

Making a lasting difference

As Christians and members of St Paul's, many of us have been giving regularly from our income to support mission and ministry and help realise our vision to *Connect Transform Serve*. This commitment and sacrificial giving is very much appreciated.

However, we are stewards of all we own, so gifts from Wills also form a natural part of Christian giving. Once you have made provision for your loved ones, then a gift in your Will is one of the most valuable and lasting ways to continue to support St Paul's mission and ministry.

Over the years we have seen many benefits directly resulting from legacies both small and large. Recently, we were able to develop The Hub as a direct result of legacies. In addition, we have supported overseas mission activities and improved our facilities (eg. new boilers and kitchens) due to the generosity of church members providing gifts in their Wills.

Every year more than 5,000 people leave legacies to the Church, and the CoE strongly encourages us all to make

and regularly review our wills. There are also Inheritance Tax advantages in leaving a gift to a charity, reducing the amount of tax paid by beneficiaries.

So, what can you do if you feel called to include a legacy in your Will? The CoE has a Church Legacy service (churchlegacy.org.uk) which gives a wide range of information about legacies and Inheritance Tax, as well as advice to will writers, executors, and

those seeking guidance in their Christian giving. There is also a Helpline (08445 8708750) and an enquiry form for a *Legacy Pack*.

A brochure on *How you can make a Lasting Gift to Your Church* is available in the Welcome Area, or you can contact me directly on johnw@saintpauls.co.uk or call 07976 815385 for a confidential discussion.

To those who have already included a gift in their Wills, we give thanks. To those considering whether this is appropriate for them please be assured your gift, however large or small, will make a real difference.

John Woolley, Chair of Finance



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

This Sunday 9 February

10am Way2Go Central
Speaker: Martin Wainwright
11:40am Communion Service
The Way of the Cross - Service
Speaker: Tim Fairhead

*Note: Church Lunch is next week

6pm *The power of the person of peace*
Speaker: Julian Sindall

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

Tuesday 11am Spartans (Club Room)

Wednesday 11am Mid Week Focus

Thursday 9:30am Prayer & Pastries
10am Refresh! (Cheyham Hall)

Friday 10am Little Church
5:45pm Kidzone Friday (Y3-6)

Sunday 16 February

10am *Look Out:
Why is it hard to love your neighbour?*
Speaker: Paul Dever
1pm Church Lunch
6pm *The power of invitation*
Speaker: David Senior

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

Please pray for:

- people we know with physical or mental illness; for those struggling with loneliness; the Harris and Houghton families and others in their grief over the loss of loved ones.
- countries around the world preparing for leadership elections.
- Wycliffe Bible Translators and for David and Georgina Gray working for them.
- preparations for Holiday Club – especially for numbers of children attending to be finalised this week.

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.

Thank from Sheila Harris and family

To all those of the church family who've sent messages and cards following the sudden death of Dorothy Houghton. They were very much appreciated. The funeral and thanksgiving service is likely to be in early March - more details will be in NEWS when the date is known.

Welcome to Jonathan Richard Butler!

Born on Friday 31 January. Keith Louise and baby Jonathan are at home and doing well.

The Hub Opening Times in February Half Term

The Hub will be open will be open on Monday and Tuesday 17 & 18 February (9am-1pm). We will closed from Wednesday 19 to Sunday 23 February, for Holiday Club.



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 Epsom Methodist Church from Wednesday 12-Saturday 15 February, between 9am-8pm. Contact 01372 728535 / office@epsommethodistchurch.org.uk

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. 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. saintpauls.co.uk/ead

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 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

An Evening with Archbishop Justin Welby

Thursday 19 March 7:30pm. Join us at the Lakeside Centre, Camberley to hear Justin Welby speak and answer your questions. This is a major event for Guildford Diocese with the Archbishop of Canterbury, which a number of us are playing a part. Book free places now saintpauls.co.uk/archbishop

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

Hope4Malawi Mission

Have you considered an overseas mission trip? This summer Hope4Malawi and St Paul's are organising a trip to Malawi for two weeks, **14-28 August** to run Bible teaching, a kids' club and practical support in preparing to open a new secondary school. If you are interested in joining the team please email sara@hope4malawi.org

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