



ST PAUL'S BECKENHAM

Sunday 9th March 2025

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP) With Rev'd Neil Fairlamb
10.30am	<p>Morning Worship With Keith Howick and Sarah Butler</p> <p>Readings: Romans 10: 8b-13 read by Sue Rodgers Luke 4: 1-13 read by Elaine Storey</p> <p>Prayers: Led by Sandra Horner</p> <p><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></p> <p><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></p>
12.00pm	Planning Meeting for Experience Easter – In the hall
The 10.30am service will be live-streamed and available via St Paul's You Tube Channel	

Special Prayer (Collect) for the 1st Sunday in Lent

Heavenly Father, your Son battled with the powers of darkness, and grew closer to you in the desert: help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer that we may witness to your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

<i>What's On</i>		
Fri 7 th March	3.00pm	World Day of Prayer at Beckenham Baptist Church
Sat 8 th March	10.00am	Marriage preparation (in the Chapel)
Tues 11 th March	7.30pm	CTiB Lent course sessions at St John's Eden Park, BR3 3JN
Wed 12 th March	9.00am	Morning Prayer – in the Chapel
Thurs 13 th March	9.00am	Morning Prayer – in the Chapel
	10.00am	Babies & Toddler Group
	2.00pm	Friendship Group: Visit from Worsley Bridge Choir. All welcome. <i>Please note earlier start.</i>
	7.30pm	Prayer for our Parish, Community and Nation (on Zoom)
Fri 14 th March	9.00am	Morning Prayer – in the Chapel
	12.00pm	Super Soup Lunch
Sun 16 th March <i>2nd Sunday of Lent</i>	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP) – With Rev. Neil Fairlamb
	10.30am	Holy Communion Readings: Genesis 15: 1-12, 17-18 and Luke 13: 31-35 With Rev. Clive Grinham and Janice Bessant (Licensed Lay Minister at Holy Trinity with St John's)

St Paul's Notices

World Day of Prayer – Friday 7th March, 3pm – 4.30pm, at Beckenham Baptist Church. This year 'The Cook Islands' of the South Pacific have planned the service inspired and led by Christian women from the Cook Islands. The church will be decorated with flowers, shells and the sound of the sea, and the service will be followed by a reception for all.

Experience Easter – There is a planning meeting after the 10.30am service on Sunday 9th March, at 12 noon in the hall, for all those who have kindly volunteered or who are interested in volunteering for 'Experience Easter', when we will be sharing the wonderful story of Easter with Year 2 and 3 children from Worsley Bridge School on Monday 24th March and Friday 28th March. There are many ways to help, including setting up, craft activities, telling the story, etc.

Super Soup Lunch – Friday 14th March, 12 noon at the back of church. Everyone is welcome! Join us for delicious homemade soup with crusty bread, and enjoy a warm, relaxing space, friendly company and conversation. There is no charge, although donations are welcome.

Church Spring Clean - Saturday 5th 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.

Emergency Life Support/Defibrillator Course – Wednesday 9th April, 9.30am – 1pm. Spaces are available if you are interested in attending this course. Please speak to Anne Harkness.

Electoral Roll Forms – If you are part of St Paul's Beckenham church family and would like to join or re-join the Electoral Roll, please return your form (copies available at the back of church) to Anne Howick. Every six years everyone is required to re-register on the church Electoral Roll.

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).

Lost property - There is a new lost property box in the north aisle. If you have lost property in church it will be placed in the box and then disposed of after four weeks. Inside and outside the box are many items found in church over the Christmas period. If they are yours, please do reclaim them as soon as possible. Many thanks.

Alison Charlesworth is challenging herself to take part in the London Landmarks Half Marathon on 6th April and would really appreciate support to raise funds for Parkinson's UK! Please help by sponsoring her with whatever you can. <https://events.parkinsons.org.uk/s/27810/35343/w>

Tea and Coffee – Many thanks to the Brackley home group for serving tea and coffee on Sunday 9th March. On 16th March, the Wells home group will be on duty.

