

News from the Grays

We are pleased to welcome at St Paul's today our key partners, David & Georgina Gray, members of Wycliffe Bible Translators, UK. They write:

How do you work with communities in project planning so that *they* take the lead in making decisions? This is just one of the questions addressed in the new Healthy Community Engagement course which Georgina spent 6 days teaching last autumn. The students on this course learnt the skills and tools that will help build successful Bible translation and engagement projects, rooted in communities.

On the threshold of Europe and Asia, where Christianity and Islam meet, lie the Caucasus mountains, home to many people groups and a complex web of amazing languages. In August/September David spent two weeks in Moscow checking the translation of 1 and 2 Samuel into one of these languages. We also had many discussions about the direction of the project, the result of which is that the translator is now also the project coordinator! She is not alone - there is also a



David & Georgina Gray

translator-exegete pair working on Exodus. Please pray for this Muslim people group as there are few believers who are in real danger as a result of their faith in Jesus. David is advocating for more Scripture engagement work in this group, so that they are ready for the Bible once it has been translated.

Last term David taught the Scripture Engagement (SE) module. Now he is teaching Patterns & Approaches in Community Engagement, which has a lot of SE in it, and some Missiology (and some really 'hot' topics, like telling Oral stories, Inclusive Language, and Ancestor Worship). David coordinates both modules.

Keep praying with us about a possible **move** to the Bournemouth area, near Moorlands College. We teach a total of 14 weeks a year on the courses there. We enjoy it, and believe God has called us to it. It's exciting to be training people from all over the world! Both our mothers are frail, and would like to move with us, which adds to the complexity of the move.

David & Georgina Gray

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

This Sunday 2 February

10am Communion Service
Look Out: Why love your neighbour?
Speaker: Paul Dever
6pm *The power of story*
Speaker: David Wright

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

Tuesday 11am Spartans (Club Room)

Wednesday 11am Mid Week Focus
1:30pm Holiday Club Craft Preparation

Thursday 9:30am Prayer & Pastries
10am Refresh! (Cheyham Hall)
Friday 10am Little Church
4:30pm Kidzone Friday (R-Y2)
5:45pm Kidzone Friday (Y3-6)

Sunday 9 February

10am Way2Go Central
Speaker: Martin Wainwright
11:40am Communion Service
The Way of the Cross - Service
Speaker: Tim Fairhead
6pm *The power of the person of peace*
Speaker: Julian Sindall

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

Please pray for:

- our church family members going through medical treatment, recovering from surgery or illness, or coping with bereavement.
- those affected by the outbreak of coronavirus – for healing, protection and for success for scientists working to control it.
- those who came to the Alpha for Mums introduction last week – that they'd know whether or not to join the course.

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.

Café@church

Sunday 2 Feb after church@six, we will be serving posh-dogs (that's a fancy hot dog) for £1 (instead of pizza slices). Veggie option available and drinks as usual from the bar. We hope you can join us!

Alpha for Mums

An Alpha Course with creche starts **4 February 10am**. Please sign up on *ChurchSuite*. Further details from Keren Hillman kerenh@saintpauls.co.uk / 020 8224 4121



Holiday Club

Thursday 20-Sunday 23 February The closing date for kids' applications is **Monday 10 February**. Sign up online at saintpauls.co.uk/children or pick up a form from the Welcome Area.

Team applications

Team spaces are still available. Sign up in the welcome area or talk to Caroline Russell for more information carolineruss91@yahoo.co.uk.



Holiday Club Craft

We need lots of cardboard cut out and other materials prepared. Gill and Jill will be in The Hub on **Wednesday 5 February** from 1:30-3pm if anyone is around to join them and lend a hand.

Church Lunch

The next church lunch is on **Sunday 16 February** (instead of 9 February). To book, or cancel, please contact Richard & Liz Fairhurst by **Wednesday 12 February**. thefairhursts@gmail.com / 01737 355063

Epsom Book Fair

Thursday 20-Saturday 22 February Giant Charity sale of secondhand books, DVDs and music at Epsom Methodist Church. Refreshments and light lunches available. Donations are welcome at the church from Wednesday 12-Saturday 15 February, between 9am-8pm. Contact office@epsommethodistchurch.org.uk / 01372 728535

Book Club

The next book to be discussed, on **25 February 2pm**, is *Love Interrupted* by Simon Thomas. Further details from Caroline Russell carolineruss91@yahoo.co.uk

Prayer Team

We are planning another training course, starting **24 February 8pm** for 5 weeks, for those who would like to prepare for serving on the Prayer Team, offering ministry after services. The dates for the course are **24 February plus 2, 9, 23 & 30 March**. Sign up at saintpauls.co.uk/prayerteam or speak to Sally for more information sallyt@saintpauls.co.uk / 0208 224 7360

Exploring Anxiety & Depression

Starts **Wednesday 26 February 7:45pm**
A self-help support group for people suffering from anxiety or depression. We seek to provide helpful perspectives in a friendly and supportive atmosphere, but not counselling or therapy saintpauls.co.uk/ead or contact Judith exploringanxietydepression@gmail.com

New Beginnings

Starts **Thursday 27 February 7:30pm** This course is for anyone who is suffering divorce, separation or a broken relationship. It helps people to make a fresh start and good friends too. It is free and open to everyone. saintpauls.co.uk/NB or contact Colin 07855 245 619 / new.beginnings@blueyonder.co.uk

HeartsCry

Battling in prayer for needs all around us.

Come and pray with us, on **Thursday 5 March, 8-9pm** in the Main Arena. This new termly gathering will allow us to cry out to God over pressing needs in our world, our nation, our neighbourhood and our church. More information from Sally Thomas sallyt@saintpauls.co.uk / 020 8224 7360



Choir for Easter

The choir will be singing at the **Good Friday Service** on **10 April at 1pm**, with rehearsals on Friday 27 March and 3 April, 8pm in the church. This is a service of reflection, when we sing to help people focus on Christ's sacrifice on the cross. For more information, contact Liz Fairhurst liz.fairhurst42@gmail.com



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 and card reader by the door for any who may wish to give today. Charity No 1128212