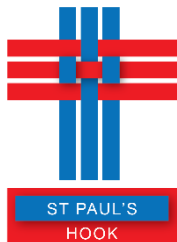


# ST PAUL'S PARISH CHURCH, HOOK



*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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## Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent – Palm Sunday

Our Church Warden this week is Alison.

Bible readings for 29<sup>th</sup> March are: Philippians 2: v5-11 & St Matthew's Passion Narrative

### MARCH & APRIL SERVICES

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> Mar - 10am HC - Palm Sunday  
-6pm @ St Matthew's Church

Maundy Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> Apr - 10am HC  
-7.30pm HC

Good Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> Apr - 9.30am - Walk of Witness  
from St Paul's finishing at Chessington  
Methodist for Hot Cross Buns & Easter Trail.

12-2pm-St Paul's open for quiet reflection.

2pm - Last hour at Cross service.

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> Apr - Prayers at 9.15am

Easter Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> Apr - HC service for all ages  
followed by Easter egg hunt. **NO AAW TODAY**

### MARCH BIRTHDAYS

14<sup>th</sup> - Prue,  
Kathy  
& Sue C

### Church Working Morning – Volunteers

**Welcome!** We're planning a **Church Working Morning on Saturday 11 April, 09:30–12:30**, and we'd love as many helping hands as possible. There will be a variety of small jobs around the church and churchyard—tidying, weeding, light maintenance, cleaning, and general tasks to help keep St Paul's looking its best.

Please see last week's email that our notices are attached to, for a job advert for a cleaner for the Parish Hall.

## THE PARISH OFFICE CLOSURES ON 26<sup>TH</sup> MARCH & REOPEN ON 14<sup>TH</sup> APRIL.

In 2026, we have a monthly **prayer focus** on a different area of the world (either country or region). This month our prayer focus is on **Nigeria**. Christian Advocacy group 'Open Doors' reported that the vast majority of Christians killed for their faith globally (years 24/25) were murdered in Nigeria. It is a horror unfolding away from the world's gaze, the merciless murder of thousands. The World Day of Prayer (March 6<sup>th</sup>) is written by the women of Nigeria, who quote "...that even in our struggles, we are not broken. We continue to work, to hope, to pray for the world we know is possible". To find out more, visit [www.opendoorsuk.org/persecution](http://www.opendoorsuk.org/persecution)

### **Come and see: Bible group**

After Easter, we will be running a fortnightly 'taster' bible study group on Wednesday evenings from 7.30-8.45pm. This is a great no-strings opportunity to try out a home group. The group will meet in Church and you will be with the same group of people each time exploring Paul's letter to the Philippians. **The first two sessions will be held on 15 and 22 April, and then fortnightly until 15 July.** All are welcome to attend, even if you are also a member of another regular group, but please do let Jen know if you would like to come along.

**Easter Flowers** – It is the tradition at St Paul's that flowers displayed in Church at Easter are in memory of a loved one. All Donations to be received by **THIS** Sunday (29/3/26) please. Please label either your envelope (with cash) or your online donations with your loved one's name plus your name too.

**Please also fill out one of our forms for our records (at back of Church) & add into your envelope.**

## HELP WITH EASTER FLOWERS - SAT 4<sup>TH</sup> APRIL (10.30am) WOULD BE APPRECIATED BY THE TEAM

**Safeguarding survey** INEQE Safeguarding Group have been commissioned to conduct Independent Safeguarding Audits of the Church of England to make sure dioceses and cathedrals are doing all they can to create environments where everyone feels safe, valued and respected. As part of this, you are encouraged to complete an online anonymous and confidential survey: <https://ineqe.com/churchofengland/Southwark/> before Weds 8th April 2026.

## LADIES CURRY & CONVERSATION NIGHT – SEE OVERLEAF

**IF YOU HAVE COMPLETED AN ELECTORAL ROLL FORM – PLEASE RETURN IT ASAP**

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**Palm Sunday Team Service** On Sun **29<sup>th</sup> March at 6pm**, there will be a Team service at St Matthew's Church Surbiton, which will be led by the Team Clergy. There will be readings and reflection with Taize music and a chance to prepare ourselves for Holy Week. Please do put the date in your diary, as this is a good chance to worship with our Team Churches, St Matthews and St George's. Please note our 10am service at St Paul's will still take place as usual in the morning.

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**Confirmation Service** Daniel Houghton will be confirmed in a service at All Saint's Church, Kingston at **6pm on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April**. Nicholas' son Joshua Lebey will also be confirmed on this day, along with James \_\_\_\_\_ from St Matthew's. Please pray for our candidates and you are welcome to come along on 26<sup>th</sup> April to support Daniel as he takes this next step in faith.

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Electoral Roll - annual revision

Every year, we update our Electoral Roll. This is the list of lay (non-ordained) members of our Church. The revision of the Roll will be happening officially from 19 April - 2 May, but there are forms at the back of Church if you would like to add your name. For more info, speak to our Electoral Roll Officer, Sue Russell, or email Jen.

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### **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. **Sun 1<sup>st</sup> March** was a great success and we look forward to: **Sun 7<sup>th</sup> June and Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> Oct.**

**Sat 11<sup>th</sup> April** – Church working morning, 9.30am to 12.30pm. **PLEASE** sign up on sheet in MW room.

**Sat 18<sup>th</sup> April** – 43<sup>rd</sup> UNLOCK London Walk – 9am-5pm. raising funds for Urban Churches. This year we will be visiting 7 Churches in the Kilburn and Hampstead area. The total route is 7.2 miles but there are several drop off points. If you would like more information please speak to Sue Fry, Ann Fernihough or Sue Russell.

**Tues 28<sup>th</sup> April 2 – 4.30 pm** – 7 week Bereavement Course @ St Matthew's Church – See posters in Church

**Weds 13<sup>th</sup> May-Ladies Curry Night.** 7pm @ North Star, 8pm @ Red Rose Restaurant. Sign-up sheet-MW room

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May** – 10am service, coffee, then APCM followed by Bring & Share Lunch.

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June:** *Music@St Paul's:* Freddie Pirota & Band. More details to follow in due course.

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July and Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> October** – Harvest Festival.

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### **Archive Anecdotes – March 1976**

#### **A Prayer for our Church**

O God, make the door of this house wide enough to receive all who need human love and fellowship; narrow enough to shut out all envy, pride and strife. Make its threshold smooth enough to be no stumbling block to children, nor to straying feet, but rugged enough to turn back the tempter's power. O God, make the door of this house the gateway to Your eternal kingdom. Amen.

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**Consultation on next Bishop of Southwark** – Our Diocesan Bishop – The Rt Revd Bishop Christopher Chessun – will be retiring this summer, after many years of faithful leadership in our Diocese. The search for the next Bishop of Southwark begins and our Diocese want to ensure that your views are heard. Please contribute to this short and simple [anonymous online survey](#) by 1st April 2026.

#### **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.**

