



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 1st February 2026 – Candlemas

Our Church Warden for 1st Feb is Simon.

Bible reading for 1st Feb is: Luke 2: v22 - 40

FEB SERVICES

Sun 1st Feb - 8.45am Said HC
- 10am All Age Worship
5th Feb - 10am Thurs HC
Sat 7th Feb - 9.15am - Prayer Group
Sun 8th Feb - 10am Holy Communion

Jen will be on a Diocesan course from 9th-12th Feb and then away on leave until 21st Feb. Please do make sure you catch her before then if you need a visit or would like to discuss anything.



Our dear friend Joan Nash has gone home to our Lord and is now reunited with her beloved husband. She died just before Christmas.

Her funeral will take place at 3pm on Thursday 12th February at Kingston Crematorium.



Also, our dear friend Angela Yule has gone home to our Lord. She died on Mon 5th January. No further details yet.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

7th - Henry Jelley
18th - Joan Durrant
22nd - Simon Mettrick
26th - Jenny Gibson

In 2026, we will have a monthly **prayer focus** on a different area of the world (either country or region). The focus for **January** is on the Diocesan link region of **Matabeleland in Zimbabwe**. Southwark Diocese actively supports the work of Bishop Cleophas and the Anglican churches in the area, and particularly their schools building programme to enable fuller access to education. You can find out more about the work (and enjoy some Matabele songs), by watching a clip filmed during a visit by Southwark clergy last year: <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=H6tC5ImXxh4> We would love to feature overseas areas that are special to members of our congregation as a focus in future months: if you would be willing to lead on a month then please talk to Angie M, or email the parish office.

A SPECIAL MEETING of the parish is called for Sunday 22 February 2026 to consider the cancelling of the appointment of the examiner that was agreed at the last Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) and the appointment of a new examiner (Charlotte Radcliffe-Crow) for the accounts to 31 December 2025, the appointment to run until the next APCM. This meeting will be held during the notices at the end of the 10am service.

Everyone is invited to worship together to celebrate Candlemas at our **10am All Age Service this Sunday 1st Feb**. You may like to bring a candle from home to be blessed during this special service (we will have spares).

The next Men's Curry Night will be on **Wed 4th Feb** (as usual, from **7pm at the North Star, then 8pm at The Red Rose**). If you'd like to join us for some food and conversation, please let Neil Meehan know. neilanthonymeehan@gmail.com / 07539979064

Lent course - starts Wed 25 Feb We will be running a 5-week Lent course on Wednesdays from 7.30-8.45pm starting on 25 February. This Lectio 365 course is based on the experiences of the Desert Fathers and Mothers, the earliest Christian pioneers who sought God in the wilderness. Come to reflect on what 'season' you are currently in, how silence can be helpful, what we can learn from others and how different rhythms can help sustain our lives of faith. Speak to Jen for more info, or just come along! You don't have to come every week.

Archive Anecdotes – February 1983 - Limericks

There was a lay reader called Eric,
And he was our substitute Cleric;
While facing the Altar,
His voice would ne'er falter,
So Eric did make a good Cleric!

There's another good man called Reid,
To tell you of him there's no need;
His sermons are fun,
And when they are done,
For another how strongly we plead!

Our next music event is on Sat 21st March, time to be confirmed. Simon Rowe (who plays guitar in our Sunday worship band) will be performing with his band Gambling Hearts, an indie 3-piece band. This will be a fundraiser with profits being split between the Church and local charity KCAH. Tickets cost £15. Online booking will be available soon, or reserve your tickets with the Parish Office, via phone or email.

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.**

Click [HERE](#) to read online the Diocese of Southwark **Dec 2025/Jan 2026** 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.**



[How you can support the work of KCAH - Kingston Churches Action on Homelessness](#)

The KCAH Winter Night Shelter provides 5 months of safety and security for up to 30 rough sleepers in Kingston. They are open every night from 7pm and offer a hot meal, an evening of community, a warm, comfortable bed & breakfast. If you would like to get involved in this amazing project as a volunteer, either of your time or a home-cooked meal, please email winternightshelter@kcah.org.uk Anything you can give to this much needed project will be gratefully received, and know that if you do, you will have made a powerful difference in the life of someone who needs you.

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.