Hope into Action Bromley

It was lovely to hear from Rebecca Day on Sunday 2nd March about Hope into Action and the houses they set up to help homeless people. The charity has volunteers from a number of churches to offer befriending, support and Christian love to help sustain the tenants in their new homes. If you have a heart for helping the homeless, you are welcome to go to the Friendship and Support meeting on Tuesday 18th March, 7pm, at St Augustine's church, Southborough Lane, BR2 8AT and find out how you can play a part either practically or face-to-face with a tenant.

There are three copies of the book 'A House built on Love' available at the back of church, in the south aisle. This is the book by Ed Walker that Rebecca recommended and is the inspiring story of Hope into Action, written by one of the founders. Please feel free to borrow a copy.

Community Notices

Fundraiser at Spinnaker – Spinnaker is recruiting a Fundraiser to join their team. Spinnaker prepares, delivers and distributes resources for Collective Worship and RE lessons in schools. For more information, email recruitment@spinnaker.org.uk, telephone 020 3764 8503, and an application pack can be found [here](#).

Elgar The Music Makers, Faure Cantique de Jean Racine, and Rand Piano Concerto No 3 - Thursday 13th March, at 7.30 pm at Holy Trinity, Sloane Square, with The London Chorus, New London Orchestra, Emily Gray (mezzo soprano), Alan Brown (piano). For tickets visit www.londonchorus.org.uk.

Mendelssohn's Elijah Sing-Along. Sunday 16th March, 2pm at Bromley High School, Blackbrook Lane, Bromley. Sing along to the choruses with The Orpington Chorale, under Dominic Wells with Kathryn Bartlett, piano. £10 payable at the door, includes tea/coffee and cake.

Beckenham Chorale – Saturday 22nd March, 7pm, St George's Beckenham. Mozart C Minor Mass, Excultate, Jubilate and other works. Tickets from www.ticketsource.co.uk/beckenhamchorale.

Brahms Requiem & Poulenc Gloria - on Saturday 29th 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 29th March, 7.45pm at St George's, Beckenham. Tickets £15 from www.southlondonsingers.org.uk.

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

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

At Kingsway Church, 18 Rectory Road, BR3 1JA. Saturdays 29th March, 3rd May, 26th July.

A community-driven initiative launched in late 2024, bringing together 14 skilled fixers and volunteers specialising in everything from small electrical repairs and woodworking to tailoring. The passionate team is dedicated to reducing waste and promoting a culture of reuse by giving items a second life.

Update on Ben and Katy Ray

In Usa River, near Arusha, Tanzania, mission partners [Ben and Katy Ray](#) run a centre where they offer training and hope of employment to people with disabilities through charity SAFI. Ben and Katy have also started a Sunday Christian fellowship at the centre. Pray for people who wouldn't normally enter a church to come along on Sundays, to feel welcome and meet with Jesus. Pray also for SAFI to be granted official charitable status.

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



We are used to hearing of conflict, poverty and persecution within the Middle East but there is a story of faith being strengthened for millions across the region. However, for over 25 years, SAT-7 has chosen a different path. Teams are on the ground, creating powerful, faith-filled television and digital media programmes.

SAT-7's vision is to see a growing Church in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) confident in Christian faith and witness, serving the community and contributing to the good of society and culture. Their programmes are designed to encourage and strengthen isolated Christians in their faith and provide a fresh perspective of faith for those asking questions about Jesus. Please pray that these programmes continue to be accessible despite government restrictions and pressures in society.

Please pray...



- for all of us during Lent, that we will make space for God and deepen our faith.
- for the marriage preparation course on Saturday 8th March.
- for the planning meeting for Experience Easter on Sunday 9th March.
- for the Super Soup lunch on Friday 14th March.
- for the CTiB Lent courses, beginning on Tuesday at St John's Eden Park.
- for continuing recovery for Rev'd Rachel.
- for all those leading and preaching at services at St Paul's.
- for those injured when two tourist buses crashed into each other in Barcelona.
- for all those in Brisbane, Queensland and New South Wales as Cyclone Alfred approaches.
- for peace in all areas where there is violence, war and terrorism.
- for CAP and Living Well, and for all those who need their help.
- 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 Stephanie Crausay, Daisy Davidson, Rosemary Dear, Jonathan Debrunner, and for our parishioners in Grace Mews.

Get in touch...

Administrator - Stephanie Fox: 020 8650 0501, admin@stpaulsbeckenham.org.uk

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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)

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)