of groups in schools have increased, nurturing wellbeing where children are struggling with anxiety and self-esteem. They offer online and face to face parenting courses and have run a successful Caring Dads programme, accredited by the Courts, to support fathers. See Welcare.org for more information.

Please pray…



- for us as a church as we navigate our busy lives in December. Help us seek a time each day to cease our hurried activity, to reflect and wait for the light that overcomes the darkness.
- for the distribution of our Christmas Connect leaflet and for all our neighbours in the Parish.
- for hospital staff as they cope with lots of pressure.
- for those in nursing homes, and for all who care for them.
- for all those struggling with health problems.
- for all who are grieving the loss of a loved one, especially the family and friends of Carol Brownie.

On our Electoral Roll we pray for Maya McKeever, Marion McNally, Catherine Metcalf, Nomsa and Sergiu Moldovan, and for our parishioners in Ashfield Close.

Get in touch…

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Office hours: Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays, 9.15am – 2.15pm
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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*