

NEWS

St Paul's
HOWELL HILL

18 July 2021

Farewell from Martin

I had the privilege of visiting Gloucester Cathedral last week and it included a private tour of the Treasury, which has its usual array of church silver from the 16th Century onwards. To be honest, all that passed me by - I am not really into ecclesiastical bling, however old or historically impressive.

What I was interested in, though, was a small stone cross. This was hand-carved by a prisoner in the Korean war. As you can see from the citation the prisoner was Col J P Carne.

What isn't said in the citation is that he earned another 19 months in solitary confinement for this act of defiance to his captors. What also goes unmentioned is the effect this had on the soldiers under his care - the hope and resurgent belief to keep going under the harshest of conditions. This little cross, therefore, in many cases, literally saved lives, even though the cost was terrible.

As I step away and join another community, I want to simply say three things:



Thank You – you have been an amazingly supportive and encouraging community for my whole family. You have loved us and me especially, despite my foibles and brokenness, and I have attempted with all my heart to simply love and lead you, surrounded by the best of teams. Where I have been lacking please forgive me.

Look to the Cross – the source, power and key to our faith and discipleship is our creator God, humbling himself unto death for each one of us.

Don't give up hope, especially as we emerge out of lockdown with all the complexities and challenges ahead. Finally, **I am excited for the future** of this community and St Barnabas as you seek His will and journey together. I believe God has amazing things in store, which need each and every one of you to come together and discern to make this vision a reality.

May you know the blessing of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit as you enter this new exciting bit of the journey.

God Bless, Martin

For more information about Sunday services, how to join in the Arena, on zoom and YouTube, go to saintpauls.co.uk/sundays

This Sunday 18 July



10am church@ten - Farewell to Martin Lessons for Leaders Martin Wainwright. Join us in the Arena (book a place), via Zoom (live) or YouTube (live or later).



6pm church@six - Farewell to Martin The Path to Peace Martin Wainwright. Join us in the Arena (book a place), via Zoom or YouTube.



6pm Youth ONsite. Join us live in the Northey Hall (book a place). Go to **Youth**

Farewell to Martin

11:15am-1pm Coffee, Cake, games for the children

4:30-6pm Coffee & Cake

7-8:30pm Pizzas & Refreshments

Vicarage Gardens (book a place) **Farewell to Martin**

Next Sunday 25 July



10am church@ten - The teacher says... Take my yoke Ali Male. Join us in the Arena, via Zoom (live) or YouTube (live or later).



6pm worship@six - Am I Chosen? Join us in the Arena, via Zoom or YouTube.



Meet with the Wardens at 11:15am (see over). Go to **Vacancy**



11am Kidzone Summer Sunday Cheam Park. Go to **Children**



6pm Youth ONsite. Join us live in the Arena. Go to **Youth**

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Office hours 9:30am-1:30pm Monday to Friday

For your prayers:

- those we know who are recovering from illness or surgery, especially Brian, Helen and Irene; give thanks for answered prayers for healing and wholeness.
- clear and positive responses to issues of racial justice, especially in the light of the ugly manifestations of racism that our nation has seen in the last week; for rioting in South Africa to stop.
- younger youth away this weekend, for Amanda, Seb and the team of leaders with them.
- Martin, Wendy, James, Luke and Hannah Wainwright as they make a new start, moving later this week to Ashted – giving thanks for all they have been to us.

If you would like prayer for anything, please contact Sally Thomas in the first instance. Our Prayer Team is available to pray on the phone – this week, 11:30am-12noon or 7:30-8pm. Call Sally on 077 2959 7477.

The Hub

Following the lifting of restrictions, the Hub will now be open on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9:30am-12:30pm for the remainder of July and throughout August. We really look forward to seeing you - please come and use the space to connect with friends. There will also be an opportunity to use the church for prayer and we will provide some resources for those who come to help process the past difficult 16 months.

Mid Week Focus tea party

Friends of Mid Week Focus - those who consider themselves a lot or a little beyond middle age - are all invited to a tea party in Paul's garden (using the gate in the top car park) on **Wednesday 21 July, 3pm - 4:30pm**. Please sign up ([Click here](#)) or contact the office on 020 8224 9838 to book a place. We will have tea and cake and lots of chat, catching up after such a long time apart. Please arrange your own transport.

Vacancy Zoom Meetings

The Wardens will host a meeting on 25 July, immediately after the Sunday morning service, giving an opportunity to ask any questions about the Vacancy process. Rosalyn will host a meeting via Zoom ID 6047876725. Mark will host a meeting with coffee in his garden. For more information about the Vacancy process, upcoming Prayer Meetings, or to join a Zoom meeting, visit saintpauls.co.uk/vacancy

Kidzone Summer Sundays

Each Sunday from 25 July to 29 August inclusive, families with children can meet at a park or garden for some fun time together. There will be a different venue and host each week, so visit saintpauls.co.uk/children for more information, or contact Naomi (for Sundays up to 15 Aug) 07939 803248 or Keren (22 & 29 Aug) 07779 313567.

Open LIFE groups in August

Sally will be hosting an Open LIFE group on Zoom using ID 744 677 8864 ([click here](#)) on Wednesdays 4, 11 and 18 August 8-9pm. All are welcome, whether your own LIFE group is taking a summer break or you're not currently in one but would like to connect with others for a short time. We will be using The Chosen video series to kick off our discussions. More details from sallyt@saintpauls.co.uk

Little Fishes

Little Fishes latest news to parents and carers is available now. Visit littlefishespreschoolcheam.org.uk and go to the [Newsletters](#) page, or [click here](#).

Archbishop of Canterbury's visit

An Evening with Justin Welby **Friday 24 September 8pm** at the Lakeside Centre, Camberley. A diocese-wide celebration for church members. Book at www.AnEveningwithJustinWelby.eventbrite.co.uk

Big Questions with the Archbishop of Canterbury **Saturday 25 September 3:30pm** at Blenheim High School, Epsom. An opportunity to bring guests to hear Archbishop Justin respond to questions from the public and speak on how to find hope in uncertain times. Please only book places if bringing guests www.BigQuestions-Epsom.eventbrite.co.uk

Every Week

Prayer - For details and Zoom connections, go to [Weekdays](#)



Simple Morning Prayer
Monday-Friday 10:30am



HeartsCry
Tuesday 8:30pm



Evening Compline Prayer
Thursday 8:30pm

Giving to St Paul's

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