

# ST PAUL'S BECKENHAM

## E-Notice Sheet

24<sup>th</sup> October 2021



8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP) – With Rev. Simon Couper
10.00am	<b>Morning Worship</b> Theme: The Peacemakers With Rev. Simon Couper Reading: Matthew 26: 47-56, read by Jill Brook Prayers: Marian Blakely
(7.00pm)	(No Youth Group – Half Term)
<i>The 10am service will be live-streamed and available via the St Paul's <a href="https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...">YouTube channel</a> or website <a href="http://www.stpaulsbeckenham.org.uk">www.stpaulsbeckenham.org.uk</a>.</i>	

**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](http://www.stpaulsbeckenham.org.uk/giving).

### *Special Prayer or Collect for the 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Trinity*

Almighty God, in whose service lies perfect freedom: teach us to obey you with loving hearts and steadfast wills; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

<i>What's On This Week</i>		
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> Oct	(7.30pm)	(No Alpha this week – Half Term)
Tues 26 <sup>th</sup> Oct	7.00pm	Wedding rehearsal
Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup> Oct	(10.00am)	(No Babies and Toddler Group this week – Half Term)
	12.45pm	Wedding of Simone Ximines and Jermaine Brown
	(2.30pm)	(No Friendship Group this week)
	7.30pm	Autumn Theology Event with Professor Richard Bauckham (by Zoom)
Sun 31 <sup>st</sup> Oct 22 <sup>nd</sup> after Trinity	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10.30am	<b>Morning Worship + Baptism</b> Reading: John 1: 19-34 With Sarah Butler and Rev. Simon Couper
	5.00pm	<b>Thanksgiving and Memorial Service</b> With Simon Dalwood and Rev. Simon Couper
	7.00pm	Youth Group (Please contact Rev. Simon for details)

## *St Paul's Notices*

Many thanks to Lindsey Lamb for arranging the **sanctuary flowers** in memory of her dad, Tom Etchell.

**Children's Activities on 31<sup>st</sup> October** - Please note that on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October there will not be any supervised children's activities during the morning service, because of half term. However, there will be some crafts and toys available in the hall for parents who wish to make use of them with their children.

**Congratulations** - Pat Scadgell is delighted to announce the arrival of her third great-grandchild. Tony and Mandy had a baby boy on 15<sup>th</sup> October, a brother for Lily and Alice. They are calling him William.

**Autumn Theology Event 'Gospel and Ecology: the Natural World and God's Redemptive Purpose'**  
We are delighted to welcome Professor Richard Bauckham as our guest speaker for this autumn's online theology event on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> October, 7.30pm. Richard is Senior Scholar at Ridley Hall, Cambridge, and is a leading theologian in New Testament studies. Together we will think about the role Christian theology should play in addressing the current ecological crisis, and how the biblical vision of redemption holds the natural world with a particular dignity and honour. Richard is pleased to be speaking to us in the run-up to the forthcoming international climate convention in Glasgow, COP26. Book your place via the [event link](#) on our website, or by getting in touch with Stephanie via email, [admin@stpaulsbeckenham.org.uk](mailto:admin@stpaulsbeckenham.org.uk).

**Weekly Zoom Prayer Meeting** - Please note that this will not be taking place on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> October, so that we can concentrate on the theology event.

**Return to 10.30am on 31<sup>st</sup> October** – Now that we have regathered as one united fellowship, we will be moving back to the pre-Covid time of 10.30am for our principal Sunday service. Our first Sunday service at 10.30am will be on 31<sup>st</sup> October. Please note that this is also the Sunday when the clocks fall back for winter.

**Thanksgiving/Memorial Service** - On Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October, at 5pm St Paul's will be holding its annual Memorial Service, when we remember those we love but see no longer. If you would like a name to be read out at the service, please contact Anne Howick 020 8658 0808 / 07889 263261 [kandahowick43@aol.com](mailto:kandahowick43@aol.com) or print the name on the sheet at the back of church.

**Tea and Coffee** - We are very happy that we are now able to serve refreshments after the morning service, and we would like to welcome more helpers on board. It would be lovely if we could have lots of willing helpers so that no-one has to do it too often. All offers of help are welcome. Please contact Hazel Koungoué ([hazel.birdas@icloud.com](mailto:hazel.birdas@icloud.com), 020 3659 9082, 07950 316496) if you are happy to commit or would just like to help every now and again.

