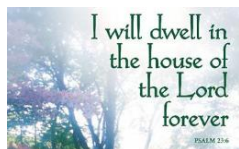


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ST PAUL'S BECKENHAM



Sunday 31st August 2025

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP) – With Rev'd Neil Fairlamb
10.30am	Morning Worship Theme: 'We're all going on a Summer Holiday' - Homecoming Readings: Psalm 23 read by Maya McKeever 2 Corinthians 5: 1-10 read by David Sewell Prayers: Led by Sarah Butler With Alison Charlesworth and Rev'd Rachel Winn <i>Children are very welcome in the service. There is a play space in the church and activity sheets for them. Sunday Squad will start up again next week on 7th September.</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>
The 10.30am service will be live-streamed and available via St Paul's You Tube Channel	

Special Prayer (Collect) for the 11th 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.

What's On this Week

Sat 30 th Aug	12.00pm	Marriage blessing
Sun 31 st Aug	12.30pm	Wedding rehearsal
Wed 3 rd Sept	9.00am	Morning Prayer (in the Chapel)
Thurs 4 th Sept	9.00am 10.00am 2.30pm 6.30pm 7.30pm	Morning Prayer (in the Chapel) Babies and Toddlers Friendship Group – Everybody welcome Knit & Natter, Craft & Chatter Prayer for our Parish, Community and Nation (on Zoom)
Fri 5 th Sept	9.00am 12.00pm	Morning Prayer (in the Chapel) Wedding
Sat 6 th Sept	10.00am	Gardening team
Sun 7 th Sept <i>12th Sunday after Trinity</i>	8.00am 10.30am 1.00 – 4.30pm	Holy Communion (BCP) – With Rev'd Rachel Winn Holy Communion Theme: A Cheerful Giver Readings: 2 Corinthians 9: 6-15 and Matthew 25: 14-30 With Sarah Butler and Rev'd Clive Grinham Community BBQ

Happy Birthday

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



St Paul's Notices

Gardening Team – Saturday 6th September, 10am – 12 noon. Our church garden is very much appreciated by the community, and the Gardening Team would welcome some extra help to keep it looking lovely. No experience or tools required, and tea and coffee are provided!

Vision Prayer Morning – On Saturday 13th September, 9.30am – 11.30am, we are holding our second morning of prayer, seeking God's vision for St Paul's Church. Everyone is invited to join us as we pray and worship together.

St Paul's Pre-School - Great news on the pre-school - 2 church members have come forward to become trustees and take on the roles of Treasurer and Committee Secretary. There is still more support that is needed. Do take a look at the display in the north aisle about the pre-school and other roles.

Food Vouchers – A huge thank you to everyone who made a donation towards the food vouchers which we were able to give to Worsley Bridge School and St Paul's Pre-School, to help support families during the summer holidays. We are thrilled to say that the whole amount (£2,500) has now been covered and your generosity has been greatly appreciated.

Electoral Roll! - If you have not filled in an Electoral Roll form yet, forms are available in the north aisle and should be returned to Anne Howick or Rev'd Rachel. We will be putting together a church directory, and if you wish to be included in this, please let us have your completed form by 15th September. Please note that even if you were on the Electoral Roll before, everyone is required to sign up again this year.

Thank you - David Sewell completed his marathon walk on 23rd August and raised just over £2,800. He thanks everyone so much for the incredible generous donations which will greatly assist in the work of Prostate Cancer UK.

Tea and Coffee – Many thanks to the Howick group for serving tea and coffee on Sunday 31st August. On 7th September the Wells home group will be on duty.



Connect BBQ – Sunday 7th September



Our Community BBQ is next Sunday!! Have you invited your families, friends and neighbours? It's one of our biggest 'outreach' events of the year. As well as the food, we will again be having the Brass Band, Bouncy Castle and numerous other attractions for this really popular community event.

