

# 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 25<sup>th</sup> January 2026 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany – Patronal Festival

Our Church Warden for 25<sup>th</sup> Jan is Simon.

Bible readings for 25<sup>th</sup> January are: Acts 9: 1-22: 1-9 & Matt 19: 27-end

### JAN & FEB SERVICES -

Sun 25<sup>th</sup> Jan - 11am Patronal Festival  
With HC & lunch after - See below  
29<sup>th</sup> Jan - 10am Thurs HC  
Sun 1<sup>st</sup> Feb - 8.45am Said HC  
-10am All Age Worship  
- 10am Thurs HC  
5<sup>th</sup> Feb  
Sat 7<sup>th</sup> Feb - 9.15am - Prayer Group  
Sun 8<sup>th</sup> Feb - 10am Holy Communion

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 12<sup>th</sup> February at Kingston Crematorium.



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

### JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

27<sup>th</sup>: Jill Cocks.

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

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.

### Patronal Lunch in the Church Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January

This will be a 'one pot' hot meal plus bread and butter. The selections on offer: a beef casserole, a sausage casserole and a chicken casserole. (Vegetarian option will be available) These will be followed by a selection of cold desserts, and wine and soft drinks will be available. **Please add your name to list on office door.**

**Lay Ministry Taster Day** Sat 31<sup>st</sup> Jan, 10am – 2pm at Trinity House – See poster on office door and in Church.

The next Men's Curry Night will be on **Wed 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:neilanthonymeehan@gmail.com) / 07539979064

### Archive Anecdotes – January 2000.

A supposed hidden meaning to the carol: On the First Day of Christmas

**Twelve drummers drumming** - the Apostles' creed

**Six Geese a laying** – the six days of the Creation

**Eleven pipers piping** – the eleven faithful Apostles

**Five Gold rings** – the first five books of the Old Testament

**Ten lords a leaping** – the Ten Commandments

**Four Calling birds** – The four Gospels

**Nine Ladies dancing** – the Fruits of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-33)

**Three French Hens** – the Gifts of the Magi

**Eight maids a milking** – The Beatitudes (Matt 5: 3-10)

**Two Turtle Doves** – The Old & New Testaments

**Seven swans a swimming** – The gifts of the Spirit (Rom 12: 6-8)

**A Partridge in a pear tree** – Jesus and the Cross.

**Our next music event is on Sat 21<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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.**

