

NEWS

8 May 2022

St Paul's
HOWELL HILL

Annual Church Meeting

Last week we held our annual church meeting, electing new trustees and looking forward to the rest of this year. It was great to be part of over 100 church family members worshipping the Lord, voting and asking great questions. Videos of the meeting will be on the website shortly.



Rosalyn and I were re-elected as church wardens. We all appreciate Rosalyn's commitment in offering to warden for a fourth year to help us through this time of vacancy, and are also most thankful for everyone who stood for election to PCC. PCC sets vision and strategy for the church and oversees how we use our resources; it is the board of trustees. We now welcome Ian Ayres, John Eames, Alice Firth, Jan Ganney, and Anne Pianca onto PCC.

Jeremy (Treasurer) and John (Chair of Finance) gave thanks for the financial giving of so many which enables us to resource ministry in the church and community, as well as support mission in the UK and abroad. Usual activities continue as we encourage people back to church and reach out to new people, despite regular giving having dropped. This means PCC agreed a deficit

budget this year which will be covered from prior year giving if current income does not increase.

In this time of waiting, Psalm 27 is worth praying through, as we continue to focus on Jesus. Sally talked about our desire to deepen relationships and asked us all to pray for and care for

those who haven't made it back yet, as well as continuing to welcome newcomers.

Paul updated us on progress of the partnership with St Barnabas and work on the criteria for becoming a united parish. He also reflected on recent growth in youth and great Easter services. He encouraged us to gain strength from the Lord so we can all play our part in this season. Rosalyn concluded by giving us practical ways we can focus on Jesus as we wait, like prioritising time with the Lord in prayer and scripture, being an active member of a Life Group, and looking after the needs of others in the church family - more ideas in the next vacancy update.

Please join me in praying: *Lord, I want to seek you today. I wish for you to transform me further into your likeness.*

Mark Goodman, Warden

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

Church @ten

Apprentice: The Jesus we Follow

Church @six

This 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

Next Sunday 15 May

10am church@ten with Communion
The Story of Jesus - The Temptation of Jesus
David McKie

6pm united@six: *The Heart of Jesus - Full of Joy*

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

Begin by praising God for sending Jesus to earth as the Messiah. Then pray for:

- those still in hiding from Russian attack in Ukraine and those processing the trauma of being under siege, in captivity or losing loved ones.
- young parents and their children as they face all kinds of challenges - financial, employment, domestic life, education, spiritual growth and wider family relationships; Roanna and family following her dedication this Sunday morning.
- those in our church family recovering from surgery, in hospital or at home – for speedy healing.

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

The Prayer Course

The Prayer Course has started but you are still welcome to join us on

Wednesdays 8pm at St Barnabas. Jointly developed by Pete Greig and 24/7 Prayer, the Prayer Course examines the many aspects of prayer. Contact David Senior or visit saintpauls.co.uk/ThePrayerCourse



Community Connection

On **Tuesday 10 May** a new monthly event starts - **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

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.

Craft Supplies for New Wine

Naomi Carne is well underway with New Wine planning and her craft team are in need of supplies. Please collect any kitchen roll or wrapping paper tubes (not from loo rolls as they need to be long) and any pebbles which are smooth and good for painting on. Please give items to Naomi by the end of June. Thank you.

EcoChurch

This week's tip: Save water and electricity! Only boil the amount of water that you need. Also, it's not too late to join *No mow May*. For information, visit: loveyourplace.org/no-mow-may



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) is planning 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

Prison Fellowship asks us to pray

- for the children of prisoners who may be needing to leave their parents behind as they escape Ukraine.
- The Bible studies from UK have been made available for translation to other countries across Europe and the Middle East – thank God for this new resource to help people grow in faith whilst they are in prison.

Wycliffe Bible Translators give thanks that the work of translating the Bible is accelerating because of the increased giving and praying of many people. If you'd like to keep up-to-date with what translation work is going on where, use Wycliffe.org.uk/givetheword to access a copy of *Words for Life*.

Hope4Malawi – Sara and Mark are leaving us to go to Malawi on 8 May. Please pray for a safe journey and arrival, that Sara and Mark settle in quickly and that they hear the voice of the Lord clearly as they fill their time whilst there.

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