



ST PAUL'S BECKENHAM

Sunday 9th February 2025

8.00am	Morning Prayer (BCP) - With Keith Howick
9.00am	Breakfast and Chat with Julian Shelton – All welcome
10.30am	<p>Morning Worship With Sarah Butler and Julian Shelton Readings: Psalm 67: 1-7 read by Ian Johnson Revelation 7: 9-12 read by Roger Wells Prayers: Led by Marie Read</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>
4pm – 5.30pm	Youth Group – at St John's Penge
<i>The 10.30am service will be live-streamed and available via St Paul's You Tube Channel</i>	

Special Prayer (Collect) for the 4th Sunday before Lent

Lord of the hosts of heaven, our salvation and our strength,
 without you we are lost:
 guard us from all that harms or hurts and raise us when we fall;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

<i>What's On</i>		
Wed 12 th Feb	9.00am 7.00pm	Morning Prayer – in the Chapel Safeguarding training
Thurs 13 th Feb	9.00am 10.00am 2.30pm 7.30pm	Morning Prayer – in the Chapel Babies & Toddler Group Friendship Group: Board games. All welcome. Prayer for our Parish, Community and Nation (on Zoom)
Fri 14 th Feb	9.00am 12.00pm	Morning Prayer – in the Chapel Super Soup Lunch – at the back of church
Sun 16th Feb <i>3rd Sunday before Lent</i>	8.00am 10.30am	Holy Communion (BCP) – With Neil Fairlamb Holy Communion Readings: Jeremiah 17: 5-10 and Luke 6: 17-26 With David Charlesworth and Rev'd Clive Grinham (Please note there will be no Sunday Squad today)

St Paul's Notices

Julian Shelton's Visit - Sunday 9th February. There is an opportunity to meet him over breakfast at 9am, when coffee, croissants and fruit salad will be provided, and to hear about his work in 'Yakarland' with Wycliffe Bible Translators (our Mission of the Month), both at the breakfast and during the 10.30am service. Everyone is very welcome.

Youth Group (joining with Holy Trinity with St John's) – Sunday 9th February, 4pm – 5.30pm at St John's Church Penge, SE20 7EQ. This time we are meeting at St John's - to enjoy snacks, create and design a gingerbread masterpiece, explore who we are in God together and have fun games.

Update on Rev'd Rachel – Rachel was admitted to hospital for emergency surgery last week and is very thankful to be home again now. She thanks everyone who has sent kind get well wishes and is grateful for everyone's patience while she is off on sick leave for the next two weeks.

Super Soup Lunch – Friday 14th February, 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 Office and Notice Sheet – Please note that the Notice Sheet that comes out on Friday 14th February will cover Sundays 16th and 23rd February. Stephanie will need any items for inclusion in this by Wednesday 12th February. The church office will be closed on Monday 10th February and during the week beginning 17th February.

Knit & Natter, Craft & Chatter – Thursday 20th February, 6.30pm – 8pm. Everyone is welcome, regardless of age, experience or craft. This week we will be focusing on Easter crafts. If you have your own supplies, great! If not, do not worry because we have wool, crochet needles and knitting needles to start you off. Tea and coffee will be served. There is no charge, though donations are welcome. If you would like to be added to our WhatsApp group, please contact Olivia Masih on 07840 378033 with your name and number. We look forward to seeing you.

St Paul's Pre-School - Our pre-school numbers are growing and we are looking for help, whether on a regular basis or every now and then, both in the setting with the children and with the trustees' work. Contact Liz Spencer 07884 426585.

Access Audit – We are planning to perform an access audit of the church, halls and grounds to assess how accessible they are for people with disabilities. We'll be touring the premises, discussing best practice, and looking at what we've got right and what we could improve. If you have any knowledge, skills, experience or interest in this area and would like to be involved in the inspection, please contact Anne Harkness.

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

Wycliffe Bible Translators - Mission of the Month (Jan & Feb)



Come and meet Julian at St Paul's this Sunday – at 9am for an informal question time and speaking with him over “coffee and croissants”, and at the 10.30am service. The Caucasus as a whole is often called “the mountain of languages”. It is the homeland of around 45 different people groups, all speaking their own distinct language – indeed, some of the most complex languages you will find anywhere in the world! These are close-knit, traditional communities and in many of the smaller groups there is no Christian witness at all. Give thanks that God's Spirit is not constrained by geographical, cultural, linguistic or religious barriers – and pray for work among those who are hearing or reading the “Yakar” translation as their heart language.

