

E-Notice Sheet



ST PAUL'S BECKENHAM

Sunday 27th April 2025

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP) - With Rev'd Neil Fairlamb
10.30am	<p>Morning Worship With Sarah Butler and Rev'd Clive Grinham Readings: Acts 5: 27-32 read by Brian Woolmer John 20: 19-31 read by Penny Power 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>
The 10.30am service will be live-streamed and available via St Paul's You Tube Channel	

Special Prayer (Collect) for the 2nd Sunday of Easter

Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred: open the doors of our hearts, that we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the praise of God the Father. Amen

What's On this Week

Sat 26 th April	9.30am	Connect Café
Sun 27 th April	3.00pm	Wedding rehearsal
Wed 30 th April	(9.00am) 11.00am	(No Morning Prayer today) Wedding of William Sewell and Kendal Harrison (in Chancel)
Thurs 1 st May	9.00am 10.00am 2.30pm 6.30pm 7.30pm	Morning Prayer (in the Chapel) Babies & Toddler Group Friendship Group: '5 Years in India', Dee Larcombe. All welcome Knit & Natter, Craft & Chatter Prayer for our Parish, Community and Nation (on Zoom)
Fri 2 nd May	9.00am	Morning Prayer (in the Chapel)
Sat 3 rd May	10.00am	Gardening Team
Sun 4th May <i>3rd Sunday of Easter</i>	8.00am 10.30am	Holy Communion (BCP) – With Rev'd Rachel Winn Holy Communion Readings: Zephaniah 3: 14-20 and John 21: 1-19 With David Charlesworth leading, Sarah Butler preaching, and Rev'd Rachel Winn presiding

St Paul's Notices

Connect Café – Saturday 26th April, 9.30am – 11.30am. Bring your friends and neighbours (and yourself!). As well as the children's toys being out, we have a Book Exchange and a Green Corner. As ever, there will be good coffee and chat, with bacon butties and pastries ready for the hungry. All free; donations welcome. Our community litter-picking team will be out from 9.30am.

A big thank you to all who did such a fabulous job of the flower displays for Easter.

Another big thank you to all who supported Sandi and Shiona's Easter table on Palm Sunday. £348.75 was raised for church funds.

Congratulations to everyone who entered the Easter Garden competition; the entries can be seen round the font at the back of church.

Church Office – Please note that the office will be closed on Monday 28th April; it will be open as usual on Tuesday and Thursday.

APCM – Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place after the 10.30am service on Sunday 11th May. More information to follow.

Top of the Pew - St Paul's is entering a team for Top of the Pew again this year. This also means we need to have a Question Master to do one of the sessions for other teams. It may only be for one contest but might be a couple. All material provided but you would be needed to officiate on a Sunday evening between Easter and June. Please consider whether you could do this and contact Ann Birkett asap if you are interested. Top of the Pew is an enjoyable contest between churches in Beckenham and Bromley and has been running for many years. It is increasingly difficult to get volunteers to help, but it would be sad if it came to an end.

Tea and Coffee – Many thanks to the Birkett home group for serving tea and coffee on Sunday 27th April. On 4th May the Harris group will be on duty.

Mission of the Month (March and April)

SAT-7



On 16th September 2022, an Iranian woman was killed in police custody for allegedly wearing her headscarf incorrectly. Sally Momtazi, presenter of Farsi language programme 'Insiders' on SAT-7 PARS says '...the profound importance of honouring and uplifting women echoes the value Jesus showed by his compassion and respect for women.'

It is too dangerous for SAT-7 PARS to operate inside Iran, so the channel has studios in the UK and Cyprus. Satellite television is beyond the reach of government censorship and the team is able to reach Iranians and other Farsi speakers with a message of hope and freedom.

SAT-7 programmes like 'Insiders' aim to support women in Iran. They interview both Christians and experts from a secular background, shedding light on many of the challenges women face.

Pray for protection and guidance over programmes like 'Insiders', that God will shield their initiatives from any potential harm or obstacles; thus SAT-7 can continue their work of uplifting and empowering women in Iran and can continue their aims of meeting the specific needs of the peoples of the MENA region.

