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News from St Paul's

ROOTED AND ESTABLISHED IN LOVE:
FOR GOD... FOR EACH OTHER... FOR FOLESHILL.



ST PAUL'S CHURCH
Foleshill



A note from Abby...

Dear friends,

This beautiful clump of snowdrops is growing right at the back of our churchyard. I have always loved snowdrops - they feel like the first signs that Winter won't last forever and that Spring is on its way. These particular ones are growing, almost defiantly, in the wet and the cold, in the back of a churchyard that meets a noisy, busy, litter-strewn road. And, as such, they gave me an even bigger nudge of hope than normal. The beauty of God's creation is not going to be defeated by pollution and clutter!

The PCC met for our Away Day in January and we took stock of the last couple of years, with all the joys, as well as the challenges, that we have experienced together at St Paul's. And we talked about how we need to be ready for the new growth that God is going to bring - and is already bringing - to our doors. We considered what our focus needs to be as we move from what feels like a Winter season, where ground had to be prepared and dug over, where some things had to die back, and other things needed to be carefully tended. There is a real sense of Spring coming for our church - with the hope and growth and new birth that goes with it and we talked about how we need to be ready for what God is going to do. The Great Gospel Giveaway saw 160 households in our parish accept the Gospel of Mark, with many more accepting prayer and blessing. Our first week of Alpha saw 10 guests, with the possibility of more to still join us. And this is just the beginning - those first signs of new growth are coming, and are not going to be defeated by our cluttered and messy lives!

So how can we be ready? How do we prepare ourselves for God's call to share the good news with others, as individuals and as a whole church? There are lots of things we could **do** but, first and foremost, we need to think how we should **be**, because everything flows from that. So the PCC's "vision" for St Paul's builds on what we already had, acknowledging that we have to look *upwards* and *inwards* to keep ourselves spiritually healthy and nourished. But it also recognises that God is now asking us to look *outwards*. We are called to be rooted and established in love: love for God, for each other, and for Foleshill. As Lent begins this month, where we take stock of God's love for us demonstrated through Jesus's life, death and resurrection, how are we rooting ourselves in love for him, for each other and for the community we're called to serve?



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Bishop Sophie to visit St Paul's - 22nd February

The new Bishop of Coventry, Bishop Sophie Jelley, is coming to join us on Sunday 22nd February, where she will preach and celebrate communion at our 10am service, as well as coming along to the Sunday School 4 All after the service. Please do come along and make her feel really welcome!

Lent Bible Study on Zoom

Following the success of our Zoom bible study for Lent last year, we are going to do the same again this year. Join us on Zoom for a chance to go deeper in to Scripture, to challenge ourselves, and think about what God might be teaching us.

Please contact Revd Abby or Revd Mary for more detail, including the Zoom invitation. And if you aren't sure about the technology, let us know and we might be able to "buddy" you up with someone else!

Are you curious?

Try Alpha.

Do you have questions about the Christian faith?

Do you want to know more?

Join us at St Paul's to talk and ask more without judgement or pressure.

Every Tuesday evening at 7pm from 20th January to 31st March 2026.

Talk to Revd Abby or Revd Mary for more details.



Rooted and SS4A - guest speakers this month

We are very fortunate to be welcoming 3 guest speakers to St Paul's this month, as well as the Bishop's visit!

At Rooted, our evening service, we will be continuing our theme of "Hearing God" and will be welcoming **Rob Davey** on 1st February. Rob has a prophetic gift and is experienced in encouraging others to listen to God's voice for them. On 15th February, **Chaz Friend** will be joining us from Bedworth, to share his preaching and intercessory prayer gifts.

And at this month's Sunday School 4 All, on 22nd February. **Revd Steve Kelly** will be joining us to think about how we can use spiritual disciplines to help us follow Jesus more closely. Steve is the Director of Discipleship at St Paul's Leamington and has a real passion for helping people draw closer to God.

Working Groups - get involved!

St Paul's has a number of working groups that help to coordinate and organise activity around the church. They include Worship, Discipleship and Growth, Prayer, Mission and Community, Welcome and Care, and Buildings. If you think God is calling you to serve in one of these areas, talk to Revd Abby or Revd Mary.

Morning Prayer usually takes place in church every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, starting at 9.30am.

We are now offering prayer ministry most weeks after Sunday services - do come to receive prayer.



What's on in February

1st Feb, 10am:
Sunday All Age Communion Service

1st Feb, 6pm:
Rooted - evening service

3rd Feb, 7pm-9pm:
Alpha Course at St Paul's

4th Feb, 10am-12pm:
SPACE - our Stay and Play group

8th Feb, 10am:
Sunday Communion Service

10th Feb, 7pm-9pm:
Alpha Course at St Paul's

11th Feb, 10am-12pm:
SPACE - our Stay and Play group

15th Feb, 10am:
Sunday Communion Service

15th Feb, 6pm:
Rooted - evening service

17th Feb, 7pm-9pm:
Alpha Course at St Paul's

18th Feb, 6.30pm:
Ash Wednesday Service, with imposition of ashes

22nd Feb, 10am:
Sunday Communion Service with baptism, with Bishop Sophie presiding and preaching, followed by **Sunday School 4 All**

23rd Feb, 7.30-8.30pm:
Lent Bible Study on Zoom

24th Feb, 7-9pm:
Alpha Course at St Paul's

25th Feb, 10am-12pm:
SPACE - our Stay and Play group

Giving to the work of St Paul's

We rely on donations and support to cover our costs at St Paul's.

Could you consider your level of giving to the church?

Please ask Revd Abby or James Sundaram for information on how.

You can also support St Paul's with your every day shopping! You could raise vital funds for us, and at no extra cost for you. Simply use easyfundraising.org.uk to make your purchases.