

BENEFICE PRAYER REQUESTS

Caroline, Peter, Beverley & family. David & Angela. Lynn & Rob.
Derek & family, Harry
For the staff and children at Little Doves and St Paul's School
For our Benefice Churches—For revival.
100 days of prayer for how the Diocese sustains ministry - Please pray for wisdom for all.



Any specific prayer requests for others, please get their agreement for their names to be published and then send details to Jola on benkelnav3@yahoo.com

	<p>Climate Café Brentwood - 7 Crown Street Brentwood: Open on the last Saturday of every month . See their link below link for full info and updates. Climate Café® Brentwood – Climate Café®</p> <p>Sign up for the big plastic count from 9-15 March. www.thebigplasticcount.com</p> <p>We still collect used ink cartridges, used stamps, used candles for the wax, e.g tea lights.</p>
	<p>Please support the local Foodbank: there are collection boxes at the back of each church. Items in need are tinned goods, toiletries, rice, laundry gel, coffee, shampoo etc.</p>
	<p>When online shopping, please go via easyfundraising.co.uk to raise valuable funds – simple and free to use and the financial benefits to the churches really count.</p>
	<p>Hand Bell Ringers Wednesdays 7:30-9pm at St Paul's Church Centre. Bentley Tower Bell Ringers Tuesdays 7-9pm. New recruits welcome. Call 07746417459.</p>
<p>PRIEST IN CHARGE: REV'D JULIE HARDY The Rectory, 2 Church Road, Kelvedon Hatch, CM14 5TJ 01277 373486 revjuliehardy@btinternet.com</p>	<p>BENEFICE ADMINISTRATOR: JOLA CARROLL benkelnav3@yahoo.com www.benkelnav.org.uk</p>  

THE BENEFICE OF ST PAUL'S BENTLEY COMMON, ST NICHOLAS KELVEDON HATCH & ST THOMAS' NAVESTOCK

SUNDAY 22ND FEBRUARY 2026

COLLECT: THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THIS WEEK'S BIBLE QUOTE

"Even now," declares the Lord, "return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning." Joel 2:12

I hope that you have had a happy half term holidays and pray that you are feeling refreshed.

The Lent course starts this week at Ongar Road Garden Centre at 3pm. Do come and join me. It's suitable for anyone whether you've done a Lent course before or not. If you can't make it one week, come the next. It's going to be good - see you there.

For those of you that enjoy a quiz there are two quiz nights coming up. For those who want to spring clean - gather together your clean, good quality jumble and bric-a-brac ready for St Paul's church jumble sale. This can be dropped off at St Paul's church centre from 1 March. For those who like food events - we have a men's curry night coming up and also Soup and Sweet at Navestock Village Hall.

Thank you to everyone who organises and helps at these events - we couldn't do it without you! Please do support these events, most are to raise funds for the churches and all are to have fun and get to know you. **With every blessing,**
Rev'd Julie

Sunday 22nd February - 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7/Matthew 4:1-11
 9:30am ST PAUL'S - Holy Communion & JAM
 11am ST NICHOLAS - Service of the Word
 1pm ST NICHOLAS Baptism - Braybrook family
 2.30pm ST PAUL'S Baptism - Williamson family
 6:30pm ST THOMAS - BCP Holy Communion

Mon 23rd	9-12noon	The Hub - Fane Hall
Tues 24th	7pm 7.30-9pm	SNCF (St Nicholas Church Centenary Fund) AGM - in St Nicholas Church Alpha Course - on Teams
Wed 25th	9-11am 12noon 3pm	Little Hatchlings- St Paul's Church Centre St Paul's Interment - Snow family Lent Course - Ongar Road Garden Centre
Thurs 26th	9.30am	Holy Communion - St Nicholas
Sat 28th	7pm for 7.30pm	Quiz Night - Fane Hall

Sunday 1st March - 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17/ John 3:1-17
 9:30am ST PAUL'S - All Together Service
 11am ST NICHOLAS - Holy Communion
 6:30pm ST THOMAS - BCP Evening Prayer

Mon 2nd	9-12noon 7.30pm	The Hub - Fane Hall St Paul's PCC - St Paul's Church Centre
Tues 3rd	7.30-9pm	Alpha Course - on Teams
Wed 4th	9-12.30pm 3pm	Coffee & Chat - St Paul's Church Centre Lent Course - Ongar Road Garden Centre
Thurs 5th	9.30am	Holy Communion - St Nicholas
Sat 7th	10am	Children's Society Box Count - Fane Hall

Sunday 8th March - 3rd SUNDAY OF LENT

Exodus 17:1-7/John 4:5-42
 9.30am ST PAUL'S - Holy Communion & JAM
 11am ST NICHOLAS - Service of the Word
 6.30pm ST THOMAS - BCP Holy Communion

Mon 9th	9-12 noon 2pm 3pm	The Hub 4th Birthday party Holy Communion - Dudbrook Holy Communion - Howard Lodge
Tues 10th	7.30-9pm	Alpha Course - on Teams
Wed 11th	9-11am 1pm 3pm	Little Hatchlings - St Paul's Church Centre Navestock lunch - Navestock Village Hall Lent Course - Ongar Road Garden Centre
Thurs 12th	9.30am	Holy Communion - St Nicholas Church
Sat 14th	10am - 1pm 7pm for 7.30pm	Prayer at 10 then St Paul's Vision Morning St Thomas Quiz Night - Navestock Village Hall

SPECIAL EVENTS

(SNCF) St Nicholas Church Centenary Fund AGM - 24th February
 7pm Fane Hall. Come and hear about all that they have done last year.

Lent Course - Save the dates!

Change of time. 3pm on 25/2, 4/3, 11/3, 18/3, 25/3.
 Will be held at Ongar Road Garden Centre.

St Nicholas Church Quiz - Fane Hall - 28th February

7pm for a 7.30pm start. Get your teams together.
 Tickets £8pp, 8 per team.



Please contact Barbara for further details on 07792 262524

St Thomas Quiz Night - Navestock Village Hall - 14th March

Tickets £15 & include Shepherd's Pie & Cake
 Please contact Elaine for further details 07813 824545

Men's Curry Night at the Pilgrims Korai - 18 March

Full details to follow. Contact Darren if you want to attend

MU Jumble Sale - St Paul's Church Centre - 21st March

10am-12noon Gather all of your jumble together.



Soup & Sweet - Navestock Village Hall - 21st March

12-2pm Navestock Village Hall, £6 Just turn up.

Messy Easter - 28 March -St Paul's Church Centre

3-4.30pm - crafts, fun and snacks - free of charge, donations accepted

