

**St Paul’s Church Langleybury**

***November 2020***

**An Unsettled Advent**

Are you feeling unsettled / despondent / sad?  Wondering how your faith can help you?  We are running our Advent course a little earlythis year starting next ***Wednesday 11th November 6-7pm***.  Everyone is welcome!  All ages will be able to follow it.  Maybe you have friends or family who might benefit from this as well – invite them too!  Let us help and support and encourage each other through this very difficult time.  Click [**here**](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85909282336?pwd=RStScVVxV0ZSRENFMS9SQ21UVWhCdz09 ) to join via  zoom on Nov 11th (and the following three Wednesdays, Nov 18th, Nov 25th and Dec 2nd, all 6-7pm).

*Meeting ID: 859 0928 2336*

*Passcode: 599183*

**Outdoor Prayer Stations**

Within the grounds of the church there are now 4 prayer stations - each one being a creative tool and a way to reach God in new ways at any time you need to.  You will find the stations in plastic boxes, each one containing a prayerful activity, suitable for all ages.  There is hand sanitiser within each station to ensure it is a safe activity.

**Remembrance Season Prayer Trail**

In addition to the above outside prayer stations there will be a specific trail to mark the season of Remembrance in our churchyard. This trail is designed for people who may not be able to attend any of the services and/or if you wish to have a period of quiet spiritual reflection especially at this time. Again, they are suitable for all ages. Details will be displayed on our outside noticeboard.

**Christmas Greetings**

If you would like to add your name to the Christmas Greetings to your church friends, in the December Issue of the Magazine, please put the names to be added on an envelope, with a small donation to church funds, and give it to Mavis ***by 15th November***.

**Giving Weekend and Quiz Night**

One of the major social and fundraising events of the year is the Advent Market, run jointly with the school. With the pandemic, things have had to change this year.

We are therefore having a Giving Weekend on ***Saturday 28th – Sunday 29th November*** (details to follow).

As part of the weekend, we will be having a Quiz Night on the ***Saturday, from 7.30pm*** (via zoom – details to follow). The emphasis is on ***fun and fellowship.*** Everyone is welcome, so do please invite friends and family, even if they have the most tenuous link to St Paul's church.

If you would like to arrange yourself into a team, please **email James** the names of your team members - up to about 8 people - so I can allocate you as a group on the night. No problem if you don't have 8 people - I'll allocate 'free-floating' individuals / couples / families on the evening. You will definitely benefit if you have an age-range mix, as the questions are multi-generational (from teens upwards), as well as a mix of difficulty.

**Rotas**

If you would like to be on the rota for welcoming, reading or praying, please contact Kate Kettleborough: catherine.kettleborough@gmail.com

**Churchyard Tidy-up**

We plan to have our Autumn tidy-up of the churchyard on the first Saturday after lockdown ceases i.e. currently on ***Saturday 5th December***from 9am – a great way to muck in and help out, whether a whole family or just yourself! Hot drinks will be available until lunchtime.

**Diocesan Family Advent Activity Morning**

There will be a very special event on ***Saturday 5th December*** 10.30am-12.30pm.  The Diocese are hosting an online event where families (including those who are maybe far away) to join together online to spend some time reflecting on this very unique season this year.  More details to follow but save the date!  As Alison is part of the planning team do ask her for more details.

**Contactless/online giving**

****We are very pleased to announce we have made it even easier for you to donate to St Paul’s Church with the ability to give via your contactless bank card / google & apple pay & online. If you wish to pay online you can ether use this QR code or go to [**the website**](https://givealittle.co/campaigns/5fec00b9-f087-4d96-aa6f-c7f151c818b9)

You will be able to gift aid all your donations (if you are able) via all of these methods. Thank you for giving as generously as you are able to ensure that the work of St Paul’s can continue**.**

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