



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 7th December – 2nd Sunday of Advent

Our Church Warden for 7th Dec is Alison.

Our Bible Readings for 7th December are: Isaiah 11: v1-10 & Matt 3: v1-12

SERVICES - NEXT 2 WEEKS

Sun 7th Dec - 8.45am said HC with Carolyn
- 10am All Age Worship
11th Dec - Thurs HC with Jen
Sun 14th Dec - 10am Nativity Service
- Midday - HC
- 6.30pm- Carol service

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

19th: Daniel.

Community Carol Service – 6.30pm

We will be having Mulled Wine, spiced warm apple juice (non-alcoholic) and **mince pies**. If you are able to supply a few mince pies, home-made would be great but shop bought are fine, **please let me know**. Don't like mince pies, perhaps a box of jam tarts or apple pies. It would be helpful to receive these on the morning of Sunday 14th December. Thanks Sue



Winter Fair A BIG shout out

to compass estate agents for their £200 donation. Thanks also go to Jon Garrod hair dressers, Star Pub on Leatherhead Road, Chessington Garden Centre and Garsons Farm for donating prizes. We also had some generous raffle prizes from our congregation.

Advent – The four Sundays and Themes of Advent

Advent 1 (purple) – The Patriarchs & Matriarchs / Hope

Advent 2 (purple) – The Prophets / Peace

Advent 3 (pink) – John the Baptist / Joy

Advent 4 (purple) – The Virgin Mary / Love

Christmas Day (white) – The Christ



Future Dates

Sat 6th Dec - 9.30am-12.00 - Decorate the Church, followed by Soup & Roll lunch (12 - 1.30pm) in memory of Ian Reid - All welcome.

Mon 8th Dec - 9.15am - School Christmas Dress Rehearsal (followed by refreshments) All welcome.

Please let Church office know if you would like to attend, but you can just turn up on the day too.

Sun 14th Dec - 10am - We will be holding our Nativity Service, which is written and directed by our young people.

Sun 14th Dec - MIDDAY - There will be a short Holy Communion service after the Nativity and refreshments.

Sun 14th Dec - 6.30pm - Community Carol service.

16 days Activism Against Gender-Based Violence & Abuse – This is an annual United Nations international campaign which takes place from 25th November until 10th December, calling for prevention and elimination of violence against women & girls. Mothers' Union (MU) joins with organisations worldwide in this campaign. MU in Southwark supports this initiative by supporting the **Red Chair Project** whereby we reserve a chair in a place where we can all see it. It highlights the project and acts as a visual symbol of those no longer with us, the partners, mothers, sisters, daughters & friends lost to gender-based violence. You will see our **Red Chair** at the very front of Church by the Lectern. Please pray for this campaign.

POLLS suggest that up to 80% of people are open to coming to Church, but are just waiting to be invited.

PLEASE think about who you might invite to our Community Carol Service by Candlelight (14th Dec @ 6.30pm) or other Christmas services this year. Please forward our Christmas services onto friends and neighbours now.

14th Dec - 10am Nativity Service written & directed by our children & young people.

24th Dec - 3.30pm - Crib service with Christingles...Nativity costumes optional!! 11.15pm - Midnight Mass.

25th Dec - 10am Christmas Service with Holy Communion.....Christmas jumpers optional!!

St Paul's Church Emergency Contact List - We are following our Team Churches in compiling a list of all our members and an emergency name and number for every member. There are forms at the back of Church for you to fill out with details of your next of kin, or someone close. 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 IN.**

WE ONLY HAVE 29 FORMS - WE NEED ONE FOR EVERYONE.

Our **prayer focus for December** is all the charities who have an active presence in our local community - from The Fircroft Trust to local charity shops such as DEBRA and the Children's Trust. We give thanks for all those who donate time or money to benefit the lives of others, and we pray for the flourishing of those organisations that they represent, and those who benefit from their services.

Archive Anecdotes – December 1976.

LAUGHLINES

*Every time I pass a Church, I pay a little visit,
So when at last I'm carried in, the Lord won't say "Who is it?"*

Click [HERE](#) to read online the Diocese of Southwark November Edition of The Bridge.

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.

The King's Storeroom (Christian books & cards) at the Richard Mayo Centre United Reform Church, Eden St, Kingston KT1 1HZ Tel: 020 8390 5400 online: www.thekingsstoreroom.org

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 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.

