

NEWS

5 September 2021

St Paul's
HOWELL HILL

Welcome Back!

As we start a new term, it doesn't just feel like the beginning of another school year, but so much more than that. It feels more like a reboot - we have been on some kind of emergency footing, and we haven't met as a community, without restrictions, for a considerable length of time. Many of us are feeling disconnected from church, even possibly from faith. We have been running on empty for too long. I therefore invite you, this September, to take that step back into life in the community with Christ.

The writer of Hebrews reminds us:

Let us hold unwavering to the hope we profess, for he who promised IS faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another - and all the more as you see the Day approaching.



You see, it is not just important for our own faith that we meet together, but for our friends as well. Our very presence encourages our brothers and sisters in their faith - we have a responsibility, not just for our own faith, but for each other too.

In our church service this Sunday morning, we will be launching a new series to help us regain our confidence in our purpose as a community, set apart by God to bring hope and transformation to the world that we are a part of. Sally and I will be leading you through the DNA of the Bible, which has that very message at its heart - the promises that God has

given us as a community, the responsibility that he has given us and set us apart for. We believe that as we face the three challenges in front of us; rebuilding our community, thriving not just surviving in our time of vacancy, and working on our partnership with St Barnabas - this series will equip and prepare us. Please join me as we rekindle and rebuild our faith and our community together.

Paul Dever

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

This Sunday 5 September

10am church@ten with Communion - *Designed & Assigned: Created for a Purpose* - Paul Dever.

6pm church@six - *Priorities for Living: Evidence of Gospel Fruit* - Mark Goodman.

Next Sunday 12 September

10am church@ten & Baptism - *Designed & Assigned: Subject to Justice* - Sally Thomas

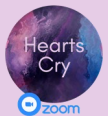
6pm church@six with Communion - *Priorities for Living: A Worthy Walk* - David Wright.

Every Week

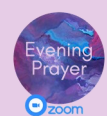
Prayer - For details and Zoom connections, go to [Weekdays](#)



Simple Morning Prayer
Monday-Friday 10:30am



HeartsCry
Tuesday 8:30pm



Evening Compline Prayer
Thursday 8:30pm

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

For your prayers:

- those we know who are seriously ill, especially for Clive Bullen, and for those recovering from illness or surgery, especially Irene, Soula and Brian; pray for those grieving the loss of loved ones, including Neil McElroy and the families of Joe Stewart and Monica Toller.
- those fleeing from persecution and oppression in Afghanistan and those who have decided to remain, especially for Christians experiencing great trauma, strain and suffering.
- all those who serve on Sunday teams at St Paul's, including welcome, refreshments, tech and band, flowers, readers, intercessors, youth and children's ministries; our PCC and churchwardens as they lead us through the selection of a new vicar.

Our Prayer Team is available to pray after services and online (Sundays 11:30-11:45am via our website). Call Sally Thomas on 0208 224 7360 for more information or for prayer needs at other times.

The Hub

With effect from **Monday 6 September** the Hub will be open on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 9am to 12:45pm.

Vacancy Prayer Meeting

The next Vacancy Prayer Meetings are on:

Tuesday 14 September 8:30-9:15pm online via Zoom ID 819 5221 1431 Passcode: bible

Wednesday 22 September 8-9:30pm at St Paul's.

These are 2 separate meetings and we would love to welcome you to both, if you are able to attend.

Mid Week Focus

Tea, cake and chat once a month on **Wednesdays**



22 September, 20 October & 17 November.

Arrive from 2:30pm. Tea and cake will be served from 3pm with a *Pause for Thought* at 4pm. Finishing at 4:30pm.

Please contact Gill McKie to book your place
01372 273245 gill.mckie@googlemail.com

St Barnabas - Partnership Morning

Saturday 18 September 9:30am-12:30pm at St Barnabas.

Partnership morning - come and have your questions answered. Hear the vision. See how you can be involved. All welcome.

Book Club

The next book to be discussed on **5 October 2pm** is

No Greatness without Goodness by Randy Lewis.

Further details from Caroline carolineruss91@yahoo.co.uk

Festival Choir

Liz Fairhurst is starting work on choir items for the Remembrance Day and Carol Services, in the hope that they will be possible this year. All are welcome to sing in the choir - no auditions or need to read music. Enthusiasm and commitment are the only requirements. It would, however, be a great help to have some idea of how many people would like to be involved, and which part they sing. No commitment at this point, just an expression of interest. Contact Liz 01737 355063 / liz.fairhurst42@gmail.com

Exploring Anxiety and Depression

Starts Wednesday 22 September 7:45pm

Helpful perspectives to tackle the effects of anxiety and depression. Contact Judith 07906 224056
exploringanxietydepression@gmail.com

New Beginnings

Starts Thursday 23 September 7:30pm

For anyone suffering from divorce, separation or a broken relationship. Visit saintpauls.co.uk/newbeginnings or contact Colin 07855 245619
new.beginnings@blueyonder.co.uk

Book now for Justin Welby

Saturday 25 September 3:30pm at Blenheim School, Epsom. Our deanery is hosting a *Big Questions* event with the Archbishop at which you will have chance to question Justin Welby and hear him speak on how to find hope in uncertain times. Bring friends if you can. Booking essential at BigQuestions-Epsom.eventbrite.co.uk

Little Fishes

Little Fishes Pre-School is extending its hours to 2:45pm on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from September. If any of your friends or family have young children, please let them know.

Ride & Stride for Surrey Churches

Saturday 11 September A great opportunity to visit Surrey places of Christian worship to help raise funds for maintaining our county's precious churches, whether by cycle, on foot or even by horse, car, bus or mobility scooter! Accompanied children welcome. Local rides 10am from St Dunstan's or 2pm from Nonsuch Mansion. Further details from Shirley or Roger Quemby scpt@quemby.cix.co.uk / 020 8642 3720. Roger will be refreshing visitors all day in the Hub. Sponsor forms and list of churches: surreychurchespreservationtrust.org

Epsom Mental and Well-Being Festival

9-16 October - the Epsom Mental Health and Well-Being Festival is organised by Charity *Love Me Love My Mind* with a range of events in the Epsom area. For further details, visit epsommentalhealthweek.org.uk

Giving to St Paul's

God's work at St Paul's is funded by our church family and we encourage planned giving. Information on how to give regularly is available online at saintpauls.co.uk/donate. Charity No 1128212