

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 8th February 2026 – 2nd before Lent

Our Church Warden for 8th Feb is Simon.

Bible readings for 8th Feb are: Gen 1: v1 – Gen 2: v3 & Matt 6: v25-34.

FEB SERVICES

Sat 7th Feb - 9.15am - Prayer Group
Sun 8th Feb - 10am Holy Communion
12th Feb - Thurs HC @ 10am
Sun 15th Feb - 10am Holy Communion
19th Feb - Thurs HC @ 10am

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 the 9th, 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). This month our prayer focus is on Iran. Iran has been much in the news over the last few weeks, as government forces have sought to crush demonstrations and dissent. The Christian charity Elam supports the persecuted church in Iran and has the following prayer points:

for comfort for families mourning lost relatives, and for the residents of Iran to have a sense of hope despite their present suffering; for restored communications with the outside world and economic relief; for just and righteous leadership; for wisdom and courage for the Iranian church.

To find out more, visit www.elam.com 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.

Lent course - starts Wed 25 Feb We will be running a 5-week Lent course on Wednesdays from 7.30-8.45pm in Mary wise room. 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.

Bible groups/Home groups – If you are interested in being part of an ongoing weekly, fortnightly or monthly Bible study/home group, please could you let Jen know? We do have some groups currently happening and Jen will be reviewing capacity and interest over the next month. Please indicate if you would prefer a daytime or evening group. Thank you.

Confirmation Service There will be a Confirmation service for our Deanery (our local area) held at All Saints Church in Kingston at 6pm on Sunday 26th April. Candidates will be prepared for this next step in faith in four sessions ahead of the service. If you are interested in being confirmed, or finding out more, please let Jen know.

Job opportunity at St Matthews – see main body of weekly email with notices attached.
Job opportunity at Ruxley Church – see main body of weekly email with notices attached.

Future Dates for your diary

Church parades are back: As part of our All-Age service, we will be joined by local Scouting & Guiding units during 2026 on: **Sunday 1st March; Sunday 7th June and Sunday 4th October.**

Saturday 21st June: *Music@St Paul's:* Freddie Pirotta & Band. More details to follow in due course.

Saturday 11th July and Sunday 12th July: Anniversary Celebration Weekend – celebrating **135 years** of Mothers' Union at St Paul's. **Join us for a cream tea in the Parish Hall on Saturday afternoon and Mothers' Union members will lead the 10am service on Sunday.**

Sunday 11th October – Harvest Festival.

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, their influences include The Beatles, Oasis & Nirvana. This will be a fundraiser with profits being split between the Church and local charity KCAH. Tickets cost £15. Online booking details will be available soon, or reserve your tickets with the Parish Office, via phone or email (at top of first page).

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



Need a wheelchair for a short-term loan? We have one at St Paul's Church that we can loan to you, to help you in your time of need. Get in touch by ringing the office on 020 8391 2362 or email: parish.office@stpaulschurchhook.org.uk

Southwark Diocese & Mothers' Union invite you to: **GRANDPARENTS DAY, 14th Feb 2026, 10.30am – 2.30pm** at St Francis' Church Hall, 84 Balcombe Rd, RH6 9AY, Horley. The session will include Worship, a choice of workshops, crafts & keynote speakers. Bring a packed lunch, drinks provided. For more information and booking form, please contact: learning@southwark.anglican.org Closing date for booking your place: 4/2/26

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.

