

NEWS

2 December 2018

St Paul's
HOWELL HILL

Food for the Body, Food for the Mind, Food for the Soul

David Kellett reflects on his recent trip to Malawi: For two weeks in September I was in rural Malawi with a team from **Hope4Malawi**. I developed a teaching series on God's Amazing Grace, which we delivered in three different rural villages. So many people came in one village that we abandoned the building and taught outside, with a pig and some goats roaming around! Hundreds came, responded and were prayed for as God showed His Amazing Grace. The team also used drama and craft to teach hundreds of children; they absolutely loved it - despite our lack of acting talent! Church leaders were thrilled when we gave them Bibles provided by St Paul's. Thank you!

In one of the villages, Namende, we launched a third primary school feeding programme, so the children now have a mug of maize porridge every school day. The headteacher Mr Kantuwanje was grateful: **'Many children don't come to school regularly because of poverty and malnutrition. The school lunches will make a huge difference.'** Since September, the



number of children attending Namende regularly has almost doubled to 700. We are hopeful that their health will improve, as well as their ability to concentrate in class.

It was exciting to encourage the 33 secondary school students who are sponsored through Hope4Malawi by people in the UK, as school fees are beyond the means of many poor. I met one talented young man who lives in a hut with a grass roof and dirt floor - but who can now go to a very good school, which

will hugely improve his life chances.

God's grace was sufficient for us. It was demanding and very busy but a truly amazing time. I can't wait to go back. When you are planning your next holiday why don't you think about going on a mission trip, instead of to the usual places ...

Hope4Malawi's latest newsletter is on their website www.hope4malawi.org. To get more involved in Malawi or our work in the UK, please contact Sara at info@hope4malawi.org

You are welcome at any of our activities this coming week at St Paul's

This Sunday 2 December

10am Communion Service
Advent - A song of praise
Speaker: Sally Thomas
6:30@StPauls with FUEL & Communion
Waiting... in the darkness: Joseph
Speaker: David Senior

Monday 9:15am Prayer Meeting (Upper Lounge)
9:45am Toddlers
2pm Wrigglers

Tuesday 9:45am Toddlers
11am Spartans (Club Room)

Wednesday 11am Mid Week Focus
8pm School of Theology (Arena)

Thursday 9:30am Prayer & Pastries
10am Refresh (Cheyham)
7:30pm New Beginnings (Cheyham)

Friday 10am Little Church
5:45pm Flipz

Saturday 4:30pm Family Movie Night

Sunday 9 December

10am Way2Go Central
Speaker: Martin Wainwright
11:40am Communion Service - Achievement
Speaker: David Kellett

1pm Church lunch
6:30@StPauls with FUEL
Waiting... with God: Mary
Speaker: Ali Male

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Office hours 9:30am-2:30pm Monday to Friday

Please pray for:

- those we know and love who are struggling with illness, grief or injury, especially those waiting for or recovering from surgery or going through a long course of treatment.
- the innocent caught up in hostilities around the world, such as Ukraine, Mexico and Afghanistan.
- young people (aged 11-13) away together this weekend – for good fun and a great response to God's Word; for safety and fair weather!

Prayer requests, including for extended prayer, to Sally Thomas sallyt@saintpauls.co.uk / 0208 224 7360 or via the Welcome Area prayer box. Join us praying on Monday mornings in the Lounge (upstairs) 9:15-9:45am.

Mission to Peru 2019

If you have expressed an interest in joining the Mission to Peru in April 2019, please let Neil Ambler know your decision today **2 December** neilambler66@gmail.com

Men's Christmas Meal

Reminder to St Paul's men - places are going fast so remember to sign up for the men's Christmas meal on **Thursday 6 December 8pm** at The Toby Carvery, Ewell. Cost: £16. It's an ideal opportunity to invite your friends. Sign up via ChurchSuite or contact Andy stpaulsguys@gmail.com

Christmas Movie Night for Families

Saturday 8 December 4:30pm Make your own pizza together as a family and then enjoy a Christmas movie, with popcorn and other sweet goodies. Book your seats, £5 per child, adults free, at www.saintpauls.co.uk/children. Further details from Naomi Simms naomis@saintpauls.co.uk 020 8224 4121

Reaching Out to Train Travellers

On **Monday 10 December**, we are handing out Christmas publicity and chocolate, at Ewell East station, to travellers returning home between 5:30 and 7:30pm. If you'd like to join us, for a half-hour slot, please contact Sally Thomas with your preferred time, and for further details. sallyt@saintpauls.co.uk.

Alison Hind

Alison Hind's funeral will take place on **Thursday 13 December 3:20pm** at North East Surrey Crematorium. This will be followed by a Service of Thanksgiving at St Paul's at **4:30pm**, with refreshments after. All welcome.

Caféchurch - Carols at Costa

Thursday 13 December 7:30pm at Costa Coffee, Cheam. Join us with friends to sing your favourite carols, hear a short talk and enjoy Costa's hospitality. facebook.com/cheamcafechurch

Thank You

Thank you to Bob Brownjohn and Chris Harper who have painted the ceilings in the Vestry and music storeroom. They have done a wonderful job.

FUEL

FUEL need an additional two committed people in each of our main ministries – Y7-Y9 LIFE Group, Y10-Y13 LIFE Group, and Sunday evenings. Speak to Sean or Rebekah to find out more.

Christmas Cards at St Paul's

For those who wish to give cards in the usual manner, Christmas card boxes will be available from **9 December** opposite the lift. Please put your cards **behind** the appropriate letter. (Please deliver cards for friends at St Mary's to their church office at The Meeting Place.) Alternatively, there will be a large card for people to sign and donations are invited for Angel Tree, a Prison Fellowship initiative, giving presents to children who have a mum or dad in prison.



CHRISTMAS @ St Paul's
HOWELL HILL

Contemporary Carols
Sunday 16 December 6:30pm

All Age Family Service
Sunday 23 December 10am

Traditional Carols
Sunday 23 December 6pm

Crib and Christingle
Christmas Eve
Monday 24 December 4pm

Late Night Communion
Christmas Eve
Monday 24 December 11pm

Christmas Celebration
Christmas Day
Tuesday 25 December 10am

New Year's Praise
Tuesday 1 January 6pm

saintpauls.co.uk/christmas

Giving to St Paul's

God's work here is funded by our church family and we encourage planned giving. Information on how to give regularly is available in the Welcome Area and online at saintpauls.co.uk/giving. There is a plate by the door for any who may wish to give today. Charity No 1128212