

# 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 21<sup>st</sup> June 2026 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

**Our Church Warden for 21<sup>st</sup> June is Simon.**

**Bible readings for 21<sup>st</sup> June are: Proverbs 3: v1-8 & Luke 4: v14-21**

## JUNE SERVICES

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June** - 10am Holy Communion Service - with Graham Cocks  
**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June** - 10am Holy Communion Service  
**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June** - 10am Holy Communion Service - with Pam Ingram

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

1<sup>st</sup> - Paula  
2<sup>nd</sup> - Vivien  
7<sup>th</sup> - Ann F  
16<sup>th</sup> - Lincoln (1<sup>st</sup> B'day)  
18<sup>th</sup> - Pete  
20<sup>th</sup> - Marion Puttock  
22<sup>nd</sup> - Mary Wadham  
24<sup>th</sup> - Margaret  
25<sup>th</sup> - John Emanuel

**Grass cutting.** We're looking for a volunteer to join our churchyard grass cutting team. It would involve an hour's work every couple of weeks. The powered mower is supplied. Please speak to Graham for further details.

In 2026, we have a monthly **prayer focus** on a different area of the world (either country or region). Our prayer focus this month is for the **Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)**. The second largest country in Africa, much of the DRC is covered by dense rainforest. It has a predominantly Christian population. The east is beset by fighting between rebels and government, and an estimated 21 million DR Congo inhabitants are reliant on humanitarian aid. DRC has recently experienced the outbreak of a rare and deadly strain of the Ebola virus within the eastern conflict zone, meaning that opportunities to contain the outbreak were missed. Lack of medical training and facilities, together with the impact of the withdrawal of USAid, is contributing to this becoming a major crisis with wide implications. Pray for aid organisations in the area, including Medecin Sans Frontiers, Cafod, Tearfund and World Vision, and for safety for their workers. Pray that world leaders might recognise the situation and that measures will be put in place to prevent further spread.

**SATURDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> June – working party – 9.30am-12.30pm – Volunteers welcome!** There will be a variety of small jobs around the church and churchyard —tidying, weeding, light maintenance and general tasks to help keep St Paul's looking its best, plus volunteers willing to go up on flat roof and re-paint heating unit. Sandwich lunch will be provided. **Sign up on list in MW Room.**

**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 at 2.30pm (details below) and Mothers' Union members will lead the 10am service on Sunday. Ticket details below.

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July – 7.30pm – COME & SING** - We're delighted to invite you to an evening of light refreshments and hearty singing. The band will be leading us as we learn some new worship songs together, and revisit some St Paul's favourites from a few years back. No need to RSVP, just come along on the night.

**June sermon series.** During June, we'll be sharing a new sermon series called "**Why I'm a Christian**" hearing faith stories from members of our congregation: **Graham Cocks and Pam Ingram** are our next guest speakers. Please keep Graham and Pam in your prayers as they prepare to share how God has been at work in their lives, and we look forward to being inspired by their stories.

## **music@st paul's**

Saturday 20th June, 7.30pm

Emma Field with the  
Freddie Pirota Jazz Quartet.

Tickets £15, concessions £7.50 –

(children, full-time students, people on benefits)

Book tickets at [www.stpaulschurchhook.co.uk/music](http://www.stpaulschurchhook.co.uk/music)



## **St Paul's Mothers' Union**

**135<sup>th</sup> Birthday Cream Tea**

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2026**

**2.30pm - 4.30pm**

Tickets available from Parish Office  
or Ann Fernihough.

Adults £10, 5-15yrs £5, under 5's Free



**Oxygen** is a well-established youth work charity based in Kingston upon Thames set up by local young people and supported by local churches, businesses, organisations, trusts and individual donors.

**Could you host a gap year worker in your home?** Working with Time for God, we are hosting a gap year worker who is due to arrive in August 2026. Could you host her in your home. She is 19 years old and from North West Germany and is looking forward to coming to Oxygen to serve our projects and the local churches. If you are able to support Oxygen in this way, please contact [info@oxygen-online.org](mailto:info@oxygen-online.org)

### **Sunday 6th September - Blessing of backpacks Service at 10am**

*During our All-Age service*, we will be blessing backpacks and school bags at the start of the academic year. Our children and young people - including any mature students and others working in education - are invited to bring their backpack to Church to be blessed, and we will pray for those in education. We will also be thanking and affirming our Children's Group leaders and helpers on this date.

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September – Pet Service at 4pm** - as we celebrate the joy and companionship our animals bring to our lives. Bring your beloved pets for a blessing, fellowship, and a time of gratitude for all creatures great and small.

### **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 7<sup>th</sup> June** was another success and we look forward to: **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October** when The **Kingston and Malden Scout and Guide Band** who will be playing for 15-20 min after the parade service **DO NOT MISS!!**

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**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July – Come and sing – details overleaf**

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September** – Blessing of Backpacks service – for start of new school year.

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September** at 4pm for a special **Pet Service**

**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

### **Archive Anecdotes – June 1975 – The Funniest Language**

1)The plural of box is boxes, not boxen,  
but the plural of ox is not oxes, but oxen.  
One bird is a goose, but a pair are called geese,  
But a number of mice are not mouses nor meece.

2)If the plural of man is men,  
Why shouldn't a number of pans be called pen?  
If I speak of a foot and you show me two feet,  
You'll be ready to put on your boots, not beet.

3)Then the masculine  
pronouns are he, his & him,  
But imagine the feminine,  
she, shis & shim!

So the English I reckon  
you will all agree  
Is the funniest language  
you ever did see!

### **St Paul's Church WhatsApp group**

We will be setting up a St Paul's Church group on WhatsApp as an additional way of communicating with the Church. This will be a 'broadcast only' group for Church to send members announcements (rather than a way for members to chat). We hope this will complement our existing ways of communicating, and messages will be sent no more than 1-2 times a week. There is no requirement to join this, but details of how you can be added to the WhatsApp group will be sent to you during June. Watch this space!

**New Church database** Over the coming months, we will be starting to use **Church Suite**, a Church management system specifically designed to support Church life. Church Suite will enable us to store members' information more securely, register children and track attendance, and communicate more effectively. It will also help significantly with the requirements for recruiting volunteers. Church Suite will only be accessible to the Vicar, Parish Administrator and key volunteers as needed; however, it may - in the future - be a way for the Church community to share contact details with one another (strictly only with an individual's permission). You will be asked to complete a form (online or paper copy) over the coming weeks to register your details and tell us how you would like to be contacted by the Church - thank you in advance for your help with this. If you have any questions, please do contact Jen.

### **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.**

