



ST PAUL'S PARISH CHURCH, HOOK

*Our mission is to worship
God, to grow as disciples,
to love and care for all,
and to reach out with the
good news of Jesus Christ.*

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Notices for Sunday 12th October

Our Church Warden for 12th Oct is Simon.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS: 1st - Ian J is 60! 11th - Jane J is 70! 19th - Maggie.

DATES FOR OCTOBER

9th Oct - Thurs HC with Jen

Sun 12th Oct - 11am Harvest service
Followed by lunch @ Parish Hall

Sun 12th Oct - Encounter service at
St George's - see below

16th Oct - Thurs HC with Jen

Thank You from Jen

I'm so grateful to everyone who attended and helped to make the licensing service such a wonderful occasion on Monday evening. It was such an encouraging service full of the Holy Spirit and I felt a deep groundswell of love and support as we begin this new chapter together. Thank you all for your prayers and your presence and to everyone who played a part in helping it to run so well.

- Bereavement Journey - Started on **Tues 7th October**, 2 - 4.30pm @ St Matthews for seven Tuesdays. See Posters around Church and take a flyer. Ask Pam if you would like more info.
- Children's Society Box Opening. - **Sat 11th October** - 10am-2pm - Enjoy a cuppa, cake, chat & company whilst your box is being counted!
- Sun 12th October - **11am Harvest Service** - **Non-perishable gifts only** (tins, packets etc) **NOT** fresh food. Followed by lunch at the Parish Hall - please see lists on office door for food, help and to sign if you are attending for catering purposes. Please contact Sue Russell with any queries (suehussell@sky.com) / 07949 667606)
- Sun 12th Oct - 4pm. St George's Encounter Worship. Begins with afternoon tea at 4:00 pm, and the service starts at 4:45 pm. There will be live worship and prayer ministry afterwards. Our Guest preacher is a very inspiring and engaging speaker.
Next St Paul's Concert - **Fri 24th October @ 7.30pm.** Julie Dunn & John Horler - see poster.
- Sunday 2 November: Remembering and Thanking service for loved ones who have died.
3.30pm: Church open for quiet reflection. 4pm: Refreshments served. 5pm: Service with lighting of candles and reading the names of loved ones

St Paul's Birthday Book - We would like to celebrate birthdays as a Church Family. There is now a Green Diary labelled "*St Paul's Family Birthday Book*" and will be around in Church for EVERYONE to write their first and last name (in capital letters) and year of birth on the correct diary page, so we can share our good wishes as a Church. The year of birth means we can celebrate BIG birthdays!!

St Paul's Church Emergency Contact List - We are following local Churches in compiling a list of all our members and an emergency name and number for each and every member. There are forms at the back of Church for you to fill out with details and get your next of kin (or someone close) to sign to say they give permission to keep those details for an emergency. A compiled list will be created and kept in a safe, accessible place for wardens to access in an **emergency situation only**. They **WILL NOT** be on display anywhere for all to see, keeping in line with GDPR rules. **PLEASE FILL ONE OUT IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY.**

October Prayer Focus: Our charity focus is the **Prison Fellowship**, a Christian organisation whose mission is to show Christ's love for those in prison, by coming alongside them and supporting them. They organise Bible study and pastoral support, as well as the annual Angel Tree initiative, which enables prisoners to provide a present for their children. A prayer for those in prison: *Lord, you offer freedom to all people. We pray for those in prison. Break the bonds of fear and isolation that exist. Support with your love prisoners and their families and friends, prison staff and all who care. Heal those who have been wounded by the activities of others, especially the victims of crime. Help us to forgive one another. To act justly, love mercy and walk humbly together with Christ in His strength and in His Spirit, now and every day. Amen.*



The Hearing Loop is being fixed on Friday 10th Oct.

Winter Fair – Sat 22nd Nov @ the Parish Hall. We would like donations of: nearly new children's items all ages, NOT clothes; Wine glasses/Mugs/ Plates – full sets in boxes if possible; Alcohol/Wine/Soft drinks for Tombola.

Archive Anecdotes – October 1990.

Taking Time

*Take time to smile, It is the melody of the soul.
Take time to work, It is the service of the spirit.
Take time to play, It is the secret of youthfulness.
Take time to read, It is the source of wisdom.
Take time to love, It is the gift of the heart.
Take time to pray, It answers every need.*

Click here to read online the Diocese of Southwark September Edition: [The Bridge](#) (Oct is not out yet)

Foodbank - The donation box is available at the **BACK OF CHURCH**. Kingston Foodbank would also appreciate any money donations via their website: <https://kingston.foodbank.org.uk> **MANY THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT.**

- **KCAH** - helping the homeless or those in danger of becoming so. To donate visit: <https://www.kcah.org.uk/can-you-help-us/donate-money/>



Chessington & Hook Voluntary Support urgently needs volunteer drivers. They have been providing transport assistance to the elderly and less mobile members of our community for over 40 years, enabling them to continue to attend medical, social and other essential appointments where they have no other source of help. Can you help? If so please phone 020 8397 6298. The office is open at the Hook Centre from 9am-12pm, Monday-Friday, if you would like to call in and find out more.

Prayer Requests

Would you like St Paul's to pray for you or people you know? Please send requests to Mary Reid at mary@maryreid.org.uk or 07855 042638 and she will share them with the Prayer Chain.

Some of our services, will now be available on our YouTube channel. You can find this by doing a search for "St Paul's Church, Hook" or follow this link: <https://www.youtube.com/@stpaulschurchhook>



Please make sure you are looking at our new channel with the cross logo.

"We believe in being an inclusive Church – A church which does not discriminate, on any level, on grounds of age, economic power, gender, mental health, physical ability, race or sexuality. We believe in Church which welcomes and serves all people in the name of Jesus Christ; which is scripturally faithful; which seeks to proclaim the Gospel afresh for each generation; and which; in the power of the Holy Spirit; allows all people to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Jesus Christ".

WE HAVE THREE WAYS OF 'GIVING' TO ST PAUL'S CHURCH:

- Directly through our bank account. Sort Code: 60-21-05 Account No: 96897856 Account Name: PCC of St Paul's Hook.
- Through 'Paypal' via our website www.stpaulschurchhook.org.uk and click on the
- 'donate to St Paul's link' or using the QR Code
- Through contactless card payments using the machine by the main church doors.

Please also complete a Gift Aid form, available at the back of church or from the Parish Office, if you are a taxpayer. YOUR SUPPORT IS VERY MUCH APPRECIATED.