Community Notices

A big thank you to everyone who supported Welcare at the recent charity preview at Bromley Little theatre, where £1,400 was raised. Please come along on Saturday 21st June to our next Welcare fundraiser at St Paul's when the Rock Choir will be performing.

International Organ Day - Saturday 26th April, 10am – 12 noon, at Beckenham Baptist Church. For anyone interested in the organ and how it works and maybe have a go at playing it! Includes a film on how the organ works, an opportunity to try the organ and an informal composite recital by organ students.

Carrier Bags for Life - If you have any large, strong bags at home that you could spare for Living Well, please could you leave them beside the donation boxes in the church porch? Guests bring their own bags to collect food, but Bags for Life are used for home deliveries. Many thanks.

Beckenham Repair Café – Saturday 3rd May, 10am – 1pm, at Kingsway Church, 18 Rectory Road, BR3 1JA. Bring your broken items and get them repaired free of charge (or a small donation). Everything from small electrical repairs and woodworking to tailoring, puncture repair & ceramics.

VE Day 80th Anniversary Concert - Thursday 8th May, 7.30pm at Holy Trinity, Sloane Square, including music by Vaughan Williams, Bliss, Holst, Walton, with The London Chorus, New London Orchestra, Petroc Trelawny (orator). Tickets from <http://www.londonchorus.org.uk>.

Christian Aid Quiz – Saturday 10th May, 6.30pm for 7pm, at St James's Church Hall, Elmers End. Tickets £8; tables of no more than 8 people; please bring your own drinks and nibbles. To book, contact Julian Gibson 07985 567147 or John Rowe 07733 466864.

St Christopher's Fun Walk – Sunday 11th May, Keston Common. Walks of 3, 5, 8 or 11 miles, to raise funds for St Christopher's Hospice. For more details see flyer on noticeboard in south aisle, go to www.stchristophers.org.uk/funwalk or ring 020 8768 4575.

Big Breakfast – for Christian Aid. Saturday 17th May, 9am – 12.30pm, at Beckenham Baptist Church hall. All welcome. Donations by cash or card.

Trek in support of Alzheimer's Society – Saturday 17th May in London. For more information, visit www.alzheimers.org.uk/trek26.

The Bereavement Journey – Christ Church Beckenham Main Hall, Mondays 2nd June – 14th July, 2 – 4pm. Seven sessions of films and discussion for anyone bereaved anytime. Please contact Helen on 020 8650 3847 / office@ccb.org.uk.

A Prayer Festival – Saturday 7th June at St Benedict's Centre, West Malling. With workshops on pilgrimage, Christian meditation, Celtic prayer, labyrinth, praying with Ignatius, creative prayer, creative prayer writing and more. Keynote speaker: Simon Burton-Jones, Bishop of Tonbridge.

Race for Life – 26th July, Beckenham Place Park. 3k, 5k, 10k and Pretty Muddy events, in support of Cancer Research UK. Further details at www.raceforlife.org.

St Christopher's 'Palace to Palace' Bike Ride (London to Versailles) – September 2025. For more information, go to www.stchristophers.org.uk/palacetopalace.

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.*

Please pray...



- for the Connect Café on Saturday (26th April).
- give thanks for the Easter celebrations at St Paul's and pray for everyone who attended.
- for opportunities and courage to share our faith stories.
- for children and teachers back at school after Easter, especially for those preparing for exams.
- give thanks for Pope Francis and pray for discernment in selecting his successor.
- for William and Kendal getting married at St Paul's on Wednesday.
- for all those affected by the earthquake in Istanbul.
- for all the areas of the world where there is violence, war or conflict.
- for a resolution of the bin dispute in Birmingham, giving thanks for all those who serve society in ways that sometimes go unnoticed.
- for CAP and Living Well, and for all who come to them for help and support.
- for all those struggling with health problems or increasing frailty.
- for hospital and NHS staff, emergency response staff and carers, giving thanks for them and praying for their safety and wellbeing.
- for all in hospital, respite or care homes, having treatment or awaiting appointments.
- for all who are grieving the loss of a loved one.

On our Electoral Roll we pray for Anne Harkness, Sheila Harman, Tim and Clari Harrington, and for our parishioners in Highland Croft.

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 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 (NLT)