

16 February 2020

Making a Difference at School

Sutton Schools Work is one of our partners in mission to local primary and secondary schools.

Recently we had a team meeting where we shared our plans for the next month, then spent time in prayers of praise and petition. As we now have so many active participants (6) and were joined by Chair of Trustees, Kevin Lewis, we had to squash around the table a bit! We were reminded over and over again of the provision, grace and lavish generosity of our God. We have had a year of activity and progress, and I'll try and summarise as much as I can.

Praise God for...

- Continued strong attendance at our 2 most recently formed CUs, which is creating opportunities for the children to share together and feel safe enough to confide in us
- The wonderful start for Abby in leading our Primary Schools Assemblies team
- A recent invite from Wallington Girls School to begin a new relationship with them, and a totally unsolicited (other than by prayer) request from Harris Sutton to form a brand-new Christian Union
- Continued financial blessing
- So much work!



And here are some prayer requests we made...

- Oaks Park CU – needs a clear direction and purpose
- The LIVE project launching in Secondary Schools – that teachers see a real value in it and book SSW up, reaching even more pupils with key PHSE messages that are rooted in the Gospel
- Increased bookings from Primary Schools for RE days, Iwonder spaces and assemblies
- Nonsuch CU – encouragement and guidance for the girls who lead
- Preparations for Easter Experience
 - The new MAD group forming at Cheam High – Making a Difference through prayer
 - Big Church Quiz Night on 7 March – that Christians from around the borough can find a real sense of togetherness
 - Continued financial blessing

Please continue to pray for our work. As always, we are so grateful to God and to yourselves for your commitment and energy. Your prayers sustain through the good times (because that's when we're really busy) and the bad (because that's when we need reminding of His grace).

Simon Ellingham

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

This 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

Monday 9:15am Prayer Meeting (Upper Lounge)

Tuesday 11am Spartans (Club Room)

Wednesday 7:30pm Holiday Club Team Meeting

Thursday 10am - 12:30pm Holiday Club

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Saturday 10am - 12:30pm Holiday Club

Sunday 23 February

10am *Holiday Club Celebration*

6pm Communion Service

It's all about grace

Speaker: Paul Dever

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

Please pray for:

- those we know and love who are ill or injured, especially children going through important medical treatment and their families supporting them
- Mark and Sara Goodman, with Hope4Malawi, as they oversee and resource building work on a new secondary school
- Holiday Club, Thurs-Sun, this week - especially for children who don't usually go to church, and for young people helping (Prayer Card available in the Welcome Area—please take one).

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.

Dorothy Houghton's Thanksgiving Service

The Thanksgiving Service to celebrate the life of Dorothy Houghton will be held on Saturday 7 March in the afternoon - time to be confirmed.

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 be closed from Wednesday 19 to Sunday 23 February, for Holiday Club.



Epsom Book Fair

Thursday 20 - Saturday 22 February Donations are welcome at Epsom Methodist Church from Wednesday 12-Saturday 15 February, between 9am-8pm. Contact 01372 728535 / office@epsommethodistchurch.org.uk

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.

For more information, contact Liz Fairhurst liz.fairhurst42@gmail.com

Courses starting after February Half Term

Prayer Team Training

24 February 8pm All welcome but please sign up. saintpauls.co.uk/prayerteam Contact Sally 02082247360 / sallyt@saintpauls.co.uk

Exploring Anxiety & Depression

Wednesday 26 February 7:45pm
saintpauls.co.uk/ead Contact Judith 07906 224 056 / exploringanxietydepression@gmail.com

New Beginnings

Thursday 27 February 7:30pm
saintpauls.co.uk/NB 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, in which a number of us are playing a part. Book free places now saintpauls.co.uk/archbishop

Key Partners

Sutton Schools Work

Simon will be visiting St Paul's on Sunday 16 February
Live the Story 10am & 6pm

Sutton Schools Work - Big Church Quiz Night!

Saturday 7 March at 7:30pm 11 churches are opening their doors to all to participate in this competition to discover who is Sutton Church Quiz Team of the Year. For your nearest venue - see our facebook page.

Open Doors

Andy will be visiting St Paul's on Sunday 1 March
Live the Story 10am & 6pm

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