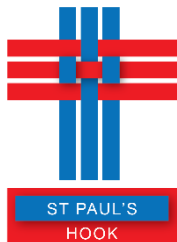


ST PAUL'S PARISH CHURCH, HOOK



*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 7th June 2026 – 1st Sunday after Trinity

Our Church Warden for 7th June is Alison.

Bible readings for 31st May are: Genesis 12: v1-9 & Matthew 9: v9-13, 18-26.

JUNE SERVICES

Sunday 7th June

- 8.45am Said Holy Communion service
- 10am All Age Worship & Church Parade service

Thursday 11th June

- 10am Holy Communion Service

Sunday 14th June

- 10am Holy Communion Service - with guest preacher

Thursday 18th June

- 10am Holy Communion Service

Sunday 21st June

- 10am Holy Communion Service - with guest preacher

Thursday 25th June

- 10am Holy Communion Service

Sunday 28th June

- 10am Holy Communion Service - with guest preacher

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

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

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.

"FIRE EVACUATION DRILL: Please be aware that we are planning to hold a practice evacuation drill at one of the services between now and the end of July. This will involve vacating the Church and re-grouping outside. This is a necessary part of fire safety management for the Church, so we thank you in advance for your co-operation"

June sermon series

During June, we'll be sharing a new sermon series called "Why I'm a Christian" hearing faith stories from three members of our congregation: **Simon Rowe, Graham Cocks and Pam Ingram** (our guest preachers). Please keep Simon, 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 encouraged and inspired by their stories.

St Paul's Players present "Who shot the Sheriff" on Sat 6th June 2026 at 7.30pm.

Adults - £12.00 Children - £7.00 - see attached poster

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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



Sunday 6 September - Blessing of backpacks

During our All-Age service on Sunday 6 September, 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.

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 4th October**, whilst we enjoy refreshments. **DO NOT MISS!**

Saturday 20th June: *Music@St Paul's:* Freddie Pirota & Band.

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 at 2.30pm and Mothers' Union members will lead the 10am service on Sunday.

Sunday 6th September – Blessing of Backpacks service – for start of new school year.

Sunday 13th September at 4pm for a special **Pet Service** 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.

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 – June 1975 – The Funniest Language

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.

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.

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 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.

