

ST PAUL'S BECKENHAM



E-Notice Sheet

Sunday 12th January 2025

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP) – With Rev'd Rachel Winn
10.30am	<p>Morning Worship with Baptisms With Rev'd Rachel Winn and Sarah Butler Readings: Isaiah 43: 1-7 read by Penny Power Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22 read by Marian Sewell Prayers: Led by Suzanne Guy</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
The 10.30am service will be live-streamed and available via St Paul's You Tube Channel	

Collect (Special Prayer) for The Baptism of Christ

Heavenly Father,
 at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son:
 may we recognize him as our Lord
 and know ourselves to be your beloved children;
 through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen

What's On		
Fri 10 th Jan	9.00am 12.00pm	Morning Prayer – in the Chapel Super Soup Lunch
Mon 13 th Jan	7.30pm	Resolve course – in the Church
Wed 15 th Jan	9.00am	Morning Prayer – in the Chapel
Thurs 16 th Jan	9.00am 10.00am 2.00pm 7.30pm 7.30pm	Morning Prayer – in the Chapel Babies & Toddler Group Friendship Group: Life Journey, with Rev'd Rachel. All welcome. PCC Meeting Prayer for our Parish, Community and Nation (on Zoom)
Fri 17 th Jan	9.00am	Morning Prayer – in the Chapel
Sun 19th Jan <i>2nd Sunday of Epiphany</i>	8.00am 10.30am	Holy Communion (BCP) – With Rev'd Rachel Winn Holy Communion Readings: Isaiah 62: 1-5 and John 2: 1-11 With Rev'd Rachel Winn and Rev'd Clive Grinham

St Paul's Notices

Welcome for Baptism - We are delighted to welcome Miles and Skye for baptism on Sunday 12th January, with their parents Anna and Patrick, and their godparents, family and friends.

Youth Group - Sunday 12th January, 4pm – 5.30pm. Our youth group is starting afresh and would love as many young people from school years 7 to 12 to come along and help decide what activities, topics etc they would like to do/discuss together, as well as enjoying games and snacks.

Resolve Course – We had a good evening last Monday, and even if you didn't make it to the first one, you are very welcome to join us for the next session of the Resolve course on Monday 13th January, 7.30pm – 9pm. Any questions, contact Keith Howick on 07747 033473.

Home Group Study Material - The suggested material for this new term is a series of five studies linked to Paul Kunert's book 'Jesus Died to Save the Planet'. Bible studies relating to the book have been compiled under the auspices of the St Paul's Climate and Ecology team. Home group leaders: please let Sarah Butler know how many more copies of the book you will need. The studies themselves will be available both on paper and online. If you are not in a home group, do consider joining one in order to take part in this series; copies will be available for private use as well. If you would like to join a group, please contact Sarah Butler (sarahb838@outlook.com) or via the church office.

St Paul's Day - This year we will be celebrating St Paul's Day on Sunday 26th January. We are all encouraged to come to the 10.30am service and afterwards we look forward to enjoying coffee and cake together. If you are able to bake a cake for this gathering, that would be wonderful!

Little Ell, is not little anymore, she is turning 1! Claire and Sylvan would like to extend an open invitation to the church family, to celebrate with them on Saturday 1st February between 1pm and 4pm, in the church hall here at St Paul's. Food will be a bring-and-share, so dust off your favourite recipes! Please let Claire know if you can make it (07540 172917) or just pop by on the day.

Church keyholders - The church wardens are currently reviewing the record of church keyholders. If you have church keys in your possession, on Sunday 2nd February after the 10.30am service, please could you come with your keys to see us at the back of church? We will be checking keys against the records, receiving keys that are no longer required (please put them in an envelope with your name on), colour tagging keys, and identifying if anyone requires a personal safety alarm. If you can't make the date, please do contact us to arrange another time. Thank you!

Save the Date – Tuesday 20th May. We have booked a 33-seater coach to go to Ely Cathedral, to see the exhibition 'Threads Through the Bible', the largest textile project in 600 years! Side by side the 42 panels measure 80 metres and contain 42 million stitches. It covers 3 topics –Threads Through Creation, Threads Through Cross and Threads Through Revelation. If you need to see how amazing the panels are, there are a couple of books to review. It will be a long day with an 8am start from the church. Currently the seats are going like hot cakes! So confirm your interest with Rosemary Dear or Judith Freeborn with a £10 deposit. We expect total cost to be £40, which will include coach and entry to the Cathedral.

