



ST PAUL'S BECKENHAM



E-Notice Sheet

Sunday 9th May 2021

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP) – With Rev. Simon Couper
10.00am	Morning Worship Theme: Watching Out – How can I serve? With Rev. Simon Couper and Simon Dalwood Reading: Acts 4: 24-37, read by Brian Woolmer Prayers: Bidy Gillman
11.15am	The 11:15 Designed with children in mind, to enable families to worship together. Everyone welcome. Theme: Peter's Calling With Rev. Simon and Anna Couper, including a craft activity
7.00pm	Youth Group (Please contact Rev. Simon for details)
<p><i>The 10am service will be live-streamed and available via the St Paul's YouTube channel or on our website www.stpaulsbeckenham.org.uk.</i></p> <p><i>The 11:15 will also be available online.</i></p> <p><i>Social-distancing measures are in place for services in the church, and we would ask you to please wear a mask (unless you are exempt) and to sanitise your hands on arrival. A reminder not to congregate on the pathways outside, after services. We will be able to be in a group of six (or two households), but should not move from one group to another.</i></p>	

Collect for the 6th Sunday of Easter

Risen Christ, by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples: help your Church to obey your command and draw the nations to the fire of your love, to the glory of God the Father. Amen

Church Open for Private Prayer

The church building is open for private worship between 9am and 4pm every day.

Collection - There is an offertory plate and a card reader at the back of church on Sundays if you would like to contribute financially towards the work and ministry of St Paul's. Details about regular giving, standing orders and Gift Aid are available. It is also possible to give through our website; the secure payment facility can be found on the following link: www.stpaulsbeckenham.org.uk/giving.

<i>What's On This Week</i>		
Wed 12 th May	3.00pm	Wednesday Friendship Support Group – in the church garden
Thurs 13 th May	7.30pm	Prayer for our Nation and Community (by Zoom)
Sun 16 th May Ascension Sunday	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10.00am	Holy Communion Theme: Ascension Day Reading: Acts 1: 1-11 With Rev. Simon Couper and Sarah Butler
	11.15am	The 11.15 - All Age Worship With Rev. Simon and Anna, including a craft activity
	7.00pm	Youth Group

St Paul's Notices

Many thanks to Daphne Bryan for arranging the **sanctuary flowers** in memory of Eileen Bryan.

Christian Aid Week (10th – 16th May) – There are collection envelopes in church for Christian Aid – please pick up a bundle of 25, if you can deliver in the area where you live. Thank you.

Thy Kingdom Come - For several years now, following the *Thy Kingdom Come* initiative from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, there has been a call to set aside time between Ascension Day and Pentecost to devote ourselves to prayer. We are inviting you to participate in this discipline of daily prayer for the eleven days from Ascension through to Pentecost, 13th – 23rd May. As an encouragement and an aid, we are presenting all our members with a copy of the *Thy Kingdom Come* Prayer Journal. If you have not received your copy and would like to receive one, please contact Simon Dalwood simon@dalwood.org.uk with your name and address. If you want to know more about *Thy Kingdom Come*, or see what other resources are available, then go to their website: <http://www.thykingdomcome.global>

Ascension Day Service – In previous years we have joined together with our friends from the Methodist Church to mark this important event. This year, due to the challenges of the pandemic, Rev. Alex and I have decided to pause the arrangement and to resume in 2022. As normal, on the Sunday nearest Ascension Day (16th May) we will be celebrating Ascension as a parish at St Paul's.

Our **Annual Parochial Church Meeting** will be on Monday 24th May at 7.30pm (by Zoom). Please see the list at the back of church regarding who is currently on the PCC. There are seven vacancies on the PCC. John Blakely and Anne Howick are not eligible to stand for re-election to the PCC, Katie Burr and Pete Glenister are eligible to stand for re-election for three years, Anthea Prendergast is required to stand down as she was co-opted in 2020 but is eligible to stand for election, and there are two additional vacancies. There is one vacancy on the Deanery Synod. Each year the churchwardens are required to stand down but are eligible to be elected for up to six years. Nomination forms can be found in the North aisle or are available from Anne Howick kandahowick43@aol.com and should be returned to Anne by Wednesday 19th May. Please give thought and prayer as to who might be nominated or whether you would wish to serve.

Ghost Ship: Institutional Racism and the Church of England - The church has a couple of copies of this book by A D France-Williams, which Rev. Simon is reading. If you would like to borrow a copy, check the lending library at the back of church.

Community Notices

Fundraising - Hannah Griffiths (age 7) is fundraising for Rafiki Thabo, a charity that supports education in Africa. She is going to try and cycle 50km by riding to the Cutty Sark and back twice. If you are able to support her, [here](#) is a fundraising page with more information.

Foodbanks - Donations can be left in the plastic tub outside the Vicarage. The following items are particularly needed at the moment: long-life milk, coffee, tinned pulses, pasta sauce, tinned fruit and vegetables, tinned rice pudding, tinned custard, toilet rolls, deodorant, tampons, and toiletries. Please ensure donations do not contain alcohol and are well within their sell-by date. If you can bring items in a plastic carrier bag, that is helpful, and any additional strong carrier bags would also be appreciated.

