

Apprentices of Jesus

Our Parish Profile www.saintpauls.co.uk/vacancy highlights our longing to be a church centred on Jesus. If we say we want to follow Jesus, we need our eyes firmly fixed on Him, our wills submitted to Him and our lives directed by Him. He is the one described in Hebrews as the origin and the completion of our faith in God (Heb 12:2).

It's easy to lose our focus, isn't it? A big part of my own call from God was to help feed His sheep but in a recent retreat, He pointed out to me that I had been so focused on the sheep that I had lost sight of the Shepherd Himself. That really made me sit up and take notice.

This summer term, we'll be taking a long, studied gaze at Jesus. If He is our Teacher, and we His apprentices we need to walk in His footsteps – especially at times when that's all we can see of Him, because we've got a bit left behind. Those footsteps are His teaching given to us in the Bible, but also the heart of Jesus which is conveyed to us by both Word and Spirit.



So, in the mornings at ten, the gospel writers will take us on a tour of Christ's life, starting with His birth and ending with His final appearances. In the evening at six, we'll look, with different preachers, at His heart for sinners and sufferers, helped in part by a book called *Gentle and Lowly* by Dane Ortlund (see standrewsbookshop.co.uk or eden.co.uk for good deals, if you'd like a copy for yourself). Also, on first Sundays of the month, at 6pm, we'll address very practical aspects of living out our faith in

Jesus - subjects are *Addiction, Abortion and Ageing*.

If we're serious about following Jesus, there are bound to be battles with our own wills and with the enemy, tempting us to give church a miss or to find fault with preachers or leaders. Let's get His help, make sure we are praying for those who teach and do that *fixing our eyes on Jesus* again and again.

Sally Thomas

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



Apprentice: The Jesus we Follow



This Sunday 1 May

10am church@ten with Family Communion
The Story of Jesus: The Beginning - Paul Dever

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

Next Sunday 8 May

10am church@ten & Dedication
The Story of Jesus - John Prepares the Way
Julian Sindall

6pm church@six with Communion: *The Heart of Jesus for Sufferers and Sinners* - Sally Thomas

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

For your prayers:

Begin by thanking God for our church family and all its different facets. Then pray for:

- those who are struggling with issues around addiction, as we address this, this evening; for our PCC, especially new members of it, following our APCM last week.
- education for all, especially in places like Malawi where there isn't automatic provision for all.
- those who are grieving, especially Margaret Eggleton, Tim and Vicky following the death of Stuart last week, Margaret Miller as we give thanks for the life of Arthur, and Mel who is taking some time out after her mum's funeral last week.

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

PCC & Deanery Synod

We are pleased to welcome (or welcome back) Ian Ayres, Jonathan Eames, Alice Firth, Jan Ganney and Anne Pianca as new or re-elected representatives for PCC & Deanery Synod for the coming year, joining those already on the team. Please pray for them as they take on this responsibility.

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



Community Connection

On **Tuesday 10 May** we start a new monthly event - **Community Connection**. This provides an opportunity for our neighbours to meet their local Nonsuch Ward Councillors in The Hub and chat over a cup of coffee. It also offers a way for us to connect with our neighbours and let them know what else happens in The Hub and at St Paul's. The event will take place between 10am-12noon on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, so if you live locally, please let your neighbours know. If you have any questions please contact our Hub Host, Debbie debbiem@saintpauls.co.uk

Arthur Miller

The funeral service for Arthur Miller will take place at North East Surrey Crematorium on **Friday 6 May 10:40am**, followed by a Service of Thanksgiving at St Paul's at **12noon**. All are welcome to attend and join family & friends for refreshments afterwards.

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)

Wedding on Saturday 14 May

William and Julia Marsh would love church family members to join them at St Paul's for the wedding of Clare and Sam Banner on Saturday 14 May at 2pm.

J John at St Paul's Saturday 11 June 9:30am-3:30pm.

International evangelist, J John, will speak on *how to share your faith* at the *Diocesan Conference on Church Growth* to be hosted by St Paul's. Booking essential at Guildford-conference.eventbrite.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

Clive & Ann McIntyre are travelling to Romania from 28 Apr-3 May. They will be taking donations to help support Ukrainian refugees and those helping them. They will also assess the needs to see where further assistance can be offered. Clive & Ann will travel to Romania again at the end of June and hope to support the work with Ukrainian refugees further. Prayer points:

- Safety while travelling
- Discernment and wisdom regarding future support
- God's guidance for distribution of funds
- God's plan to be clear for the June mission
- For others joining them for the Mission in June
- Holy Spirit anointing during their time away

Sara and 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