



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 26th July 2026 & August Notices

Our Church Warden for 6th, 30th Aug & 6th Sept is Alison & for 9th & 23rd August is Simon.

26 th July	2 nd August	9 th August	16 th August	23 rd August	30 th August	6 th September
Romans 8:26-end Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52	Isaiah 55: 1-5 Matthew 14:13-21	1 Kings 19: 9-18 Matt 14: 22-33	Romans 11:1-2, 29-32 Matt 15: 21-28	Isaiah 51: 1-4 Matt 16: 13-20	Exodus 3:1-15 Matt 16:21-end	Matt 18: 15-20

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Sunday 26th July - 10am HC Service with Jen & Neil.
Thursday 30th July - 10am HC Service with Michael (All Saints Kingston)
Sunday 2nd August - 8.45am said HC with Carolyn
10am AAW with Carolyn
Thursday 6th August - 10am HC with Jen
Sunday 9th August - 10am HC with Carolyn
Thursday 13th August - 10am HC with Carolyn
Sunday 16th August - 10am HC with Jen
Thursday 20th August - 10am HC with Jen
Sunday 23rd August - 10am HC with Jen & Neil
Thursday 27th August - 10am HC with Jen
Sunday 30th August - 10am HC with Jen
Sunday 6th September - 8.45am said HC with Jen
10am AAW with Jen

Birthdays

July	August	September
23 rd – Susan Hodgson	9 th – Jen 15 th – Chris Mould	1 st – Karen V 3 rd – Patty Jelley
	16 th – Gary Russell	10 th – Andrea
	21 st – Alison S	17 th – Henry Waters
	21 st – Julie	
	23 rd – Pam	
	30 th – David	18 th – Jess



Our dear friend Christina Willett has now gone home to be with her Lord. She died on 5th July. Her funeral is at 12.30pm at Randalls Park on 7th August. All our thoughts and prayers are with her sons, Alex & Christopher.

In 2026, we have a monthly **prayer focus** on a different area of the world (either country or region). This month we pray for Sudan, a country in north-east Africa that charity World Vision describes as facing the worst humanitarian crisis in the world after 3 years of fighting between military and paramilitary forces. 12 million people have fled their homes: the largest displacement crisis in the world but often relatively unreported by western media. Pray particularly for the 4 million children facing malnutrition; pray for health services and charities working in the region, and for an end to the fighting. Sudan has a rich and ancient history; pray that peace might prevail and lives might be rebuilt.

Mission Action Planning

Over the next six months, we will be planning where we as a Church community should be focusing our time, gifts and energy for the future of St Paul's. We want everyone to be involved in this and in developing what's called a 'Mission Action Plan' (MAP). A MAP is a tool to help us to listen to the needs within our local community and reflect on the opportunities we have to engage with more people and to share God's love and hope. We will be gathering feedback from our congregation and the wider local community during July, August and September.

On Saturday 3 October, the whole Church is invited to a Mission Action Planning day from 9.30am-2pm to look at all we have discovered and seek to discern together what God is calling us to do. The MAP day will be held in the Church building and refreshments will be provided.

Please complete the following survey by 31st July:

<https://stpaulshook.churchsuite.com/-/forms/4yuk5whz>
It should only take a few minutes. You do not have to be with us in Church every Sunday to complete the survey; we are keen to get feedback from our regular worshippers and those who come on occasion or for special services too - you are all part of the St Paul's Church family.

Keeping in touch

We are currently reviewing and updating all the data we hold and seeking permission to continue to use this data to contact our friends and supporters. We would also like to give you the opportunity to 'opt in' to other forms of contact. If you would like to continue to be contacted by St Paul's to receive news, including these weekly notices, please complete this form: <https://stpaulshook.churchsuite.com/-/forms/5cprbxzx> If you have difficulty completing the form above, please contact me in the Parish Office (0208 391 2362) and I can assist you.

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Our Next Church Working Morning 09:30–12:30 is on Saturday 12th September. Due to the last one being cancelled due to the extreme weather, we still need to keep our Church and garden areas looked after and looking lovely. Please come along and help....many hands make light work!

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.

National Emergency Briefing - Tuesday 22 September

The UK faces a growing climate and nature emergency. Yet most of us have never been fully briefed on what it means for our lives, our economy and our future. **Join us in Church for a screening of the National Emergency Briefing at 7.30pm on Tuesday 22 September.** This compelling 50-minute film brings together leading UK experts in climate science, food security, health, economics, national security and nature to give a clear, evidence-based overview of how the climate and nature crisis is affecting everyday life in Britain, the risks and possible responses. The screening will be followed by an opportunity to reflect together in small groups. All are welcome.

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 13th 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

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

Saturday 12th September – Church working morning – 9.30am-12.30pm

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

Saturday 19th September – Macmillan Coffee morning from 10am – 2.30pm

Tuesday 22nd September – 7.30pm – National Emergency Briefing.

Sunday 3 October - 9.30-2pm - Mission Action Planning day for the whole Church (see notice overleaf)

Church parades are back: The next one is **Sunday 4th 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!!**

Sunday 11th October – 10am - Harvest Festival.

Sunday 11th October - 6pm at Southwark Cathedral – Everyone is invited to attend, to celebrate Neil being licensed as a Lay Minister.

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

Sunday 18th October – 10am - Celebrating Neil's first service as a Licensed Lay Minister.

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!

Thank you for everyone that supported the Mothers Union Afternoon Cream Tea. A total of £597.00 was raised for MU charities.

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.