Lent Courses

CTiB (Churches Together in Beckenham) have organised a programme of five evening sessions on Tuesdays during Lent, beginning on 11th March. These will take place 7.30pm – 9.15pm at St John's Church, Eden Park Avenue, BR3 3JN. Choose from four workstreams:

- **Come and Sing** – led by David Storey (member of St Paul's)
- **Lent in the early days of Christianity** – led by Ray Shergill (Curate at Holy Trinity with St John's)
- **Resolve** – led by Keith Howick - (member of St Paul's)
- **Plenty! Joy in Enough** – led by Jonathan & Joanne Spink (members of Avenue Baptist Church)

Leaflets with more information and how to book are available at the back of church. You can return the form to Ann B or Anthea, or book online, by 25th February.

Community Notices

Shift Evening Worship - Sunday 16th February, 5pm at St John's Eden Park. This is an informal service centred on worship, with time for prayer and reflection, and a chance to relax together in God's presence. Everyone is welcome.

On the Wing: Choral Music on the Theme of Birds, sung by Londinium, on Friday 21st February, at St John's, Waterloo, at 7.30pm. More details and booking at <https://www.londinium-voices.org.uk/>

Greener and Cleaner Bromley (the 'Hub' in the Glades) are offering free advice on saving energy, and help for anyone worried about their energy bills. There are drop-in sessions at the Hub on Fridays from 12.30 - 1.30. Enquiries to energy@greenerandcleaner.co.uk, or you can request a home visit via <https://rb.gy/aqxp6c>.

Beckenham Photographic Society Exhibition – In Christ Church Main Hall, Fairfield Road, BR3 3LE on the following dates: Thursday 20th February, 11am – 7pm; Friday 21st February, 10am – 7pm; Saturday 22nd February, 10am – 4pm. Free admission.

Deanery Synod is looking for a new Secretary. This voluntary role entails attending Synod and Standing Committees, three of each annually, taking minutes, sending out agendas, inviting speakers and organising venues. Any interest, please contact Sarah Poole (Lay Chair, Beckenham Deanery) on njgpoole@btinternet.com.

Hope into Action Bromley - This Christian charity has volunteers from a number of churches to offer befriending, support and Christian love to help sustain the tenant in their new home. If you have a heart for helping the homeless, you are welcome to join Rev'd Rachel at the Befriending and Support meeting on Tuesday 18th March from 7.30pm – 8.30pm and find out how you can play a part, either practically or face-to-face with the tenant.

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/>

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.*

A pastoral Message from Senior Leaders of Rochester Diocese

Bishop Jonathan, Bishop Simon, Archdeacon Allie, Dean Philip Hesketh, and Matthew Girt wrote to the diocesan family on 31st January. Their pastoral message follows the allegations of sexual assault and misconduct that have been reported in the media regarding Bishop John Perumbalath, and the subsequent announcement of his retirement. Given Bishop John's previous connections with this Diocese, the message acknowledges the impact that may be being felt by some in the Diocese, and how people can reach out if they need to. It also encourages the diocesan family to continue in its work to put victims and survivors, and the growing of health and safe cultures, at the centre of all we do. Read the [Pastoral Message](#).

Please pray...

- for Julian's visit to us on Sunday 9th February.
- for the youth group, meeting at St John's in the afternoon of Sunday 9th February.
- for healing for Rev'd Rachel and for the church and leadership team while she is recovering.
- for victims and survivors of church abuse.
- for all those affected by the earthquake in Santorini.
- for the family and friends of the 15-year-old boy who was stabbed and died at a school in Sheffield, and all the pupils and staff.
- for those affected by the shooting at the Brussels metro.
- for the release of hostages and prisoners in Israel and Gaza to continue.
- for a way to be found to tackle the knife culture amongst young people.
- for people to keep warm and to be able to pay their utility bills.
- for CAP and Living Well, and for all those who need their help.
- for all NHS workers and those who work in hospices and care homes.
- for all those who are unwell or in pain, attending appointments or receiving home care.
- for all who are grieving the loss of a loved one.



On our Electoral Roll we pray for Steve Braithwaite, Helen Bretherick, Jill Brook, Simone Brown, and for our parishioners in Crouch Close.

Get in touch...

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Churchwardens - Anne Harkness: 07768 992559; Anthea Prendergast: 07811 530230

Parish Safeguarding Officer - Sandra Horner: 07701 069638; sandrahorner53@gmail.com.

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 Rev'd Rachel or 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)