



# 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 26<sup>th</sup> April 2026 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

**Our Church Warden this week is Simon**

**Bible readings for 26<sup>th</sup> April are: Acts 2: 42-end & John 10: 1-15.**

## SERVICES

### Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April

- 10am Holy Communion Service
- 6pm Deanery Confirmation Service at All Saints Church, Kingston

### Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April

- 10am Holy Communion Service

### Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May

- 9.15am - Prayer group - all welcome

### Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May

- 8.45am Said Communion Service
- 10am All Age Worship Service with Baptisms

## **Baptisms next Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May - please pray**

Next Sunday 3 May, Zion, Zendayah and Zedekiah will be baptised during our 10am service. Zion is a faith rep in Year Six at St Paul's school and Zendayah is also a pupil at St Paul's. Please pray for these children as they prepare for baptism, and for their parents Elise and George, and godparents as they support and nurture Zion, Zendayah and Zedekiah in their faith.

In 2026, we have a monthly **prayer focus** on a different area of the world (either country or region).

This month our world prayer focus is for **Lebanon**: a country with a rich history including some ancient Christian sites and communities. Lebanon's population today is majority Muslim but 30% Christian, and has a governing structure designed to give both communities a voice in power. In recent years Lebanon has faced significant economic hardship and the current war in the Middle East is also increasing dangers for civilians, with many inhabitants of southern Lebanon being forced to leave their home villages. Pray for a rapid end to hostilities, for protection over religious communities, and for families to be able to return to their homes. To find out more, visit [www.opendoorsuk.org/persecution](http://www.opendoorsuk.org/persecution)

## **Is God calling you to serve on the PCC?**

The PCC are the trustees of St Paul's and they are elected to offer oversight and direction to the life and ministry of the church. This year, we will be electing three members to the PCC and three representatives to Deanery Synod. If you feel that God may be calling you to serve the Church in one of these areas, please do have a look at the role profiles at the back of Church and speak to Jen ([revjenhoughton@gmail.com](mailto:revjenhoughton@gmail.com)).

## **Electoral Role Revision – act before 2<sup>nd</sup> May**

If you are **NOT** already on the role and wish to be added please complete a form and return it to church by Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May at the latest.

A copy of the current role is beside the box of forms. Any queries contact Sue Russell [suehrussell@sky.com](mailto:suehrussell@sky.com)  
tel: 07949 667606 or speak to Jen.

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

**Confirmation Service** Daniel Houghton will be confirmed in a service at All Saint's Church, Kingston at **6pm this 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.

**Mothers' Union Open Meeting – Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April**, when Jen will share her story with us. All welcome. 7pm for coffee and 7.30pm start in the Mary Wise room.

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### **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May**

**LADIES CURRY & CONVERSATION NIGHT – 7pm @ North Star, 8pm @ Red Rose Restaurant. Still time to sign up!! Sign-up sheet in MW room on office door.**

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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.**

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

**Weds 29<sup>th</sup> April** – Mothers' Union **Open** Meeting at 7pm, in Mary Wise room, where Jen will tell her story.

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

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May** – CHaT Churches together Ascension Service at St Mary's Church (time TBC)

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May** – 10am service, coffee, then APCM followed by **Bring & Share Lunch.** – **PLEASE SIGN UP ON LIST ON OFFICE DOOR**

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May** – 7.30pm THiS Team Thy Kingdom Come prayer meeting hosted by St Paul's

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May** – THiS team Thy Kingdom Come prayer on Zoom – details later

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June:** *Music@St Paul's:* Freddie Pirotta & 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.

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October** – *Music@St Paul's* Concert with internationally acclaimed artist – Jo Harrop

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### **Archive Anecdotes – April 2006** (Patience Strong)

**Though the sky is frowning and the wind blows wild and strong,  
the birds are busy nesting, and the birds are never wrong.**

**Undeterred by weather, pressing on with blind intent,  
knowing that the winter's cold will soon be done and spent.**

**So, if you think this winter has been dreary, hard and long, take heart!**

**The birds are busy, and the birds are never wrong!**

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

We are running a fortnightly 'taster' bible study group on Wednesday evenings from 7.30-8.45pm, which has had 2 sessions so far. This is a great no-strings opportunity to try out a home group. The group meets in Church and you will be with the same group of people each time exploring Paul's letter to the Philippians. *The next session is 6<sup>th</sup> May, and then will be 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.

### **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.**

