



# ST PAUL'S BECKENHAM

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2025

8.00am	<b>Holy Communion (BCP)</b> With Rev'd Neil Fairlamb
10.30am	<b>Morning Worship</b> With Wesley Guy and David Charlesworth Readings: Isaiah 55: 1-9 read by Marian Sewell 1 Corinthians 10: 1-13 read by Youla Yates Prayers: Led by Keith Howick <i>Children's Activities in the Hall – Sunday Squad 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> <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>
12.00 & 12.45pm	<b>Setting up for 'Experience Easter' and Rehearsal</b>
The 10.30am service will be live-streamed and available via <a href="#">St Paul's You Tube Channel</a>	

### *Special Prayer (Collect) for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent*

Eternal God, give us insight to discern your will for us, to give up what harms us, and to seek the perfection we are promised in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

<b>What's On</b>		
Sat 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	9.30am	Connect Café
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> March	am & pm	Worsley Bridge School visit – 'Experience Easter'
Tues 25 <sup>th</sup> March	10.00am 7.30pm	St Paul's Pre-School visit - 'Experience Easter' CTiB Lent course sessions at St John's Eden Park, BR3 3JN
Thurs 27 <sup>th</sup> March	10.00am 2.30pm 7.30pm	Babies & Toddler Group, including 'Experience Easter' Friendship Group: 'Experience Easter'. All welcome Prayer for our Parish, Community and Nation (on Zoom)
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> March	am & pm	Worsley Bridge School visit – 'Experience Easter'
Sat 29 <sup>th</sup> March	10.00am 10.00am	Gardening Team Making posies for Mothering Sunday
<b>Sun 30<sup>th</sup> March</b> <i>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent</i> <i>Mothering Sunday</i>	8.00am 10.30am	<b>Holy Communion (BCP)</b> – With Rev'd Neil Fairlamb <b>All-Age Service for Mothering Sunday</b> Readings: 2 Corinthians 5: 16-21 and Luke 15: 1-10 With Alison Charlesworth and Rev'd Rachel Winn

## *St Paul's Notices*

**Connect Café** – Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 9.30am – 11.30am. Bring your friends and neighbours (and yourself!). As well as the children's toys being out, we have a Book Exchange and a Green Corner. 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.

**The big set-up for 'Experience Easter'** will take place at 12 noon after the 10.30am service on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March. Can you help please (even if you are not involved during the week)? We need gazebos putting up, a temple space to be put together and the craft area set up for the many children that will be coming through the church this week. If you are not involved in this, please could you keep to the back of the church after the service.

**Church Closed** – Please note that the church will be closed on Monday and Friday all day, and on Tuesday and Thursday mornings, while the children are visiting for 'Experience Easter'.

**Morning Prayer** – Please note that there will be no Morning Prayer sessions on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> or Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March, because of 'Experience Easter'.

**Making Posies for Mothering Sunday** – We shall be making posies on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March, 10.00am, for distribution at services on Mothering Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> March. It would be lovely if some people could help with making these posies. Please speak to Anne Howick if you are able to help.

**Gardening Team** – Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March, 10am. You are very welcome to join the Gardening Team and help to keep the church gardens looking lovely. No tools or experience necessary. Tea/coffee provided. Please note change of date – we are meeting a week earlier than the usual first Saturday of the month.

**Rev'd Rachel is back on 30<sup>th</sup> March** 😊 😊 Rev'd Rachel is looking forward to coming back for the All-Age service on Mothering Sunday. We are always conscious that not everyone feels like celebrating on this day because, for various reasons, it can hold pain and sadness. However, this service is for everyone. (Although God is referred to as 'he', Scripture tells us that we are made in God's image, both male and female.) At this service, we will celebrate the more maternal attributes of God, and the children will distribute flowers to bless all the women present.

**You may not be on the Electoral Roll!** At the end of March, our Electoral Roll is wiped clean and we have to start all over again. We are really pleased that so many have completed forms already, but there are still a number who are not on the new Electoral Roll. If you would like help filling in this single-sheet form, please ask, or if you have any queries, please contact Rufus on [rballaster@gmail.com](mailto:rballaster@gmail.com). We are also compiling a church directory for those on the Electoral Roll, but we need your consent to be included in this. This is on the reverse side of the sheet.

**Church Spring Clean** - Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April 9.30am - 12.30pm. Please join us for our annual spring clean of the church and hall. This year there will be particular focus on the hall, kitchen, south porch - and window cleaning! If you can help, please sign the sheet at the back of church. Any questions, please speak to a church warden. Coffee and pastries will be available from 9am.

**Youth Group** – Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April, 4 -5.30pm, here at St Paul's Church. More details to follow...

**Mission Partner Updates** - Would you like to receive news for praise and prayer from any of the mission partners we support at St Paul's? If so, please email Marie Read [marieroad1@gmail.com](mailto:marieroad1@gmail.com) or put a note in the Mission Team pigeonhole.

**Sunday Morning Coffee Rota – Extra Help Needed.** Would you like to help serve coffee after the Sunday morning service approx. every five weeks? This is a great way to get involved and get to know people. Please contact Anne Harkness or Anthea Prendergast (church wardens).

**Tea and Coffee** – Many thanks to the Birkett home group for serving tea and coffee on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March. On 30<sup>th</sup> March, the Blakely home group will be on duty.