Daily Hope – A free phonenumber where you can listen to hymns, prayers and weekly services from the Church of England. There is also a ‘sleep well’ option, and some chair exercises. The number 0800 804 8044 is available 24/7.

Mission News

Mission of the Month for May and June - Nick & Harriet Algeo with Crosslinks, at Servants of the Word College in The Gambia



A real challenge at the moment is that Nick and Pastor Steven are the only staff in Tubakuta working full time. The rest of the African faculty are only able to give a few days a week and generally live an hour or so away. The main focus of the ministry continues to be to enable the course to be passed on to local leadership. They would love to find a Gambian who could be full-time in Tubakuta with a passion for expository preaching, is an able teacher and who can oversee and co-ordinate the academic side of the school. Pray for the provision of a suitable person to join the staff in a full-time capacity, as head of academics at Saviour of the Word (SOW).

Update on Ben and Katy Ray, at Neema Crafts in Tanzania - They are hoping to come home on furlough in the summer, but this is dependent on Covid-19 travel restrictions. Please pray for their plans and all the arrangements that need to be made, especially for their children, that they will stay relaxed through the planning process. Ben and Katy give thanks for their volunteers Chloe and Joe; Joe has developed a new furniture range for the local market, and he has been able to train five new deaf carpenters. Praise God for his faithful provision! These are two of the items for prayer in Ben and Katy's latest [newsletter](#)

A Prayer for Mental Health Awareness Week (10th – 16th May)

Heavenly Father, please give strength, grace and hope to individual children, teenagers and adults living with pre-existing mental health conditions whose symptoms have been exacerbated by the restrictions and anxieties around lockdown and worries about the wider effects of Covid-19. Grant compassion, patience and successful strategies to families, friends, carers, doctors, nurses and therapists who are supporting them. Amen.

Phone Scams – An Alert from Bromley Council

Bromley Trading Standards have received a number of reports of telephone scams affecting Bromley residents. Some scam phone calls are automated with a recorded message, which usually requests you 'Press 1' to speak with an agent or team member, whilst others are made by a professional sounding caller, who appears to know some of your personal details. If you are not expecting the call from the organisation they claim to be from and are not *absolutely sure* who is calling you, HANG UP straight away.

How you can protect yourself

Do not reveal your personal details – Never give out personal or financial information over the phone, even if the caller claims to be from your bank or the Police. This includes your bank account details, PIN, date of birth, email address or your mother's maiden name.

Hang up – If you feel harassed or intimidated, or if the caller talks over you without giving you a chance to speak, end the call. It may feel rude to hang up on someone, but you have the right not to be pressurised into anything.

Do not respond, click on any links or open attachments in emails or text messages.

Ring the organisation – If you're unsure whether the caller is genuine, you can always ring the company or bank they claim to be from. Make sure you find the number yourself, perhaps from a previous statement or letter and don't use the one provided by the caller.

Don't be rushed – Scammers could try to rush you into providing your personal details. They may say they have time-limited offer or claim your bank account is at risk if you don't give them the information they need right away.

Reporting a Suspicious Message

Suspicious text messages - Forward suspicious text messages to your service provider on [7726](tel:7726). You'll then receive an automated reply message asking you to enter the phone number from which the spam/scam text was sent and press send. This free-of-charge short code enables your provider to investigate the origin of the text and take action, if found to be malicious.

Report suspicious emails - If you have received any email that you're not sure about, you can report it to the Suspicious Email Reporting Service by forwarding the email to - report@phishing.gov.uk

If you think you have been involved in a scam, provided your personal or financial information or allowed someone access to your computer:

- Contact your bank as soon as possible, especially if you have lost money or given your bank details.
- Tell someone you trust so they can help you to get the help you need.
- Call Citizens Advice, if you need advice and guidance 0808 223 1133.
- Report to Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040 or www.actionfraud.police.uk.
- Consider changing your passwords and having your devices checked by a professional if you think the scammer may have had access to your computer, mobile phone, tablet etc.

The Met Police have some useful short videos and booklets on many different scams including phone scams, which you can view [here](#). There is also more information on the noticeboard in the south aisle.

Please pray...

- for areas and nations where there is hurt, discord and injustice.
- for all who have been displaced by the pandemic, whether through loss of employment, food poverty, isolation, anxiety or depression.
- for relief from Covid-19 and wisdom for all governments, particularly for the situation in India.
- for all those affected by the train accident in Mexico.
- for our nation as we move cautiously out of lockdown, for those who are anxious or vulnerable, and for people to be careful and considerate.
- for preparations for the APCM and that people will be willing to be nominated to serve on the PCC, Deanery Synod or as a churchwarden.
- for the children, families and young people at St Paul's.
- for preparations for our next theology event on 5th June, with Bishop Rose Hudson-Wilkin.
- for the wellbeing and mental health of all NHS workers and key workers.
- for all those in hospital and those who are awaiting surgery or an appointment.
- for those in care homes, and for their families and carers.
- for those in poverty or debt, and for organisations like CAP and Living Well that are supporting them.
- for consolation, comfort and restoration for all who are grieving a loss of some kind.



On our Electoral Roll we pray this week for Joan Waters, Nigel Waterson, Sheila Weaver, John Williams, and for our parishioners in Montana Gardens.

Get in touch...

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