

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 17th May 2026 – 7th Sunday of Easter & Sunday 24th May – Pentecost Sunday

Our Church Warden for 17th May is Simon & 24th May is Alison.

Bible readings: 17th May are: Acts 17: 22-31 & John 14: 15-21 & 24th May are: Acts 2: 1-21 & John 20: 19-23.

THE OFFICE WILL CLOSE ON THURSDAY 14TH MAY AND REOPENS ON TUESDAY 26TH MAY.

SERVICES

Thursday 14th May - 7.30pm - CHaT Churches together Ascension Service at St Mary's Church.

Sunday 17th May - 10am Holy Communion service, coffee, followed by APCM and then 'Bring & Share' Lunch.

Monday 18th May - 7.30pm THiS Team Thy Kingdom Come prayer meeting hosted by St Paul's (more details on Thy Kingdom Come overleaf)

Thursday 21st May - 10am Holy Communion service.

Sunday 24th May - 10am Pentecost Holy Communion Service

MAY BIRTHDAYS

21st - Melissa Waters

26th - Sue Russell

Chloe Howes

29th - Sarah Doyle

London Unlock Walk – A message from Sue Fry: Many thanks to everyone that took part in this year's walk, or sponsored our efforts. I am delighted to say we raised £735.00 in aid of Urban Churches.



Our friend Elaine Lawson died on 9th May, in the Care Home in Bridgend, aged 91. May she rest in Peace with the Lord.

PLEASE SEE ATTACHMENT FOR DETAILS OF MEN'S EVENTS COMING UP. PLEASE LET NEIL KNOW IF YOU ARE ATTENDING ANY OF THEM. – neilanthonymeehan@gmail.com

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 **Haiti** - the poorest Caribbean nation which is beset by both natural disasters and human violence. Since the assassination of the president in 2021 Haiti has spiralled into economic chaos, a political vacuum and widespread gang warfare. It is estimated that 80% of the capital (Port au Prince) is controlled by gangs, with up to 900 schools closed due to fears of violence or political protest. Children may instead be recruited as child soldiers and 42% of Haitians face severe malnutrition. Pray for the work of Christian aid charities such as World Vision and Compassion who are active in the region, for churches who offer support to their communities, and for multinational UN-backed forces who are seeking to counter the gang strongholds.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting – Sunday 17th May @ 11.30am after normal service, followed by "Bring & Share Lunch".

Thy Kingdom Come – "God with us" – 14th – 24th May 2026 **Ascension Day through to Pentecost**

- Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray from Ascension to Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus.
- Last year, more than a million Christians took part, in nearly 90% of countries worldwide and across 85 different Church denominations and traditions.
- It is hoped that everyone that takes part will: Deepen their relationship with Jesus; Pray for 5 friends or family to come to faith in Jesus; Pray for the empowerment of the Spirit that we would be effective in our witness.
- Mon 18th May – 7.30-8.30pm – Team Worship @ St Paul's Church
- Wed 20th May – 7.30-8.00pm – Praying together on Zoom (details overleaf)
- Sat 23rd May – 30mins at a time you choose – Virtual Prayer Room – Praying at a place of your choosing. More details on attached leaflet.

2nd Hook Brownies - Free Taster Session – Wednesday 20th May – 6.30pm – 8.00pm – See posters in Church and attachment on weekly notices

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Saturday 20th June, 7.30pm

Emma Field with the Freddie Pirotta Jazz Quartet.

Tickets £15, concessions £7.50 - (children, full-time students, people on benefits)

Book tickets at www.stpaulschurchhook.co.uk/music



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

PLEASE NOTE – NEW DATE - The **Kingston and Malden Scout and Guide Band** who will be playing for 15-20 minutes after the parade service, on **Sunday 5th October**, whilst we enjoy refreshments. **DO NOT MISS!**

Thursday 14th May – CHaT Churches together Ascension Service at St Mary's Church at 7.30pm.

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

Sunday 17 May - Service at All Saints Kingston - 6-7pm

A Farewell Service to Bishop Christopher for the Kingston Episcopal Area will be held at All Saints Church Kingston. Join those in our area for this very special service featuring beautiful music from All Saints parish choir as we say thank you and goodbye to the Bishop of Southwark, + Christopher ahead of his retirement this summer.

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

Wednesday 20th May – 7.30pm - Taster Bible Group at Church.

Wednesday 20th May – 7.30pm THiS team Thy Kingdom Come prayer: **Zoom ID: 472 699 454. P/wd: stgeorges**

Saturday 20th 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.

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

PLEA FROM LOCAL NEIGHBOUR – PLEASE DON'T FEED THE CAT THAT VISITS OUR CHURCH - HE'S GETTING ILL 🙏

Archive Anecdotes – May 1980

TWO KEYS

A man who acts as a guide in one of the Minsters says he was asked by a small girl why St Peter had two keys (apparently seen in one of the stained-glass windows). When he admitted he didn't know, she suggested "Maybe one's for the front door and one's for the back door". A small boy accompanying her said scathingly, "No, silly! It's in case he loses one!".

St Paul's Birthday Book – If you would like your birthday to be recognized by Church family, then please put your name in the **green** birthday book, which can usually be found on coffee table, near office door in Mary Wise room. By putting your name in there gives us permission to put it on the notices. We cannot do this unless it's in the book!!

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.**