## ***Easter Garden Competition***

We are holding a competition to make a miniature Easter garden scene! This can be made from any material and should include an Easter cave with a stone rolled away; max size of base 40cm x 40cm (16" x 16"). Submissions any time until Palm Sunday (13<sup>th</sup> April), and there will be a prize for the winner after the service on Palm Sunday. There will be tables at the back of church for your creations!



## ***Community Notices***

**Beckenham Chorale** – Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 7pm, St George's Beckenham. Mozart C Minor Mass, Excultate, Jubilate and other works. Tickets from [www.ticketsource.co.uk/beckenhamchorale](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/beckenhamchorale).

**Brahms Requiem & Poulenc Gloria** - on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March, at 7.30pm, at Cadogan Hall, Sloane Square. With Sophie Bevan (soprano), Roderick Williams (bass), Kingston Choral Society and the Thames Sinfonia. Tickets at <https://cadoganhall.com/whats-on/kingston-choral-society-brahms-requiem-and-poulenc-gloria/>

**Sonnets & Song** – A musical celebration of Shakespeare through the centuries. Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March, 7.45pm at St George's, Beckenham. Tickets £15 from [www.southlondonsingers.org.uk](http://www.southlondonsingers.org.uk).

**St George's Chamber Orchestra** – Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March, 5pm, at St George's Beckenham. Mozart Piano Quartet No. 1 in G minor and Schubert Piano Quintet in A 'The Trout'. Tickets from [www.stgeorgesarts.co.uk](http://www.stgeorgesarts.co.uk), the parish office or on the door.

**Play at Bromley Little Theatre - Welcare Fundraiser.** A special charity preview of 'Labour of Love' by James Graham on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April, 7.45pm, at Bromley Little Theatre, North Street, Bromley, BR1 1SD. Tickets £12 from Alison Dockray (020 8776 5584, [aliray1@hotmail.com](mailto:aliray1@hotmail.com)).

**St Christopher's Fun Walk** – Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May, Keston Common. Walks of 3, 5, 8 or 11 miles, to raise funds for St Christopher's Hospice. For more details see flyer on noticeboard in south aisle, go to [www.stchristophers.org.uk/funwalk](http://www.stchristophers.org.uk/funwalk) or ring 020 8768 4575.

**Trek in support of Alzheimer's Society** – Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May in London. For more information, visit [www.alzheimers.org.uk/trek26](http://www.alzheimers.org.uk/trek26).

**St Christopher's 'Palace to Palace' Bike Ride** (London to Versailles) – September 2025. For more information, go to [www.stchristophers.org.uk/palacetopalace](http://www.stchristophers.org.uk/palacetopalace).

**Foodbanks** - Tubs for foodbank donations, which are shared between Living Well and CAP can be found in the porch, by the main church entrance. The following items are particularly needed: rice, pasta sauces, coffee, tins of: spaghetti, cold meat, curry, stew, fruit, potatoes. Please ensure tins have ring pulls, as many people do not have a tin opener. Please leave donations in a strong carrier bag. *Please also double-check items are in date and do not contain any alcohol.*

## ***Beckenham Repair Café***

10am – 1pm, Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March, 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 26<sup>th</sup> July  
at Kingsway Church, 18 Rectory Road, BR3 1JA

Bring your broken items and get them repaired free of charge (or a small donation). Everything from small electrical repairs and woodworking to tailoring, puncture repair and ceramics.

## *Mission of the Month (March and April) - SAT-7*



The Middle East and North Africa (MENA) has a long tradition of oral storytelling. As a media ministry creating content for a range of platforms, SAT-7 utilizes storytelling in a variety of creative ways: from the sharing of personal testimonies, to animated children's productions that bring Bible stories to life, to high-quality films and dramas that promote Christian values. Over the last year in particular, SAT-7 has seen how powerful storytelling is opening up opportunities for reaching much wider audiences, as SAT-7 productions have been taken up by other media networks.

Please pray for those watching SAT-7's content, whether on their own channels or on other networks, that their hearts will be open to the message and that they will be stirred to respond. There are prayer and information books on the table below the display at the back of church.

### *Please pray...*



- for the Connect Café on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> March.
- for 'Experience Easter' this week - for all the children and staff from Worsley Bridge School and from the St Paul's pre-school, for the children and parents/carers from our Babies & Toddler group, and for the members of Friendship Group.
- for the CTiB Lent courses at St John's Eden Park.
- for Rev'd Rachel as she starts to come back to work at the end of March.
- for the family and friends of the man who died after an attack at Eden Park on Sunday.
- for safety on the streets and in our shops.
- for all those affected by the Government's proposed tightening of eligibility for personal independence payments (PIP).
- for the situation in Ukraine, with the latest strikes.
- for the situation in Gaza and for the medics trying to help the injured and dying.
- for the families and friends of those who have died following a listeria outbreak at NHS hospitals.
- for the people who were forced to flee their homes in Notting Hill on Wednesday after part of their roof collapsed.
- for CAP and Living Well, and for all those who use the foodbanks.
- for wisdom and help for parents and carers of children and teenagers.
- for all those who are unwell, in physical pain or mental distress.
- for all who are grieving the loss of a loved one.

On our Electoral Roll we pray for Judith Freeborn, Andrew Galpin, Phyllis Gilmour, Pete and Ingrid Glenister, and for our parishioners in Greycot 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: [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; [sandrahorner53@gmail.com](mailto:sandrahorner53@gmail.com).

**Communion at Home** – If you are unable to come to a Communion service but would like to receive Holy Communion at home, please get in touch with Anne Howick (020 8658 0808)