**Confirmation Service** – Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> November at 6.30pm at Christ Church Beckenham. If you would like to explore confirmation in more detail, please get in touch with Rev. Simon on 07933 147711 or [vicar@stpaulsbeckenham.org.uk](mailto:vicar@stpaulsbeckenham.org.uk)

**Church Open for Private Prayer** - The church building is open for private worship between 9am and 4pm every day.

**Communion by Extension** - If you are unable to make our Communion services but would like to receive Communion, please do not hesitate to get in touch with Rev. Simon or Anne Howick.

## Community Notices

**St Paul's Pre-school** is urgently in need of a Committee Secretary. If you would like to be part of a team supporting local families and children, please speak to Liz Spencer (07884 426585).

**Annual Service of Thanksgiving for the Work of Welcare in Bromley** - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November, 11.30am, at Bromley Parish Church, St Peter and St Paul Bromley, Church Road, BR2 OEG. The service is open to everyone and will be a joyful opportunity to hear more about the work of Welcare with local families. For more information, please click [here](#).

**Job Opportunity - Digital Content Creator.** Crosslinks is looking for someone who is creative, experienced in producing high-impact content and has a good understanding of digital communications. The role is based in the Lewisham office, but there is the option of working from home, with travel to the office a few times a month. More information can be found [here](#). The application deadline is 28<sup>th</sup> October.

**Job Opportunity - Community and Church Project Co-ordinator.** This post is an initial one-year contract with opportunity to extend, at St Augustine Church, Gillingham. Part time 14 hours per week; salary £11,200 per annum. For more information including a full Job Description and Person Specification please contact [Vicar@staugchurch.co.uk](mailto:Vicar@staugchurch.co.uk). Closing date 8<sup>th</sup> November.

**Foodbanks** – Foodbank donations can be left in the plastic tub outside the Vicarage, and the following items are particularly needed at the moment: *spaghetti, sweetcorn, pasta sauce, soup, tins of potatoes, fish, meat, ham, spam, peas, carrots, tinned fruit, long life milk, rice, tampons*. Please double check that 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 additional strong carrier bags are also very much appreciated. Many thanks to all those who have made foodbank donations - CAP (Penge) and Living Well are very grateful for all the donations.

### Mission of the Month September and October - CAP



The team of volunteers at the Penge Debt Centre help Rachel (pictured), Lin and Gareth, the Debt Coaches, to support individual clients and help the clients as they go through the process to get their finances under control and become debt-free. Clients really value friendship, support and prayers from these volunteers. We are asked to pray that more volunteers can grow their team.



Please see the mission board at the back of church, and help yourself to literature and books.

### A Prayer for COP26

Creator God, giver of life, you sustain the earth and direct the nations. In this time of climate crisis, grant us clarity to hear the groaning of creation and the cries of the poor. Challenge us to change our lifestyles. Guide our leaders to take courageous action. Enable your church to be a beacon of hope. And foster within us a renewed vision of your purposes for your world, through Jesus Christ our Lord, by and for whom all things were made. Amen (*Archbishop of York*)

***Please pray...***



- for children, families and teachers on their half term break this week.
- for safety on the streets and on public transport.
- for the family and friends of Sir David Amess MP and for the safety of MPs.
- for political decision-makers and leaders.
- that there would not be an upsurge of Covid cases, and that all those eligible for vaccinations would book an appointment.
- for Rev Jessica Smith, in her new role as Vicar at St John's Penge and Holy Trinity.
- for those preparing for confirmation.
- for the COP26 summit, that there would be an increase in awareness of the importance of our earth's resources, and that positive steps would be taken in preserving these.
- for all of us to think about how we can live more sustainably and reduce our carbon footprint.
- for all in need – for those who live in fear or poverty, and for those who are lonely or are in despair or danger.
- for all those facing unemployment, isolation, money worries or difficult relationships.
- for all those in hospital, with hospital appointments or awaiting results of tests.
- for all who are ill or in pain, and those who are undergoing treatment.
- for the local foodbanks, for those who have need of their provision and for those who help run them.
- for those who are grieving the loss of a loved one.

On our Electoral Roll we pray for Ian Johnson, Hazel and Nicolas Koungoué, Paul and Tara Kunert, and for our parishioners in Blakeney Avenue.

**Get in touch...**

**Administrator** - Stephanie Fox: 020 8650 0501, [admin@stpaulsbeckenham.org.uk](mailto:admin@stpaulsbeckenham.org.uk)

Office hours: Mondays and Thursdays, 9.15am – 5.15pm

**Parish Safeguarding Officer** – Anne Howick: 07889 263261, [kandahowick43@aol.com](mailto:kandahowick43@aol.com)

**Vicar** - Rev. Simon Couper: 020 8650 3400, [vicar@stpaulsbeckenham.org.uk](mailto:vicar@stpaulsbeckenham.org.uk)

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