

NEWS

24 April 2022

St Paul's
HOWELL HILL

Update from Pat Blanchard

Mission Partner, Pat Blanchard, writes: I'm looking forward to catching up in person this weekend after such a long time and after so much has changed. It's been over 22 years since I first came to visit St Paul's before heading to Peru in August 2000. Thank you for all your prayers and generous support in so many ways through these years.



It's strange being back but I have a sense of God doing new things and of course it's not the end of serving God and seeing him work in my life and in the lives of those around me. I'm currently in the middle of deputation visits before *officially* finishing with CMS at the end of May. I'll be attending their in-person Mission Partner conference in July to say good bye to actual people!

What happens after May? I'm not sure, apart from a real holiday, but am trusting that God has a plan. I've resettled back in the Bournemouth area and am grateful for temporary accommodation and for the amazing location where I live, especially as the weather improves. When home I worship at the church where I grew up and

have joined the needlecraft group, continue as part of a Connect group and spend time with friends old and new. I have also been attending an Anglican church round the corner from where I live and am perusing the possibility of ordination as priest in the Winchester Diocese.

I continue to find creativity an amazing connection to God and have been painting, crafting and sewing. Having left my sewing machine and overlocker in Peru I have already been blessed with replacements from generous friends. I am thankful to God for good reconnections with my family, times together over Christmas and since have been very encouraging.

I am in occasional contact with Raul in Shalom who shares joys, the continuing faith of the community, but also sadnesses, as there have been a couple of deaths since I left. Peru continues in a precarious situation, health, education, political and economic. Please pray for the nation of Peru.

Pat Blanchard

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



This Sunday 24 April

10am church@ten
The Resurrection - Paul Dever

6pm Worship & Prayer
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Next Sunday 1 May

10am church@ten with Communion
Apprentice: The Jesus we Follow
The Heart of Jesus: The Beginning - Paul Dever

6pm church@six
Living it Out: Addiction - David Senior

Every Week: Prayer - For details and Zoom connections, go to [Weekday Prayer](#) (Passcode: bible)



Morning Prayer
Monday-Friday 10:30am



Hearts Cry
Tuesday 8:30pm



Evening Prayer
Thursday 8:30pm

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For your prayers:

Let's begin our prayers by thanking God for all his goodness to us, especially for raising Jesus from the dead. Then please pray for:

- Pat Blanchard, on Sunday sharing her story of serving God in Peru and now starting a new chapter back in the UK.
- children caught up in the conflict between Ukraine and Russia, especially those in hunger and immediate danger.
- Sam and Adam, whose family are giving thanks today for the excitement of seeing them start out in life.
- those considering our new advert for a vicar this weekend.

Our Prayer Team is available to pray after services. Call or email Sally Thomas for more information or for prayer needs at any time 0208 224 7360 / sallyt@saintpauls.co.uk

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)

All are invited to attend the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) which will be held at St Paul's on **Wednesday 27 April 7:30pm**. Please attend this important meeting to vote for our trustees, to reflect on the last year and hear of our vision for the rest of 2022. If you have any questions that you wish to ask at the APCM, please email Lucy Bahiti lucyb@saintpauls.co.uk The Agenda and Annual Review are available in the Welcome Area and on the website. The Church Accounts for 2021 can also be found on the website. Please contact the church office for further help saintpauls.co.uk/APCM

Electoral Roll

The **revised** Parish Electoral Roll is now on display in the Welcome Area and on our website saintpauls.co.uk/ElectoralRoll. Please note that the Electoral Roll is now closed to new entries until after the APCM on **27 April**.

Elections for new members of PCC & Deanery Synod

Elections will be held at the APCM for 2 Deanery Synod vacancies (for 3 years) and 5 PCC vacancies (for 3 years). You must be on the Electoral Roll if you wish to stand or vote in these elections. PCC and Deanery Synod members are trustees of the church and overseeing its running and direction. See our governance document for more information ([click here](#)). Nomination forms are available in the Welcome Area or on the website saintpauls.co.uk/APCM Send your completed form, signed by a proposer and seconder, to the Church Office. Please pray that those nominated to stand will be God's choice for these important roles.

Ladies' Breakfast

The next ladies' breakfast is on **Saturday 30 April 9-11am**. Come along and enjoy fellowship with us. Cost £3.50. Please sign-up in the Welcome Area or let Sara Goodman or Rosalyn Holiday know if you are coming.

The Prayer Course

Jointly developed by Pete Greig and 24/7 Prayer, the 8-week Prayer Course starts on **Wednesday 4 May 8pm** at St Barnabas and examines the many aspects of prayer. Further details and to book your place, contact David Senior or visit saintpauls.co.uk/ThePrayerCourse



Mid Week Focus

Join us for Afternoon Tea on **Wednesday 11 May 2:30-4:30pm**. Charge £3. Contact Gill McKie to book your place [01372 273245 / gill.mckie@gmail.com](mailto:gill.mckie@gmail.com)



Financial Controller (Part-time)

We are looking for a part-time Financial Controller to look after all aspects of our finances. Details are on our website saintpauls.co.uk/OurTeam/JobOpportunities Closing date: 30 April. If you would like an informal discussion, please contact Chris White, Church Manager [07494 089 441 / chrisw@saintpauls.co.uk](mailto:chrisw@saintpauls.co.uk)

Help Needed

Keren (Young Families Pastor) would like to run a Parenting Course for Little Fishes parents and church family friends on a Thursday morning for 5 weeks starting in June. We need to provide a small Creche, so please contact Keren if you can spare a Thursday morning to help between 9:45-11:30am. No need to attend all 5 but a DBS check is required. kerenh@saintpauls.co.uk

Mission News

David Gray is going to a linguistics conference in the Netherlands. He needs some extra finance to help with this. If you would like to bless him in this way, please contact Cathy Ayres cathy2ayres@aol.com

Ann & Clive McIntyre are going to Romania on Thursday 28 April to assess the needs with the Ukrainian refugee crisis, to see where further assistance can be given when they return to Romania in June. Please remember them in your prayers. If you'd like to contribute to a relief fund, please contact them directly at admin@barnabasuk.org

Sara & Mark Goodman are going to Malawi on Sunday 8 May. Please pray for the success of their trip. They would like to provide a phone for their sponsored students who have finished secondary school to make it easier for them to communicate with others as they look for jobs. If you have a smart phone you no longer use, please give it to Mark or Sara Goodman before 8 May. Thank you. You can contact them at info@hope4malawi.org

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