We still need volunteers to help set up, clear up and run the event with cake making, cooking and stewarding. The leaflets are out to local streets, but why not try 'sharing' our Facebook posts this week. It makes a big difference to our online presence. There are sign-up sheets at the back of church, but please speak to Tim Harrington if you can possibly help. The BBQ is so popular, we recommend you bring camping chairs and picnic rugs.

Community Notices

Training for ministry with older people - Do you feel called to work with older people? Then Anna Chaplaincy could be for you. Anna Chaplaincy is a pioneering ministry within the Diocese of Rochester offering spiritual care and support to older people and their families, including people with dementia. Opportunities available include training to become an Anna Chaplain (lay or ordained) or an Anna Friend. There is also a parish course on the spiritual care of older people. Online training is available from September - [download a booklet](#) for more details, or contact Julia Burton-Jones, Anna Chaplaincy Lead and Dementia Specialist for the Dioceses of Rochester and Canterbury.

Learning by Heart – Thursday 18th September, at St Benedict's Centre. A workshop exploring the ancient practice of learning Scripture by heart. The Bible emerged in a largely oral culture; memory and the re-telling of stories were the means by which it was passed on to others. What can we learn from this, when we are so steeped in reading and writing? How can we begin to recapture the art of learning scripture by heart, and begin to carry it in a different way within us on our spiritual journey? Suzanna Hamilton, an actor, has been learning St Mark's Gospel. She will talk, briefly, about this experience and 'tell' a chapter or two. The day will start at 10am and finish by 3pm. The cost for the day is £25. Refreshments will be available throughout the day from 9.30am, but please bring a packed lunch.

Macmillan Coffee Morning – Friday 26th September, 9.30am – 11.30am, at Anthea's:
Please come and support this charity. Everyone is welcome.

Talent Evening at Elmers End Free Church – Saturday 4th October, 6pm. All CTiB churches are invited to attend, and there is still room for guest performers if anyone would like to volunteer their talents, eg music, dance, songs, recitations, magic. Admission is £5 (cash at the door), and tea/coffee and cake will be served in the interval. Proceeds go to Medecins Sans Frontieres.



The BIG Knit

The Big Knit – Saturday 11th October, 10am – 1pm, at Rochester Cathedral. Do you enjoy crochet or knitting? Everyone is welcome to join this annual event. Making Miracles is a charity offering support for families who lose a baby, and all money raised helps to fund this vital support. If you wish, you can make squares beforehand, which can be made up into blankets. Squares should be 6" x 6" and the most popular colours are pastel pinks, blues, greys and white.

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.

Donate your old Glasses



Bring any kinds of glasses or sunglasses, and cases if in good condition, to St George's Church between 9am and 1pm, by Wednesday 24th September, or contact Sue Mayo via the church office (office@stgeorgesbeckenham.co.uk). They will be donated to the Fanaka Foundation in Kenya, which supports blind and visually impaired young people in Kenya to access education training and work opportunities.

Mission of the Month (July and August) – CMS Tanzania

Ben and Katy Ray ask for prayer as they work to empower people with disabilities. Give thanks for the Usa River Fellowship in Tanzania, an incredible source of encouragement, prayer and mutual support to them both. Please pray as they continue to reach out to the many seekers God brings across their paths and that they can experience a move of His Spirit within the community.



Please pray...

- children, young people and teachers as they begin a new school year.
- for young people who are deciding what to do next or preparing for college/uni.
- for our Community BBQ on 7th September.
- for all those preparing for baptism in September.
- for the Vision Prayer Morning on 13th September, as we pray for God's vision to unfold following the PCC Away Day in July, as we consider how to move forward to further God's mission at St Paul's.
- for wisdom for all in Government and positions of authority.
- for all the areas of the world where there is violence, war or conflict.
- for all in hospital, having treatment or awaiting appointments.
- for CAP and Living Well, and for all who come to them for help and support.
- for all those struggling with health problems, pain or increasing frailty.
- for all who are grieving the loss of a loved one.

Verse for the Year 2025

'Christ makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love.'
Ephesians 4: 16 (New Living Translation)