Sanctuary Flowers - Thank you to everyone who arranged the sanctuary flowers or gave a donation in celebration of an event or in memory of a loved one. If anyone would like to make a donation or arrange the flowers, there are several Sundays that are available. Please speak to Anne Howick or contact her on kandahowick43@aol.com or 020 8658 0808.

Tea and Coffee – Many thanks to the Birkett home group for serving tea and coffee on Sunday 12th January. On 19th January, the Blakely home group will be on duty.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (18th – 25th January)

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is celebrated worldwide every year. During this week, Christians are reminded of Jesus's prayer for his disciples and come together to pray for unity.

Churches Together in Beckenham (CTiB) have organised opportunities to share with Christians in Beckenham in a series of acts of worship and fellowship at the following times and venues:

- Saturday 18th January, 6pm – **Worship Together**, organised by RCCG (The Redeemed Christian Church of God) at the Public Halls, 4 Bromley Road.
- Monday 20th January, 8pm – **Taize Service** at Beckenham Baptist Church, Elm Road.
- Wednesday 22nd January, 9 – 10am – **Morning Prayer with Music**, here at St Paul's.
- Wednesday 22nd January, 10.30am – **Holy Communion** at St George's Beckenham.
- Thursday 23rd January, 9.30am – 2pm – **The Green Bird Café** at St John's Eden Park is extending a particular welcome to members of CTiB churches. Do come along to enjoy the warm atmosphere and sample the delicious food and drinks on offer.
- Thursday 23rd January, 2 – 4pm – **Quiet Time for Prayer and Reflection** in The Lady Chapel of St Edmund's Church, Village Way.
- Friday 24th January, 8pm – **Campfire Worship** at Avenue Baptist Church, Avenue Road. Join the informal worship and feel free to bring an instrument to play or a verse or prayer to share.

Community Notices

Thank you from Welcare - A big thank you to those who contributed to the Welcare Christmas appeal. £37 was raised and was gratefully received.

The Private Member's 'Climate and Nature Bill' is set for Second Reading in the House of Commons on 24th January. It is essential for a quorum of MPs to be physically in the chamber and support it, to ensure that the Bill goes forward for further debate. The current Environment Bill was world-leading at the time, but is no longer fit for purpose, given the rapidly-escalating scale of the climate and biodiversity crisis. In particular, the new Bill acknowledges that both these aspects are intertwined, and one cannot be solved without the other. Please consider contacting your MP with a short message asking him/her to support the Bill on Jan 24th. It's easy to do this on <https://www.writetothem.com>, or there is more information and a letter template at <http://www.zerohour.uk/climate-and-nature-bill>.

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.*

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

**Wycliffe
Bible
Translators**

At St Paul's we support Julian and Catherine, who work for Wycliffe Bible Translators. "Yakar" is written in the Cyrillic script and so Julian communicates with the team (from Bournemouth) in that script in Russian and "Yakar". When he visits St Paul's on 9th February he will fortunately be speaking to us in English! The illustrated book of Yakar Bible Stories is just published in Russian and Yakar – mostly actual Scripture, not just retellings. Julian says this has been several years in the making and has been hard work to bring together – especially with the extra complication of the two-language format. Please pray for the distribution of this new publication (see copies of Shelton Snippets, the October 2024 edition).

Please pray...

- for the Super Soup Lunch on Friday 10th January.
- for the youth group meeting on Sunday 12th January.
- for the Resolve course, taking place on Monday evenings during January.
- for the PCC meeting on 16th January.
- for all those affected and made homeless by the wildfires in the suburbs of Los Angeles.
- for the family and friends of the 14 year old boy stabbed on a bus in Greenwich.
- for the areas of the UK where there are flood warnings.
- for everyone to keep warm and safe in the snowy and icy conditions.
- for the families of the people who have been killed in Gaza this week.
- for all those affected by the earthquake in Tibet.
- for the families of the British hikers missing in the Italian dolomites.
- for CAP and Living Well, and for all those who need their help.
- for peace and reconciliation in all areas in the world where there is war and conflict.
- for all Christians and their families who are suffering because of their faith.
- for those who are unwell, in care homes, hospices and hospitals, and for all the staff.
- for those waiting in A&E departments to be seen quickly.
- for all those undertaking medical research.
- for all who are grieving the loss of a loved one.



On our Electoral Roll we pray for Ron and Pauline Barrett, Tony and Susana Beale, and for our parishioners in Century Way.

Get in touch...

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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 Rev'd Rachel or Anne Howick (020 8658 0808).