

The Father Heart of God

Welcome to our Father's Day celebration. Today offers an opportunity to give thanks for the love of the man you are proud to call *Dad*, whether he is here this morning, at home, living far away, or even died some years ago. We also want to welcome and support all who, for whatever reason, find *father* a difficult word.

It's also time to draw closer to your heavenly Father, your perfect Dad, perhaps to meet him for the first time, or after years running away, finally to come home.

Jesus lovingly spoke of God as *Our Father*, a father whose boundless love for us defies all description. God is not a remote figure, sitting in judgement upon us, but is utterly *for us*. Like an earthly dad at his best, cheering on a child on a school sports day, God rejoices in every good choice we make and, whenever we fall down, He grieves and runs towards us to comfort.

Dad may seem an overly familiar word to use to describe the God who breathed life into all creation,



yet, as the Bible explains, through the cross on which Jesus paid the price for all our sins, and the precious gift of the Holy Spirit, we are invited into the arms of God the Father. We are *adopted*, a particularly high honour in Roman times, as sons and daughters of God and, in the closest imaginable relationship, are even invited to call him *Abba* (Dad).

This is the love of your perfect Dad, a dad who never gives up on his

children, even when we turn away, who never stops searching and never stops loving us. His love is boundless, vast beyond our comprehension, healing, endless, unfailing, freely given and truly unconditional; there is nothing we can do to earn or to lose the love of God.

God is here with us today, though the Holy Spirit and in Christ's family, the Church. Whether you feel close to God or far away, your perfect Dad is longing for your company.

David Senior, Curate

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

This Sunday 16 June

10am Communion Service - Father's Day
Fathers: Human vs Heavenly
Speaker: David Senior
6pm *Wisdom for the everyday stuff of life*
- *Wisdom for your words*
Speaker: Anna Norton

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

Tuesday 11am Spartans

Wednesday 11am Mid Week Focus

Thursday 9:30am Prayer & Pastries
10am Refresh! (Cheyham)
8pm Knowing God Better (31 Avenue Rd)
Friday 10am Little Church
10am Knowing God Better (Club Room)
5:45pm Kidzone Fridays (Y3-6)

Sunday 23 June

10am *Speaking truth to our culture*
- *Embracing the other*
Speaker: Peter Lowman
6pm Communion Service
Short-term Mission: What's the point?
Speaker: Peter Lowman

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

Please pray for:

- those who are ill in body, mind or spirit, especially family & friends of Olive McGill who sadly died last week.
- Christian dads – giving thanks for them and praying for boldness in being like Jesus.
- the spread of the good news about Jesus in Europe – for those like Keith and Louise Butler making a clear Christian stand in a very secular country.
- our personal understanding of why we believe in Jesus, following yesterday's conference, and a boldness to share our faith with others.

You're welcome to join us to pray on Monday mornings at 9:15-9:45am in the Lounge. If you would like prayer for anything, please contact Sally Thomas sallyt@saintpauls.co.uk / 0208 224 7360.

Part-time Youth Pastor

20 hours a week. Salary £11,750. Ideal start 1 July. 6 month initial appointment. Job Description saintpauls.co.uk/jobs
Expressions of interest to Paul Dever pauld@saintpauls.co.uk / 07726302862



Prayer Walking the London Loop!

Friday 21 June 10:30am-12:30pm. Join us to walk and pray on the St Paul's section of the London Loop, from Banstead to Ewell (approx. 3.5 miles). Lifts from Bourne Hall at 10am are available. Contact Sally for more information sallyt@saintpauls.co.uk / 0208 224 7360

Big Breakfast for Bridges Nepal UK

Friday 21 June or Saturday 22 June 9-11am. Come and hear news from Yagya and Sally Singh on projects that are underway and planned. Further details from Cathy Ayres cathy2ayres@aol.com

CAP Money Course

Saturday 22 June 9:30am at Ruxley Church, West Ewell. A free, one day course that will help you get to grips with your finances so you can budget, save and prevent debt. Call 0759 3535197 or register online capmoneycourse.org

Little Fishes Quiz Night at St Paul's

Saturday 22 June 7:30pm. Cost £10 includes fish and chips - bring your own snacks and drinks. Tables of 8 please. On your own? - we can put you on a table with others. Come and have some fun! To book, contact Jan Wright littlefishes@saintpauls.co.uk

Crosslinks Summer Meeting

Tuesday 25 June 5pm St Michael's Chester Square, London SW1W 9EF. Come and hear about mission around the world and how your church can be involved. More information and RSVP at crosslinks.org/events

Open Mic Night: FUEL & Wildfire

Saturday 29 June 6-9pm Join us for a night of relaxed fun, music, poetry, comedy... and whatever else people come up with! Entry is free. If you want to sign-up an act, speak to Tim Fairhead. But there's no need to perform - just turn up and enjoy the social.

Management Team Members

We are pleased to welcome Monica Cockram, Julia Marsh and Mark Goodman as PCC representatives on St Paul's Management Team for the coming year, joining those already on the team; Martin Wainwright, Paul Dever, John Woolley, Steve McLeod, Rosalyn Holiday and Chris White. Please pray for them as they take on their new responsibilities.

Renewable Electricity

We are changing our energy provider and going green. From 1 July, the church electricity supply will come from renewable resources.

The Nature of the Beast

Nick Spencer examines the history of science and religion, and questions the extent to which they have been in conflict with one another in a new 3-part series on Radio 4. Fridays 21 & 28 June & 5 July at 11am and available online. Visit bbc.co.uk/programmes/m000614f

CAP Money Students

Monday 1 & 15 July 7:30pm (Club Room). A short, practical course to help put youth and students (16-25years) in control of their finances. Register online saintpauls.co.uk/CAPstudents or text 0759 3535197



Kidzone Summer Helpers Needed

Thank you to those who have offered to help over the summer holidays to give our regular Kidzone team a break.

We now just need 2 more people to help (not lead) on 11 August. Further

details from Naomi naomis@saintpauls.co.uk



Horizons: St Paul's Holiday Club for Seniors

Wednesday-Friday 28-30 August. Flyers and booking forms are available in the Welcome Area. Contact Ken Hobbs 020 8643 7878 / revken.hobbs@gmail.com

Lend your Lounge! Wildfire (18-30s) are looking for a reasonably large living room to use on Wednesday evenings 8-10pm, which has space for about 8-12 people. We'd make other arrangements if some weeks are not possible, and are happy to have an initial trial, to see if it works for you. Contact Ben McKie 07702195694.

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