



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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Notices for Sunday 4th October

Our Church Warden for 4th October is Alison.

Our Bible readings for Sunday 4th October are: Proverbs 2: 1-11 and Mark 10: 2-16

Sunday 4th October 8.45am Holy Communion
10am All Age Worship & Church Parade
Thursday 8th October 10am Holy Communion
Sunday 11th October 11am Holy Communion with Jen followed by
Harvest Lunch at the Parish Hall.
Thursday 15th October 10am Holy Communion
Sunday 18th October 10am Holy Communion with Jen & Neil

October Birthdays

1st - Sophie Houghton & Ian Jarman
11th - Jane Jarman
15th - Peter Frankland
19th - Maggie Dowd
23rd - William Manley
29th - Angela Noble
31st - Izzy Hodgson

This Saturday 3rd October, the whole Church is invited to a Mission Action Planning day at Church from 10am-2.30pm (arrive at 9.30am for coffee and pastries) to discern together what God is calling us to do. Please do let us know you are coming and dietary requirements via Jen's email or phone above.

Harvest REMINDER (Sunday 11th October) - we can only donate food in tins or packets and toiletries, washing up liquid, washing capsules etc. Please NO fresh food, chilled food. Donations will be going to Kingston Foodbank (together with Trussell). Please let us know if you can join for lunch after the 11am service in the Parish Hall – sign up on the office door.

A HUGE THANK YOU to all those who baked, helped and supported our Macmillan coffee morning/afternoon. It was a great success and we made an amazing £918 + £129 gift aid totalling: £1,047. Well done everyone! Maggie xx

Sunday 1st November

Remembering and Thanking Service for loved ones who have died
3.30pm: Church open for quiet reflection. **4pm:** Refreshments served.
5pm: Service with lighting of candles and reading the names of loved ones.

St Paul's is holding a **Men's Breakfast** soon! It will be **Sat 7th November** at 8.15am in the Parish Hall. Come along for some tea/coffee and a bacon roll and some good company! We'll also hear from Paul Seymour of Kingston Churches Action on Homelessness telling us about the work of this local charity. Entry is just £4 (please bring cash). Please let Neil know if you are coming.

neilanthonymeehan@gmail.com

St Paul's Winter Fayre – Saturday 21st November 12noon – 3pm

We are now collecting the following:

Sweets and chocolates, unloved good quality gifts (NO bric a brac), bottles - alcoholic and soft drinks for the Tombola and 'bottle gift bags' - the type you might receive a bottle in!

Sue Russell

In 2026, we have a monthly **prayer focus** on a different area of the world:

This month we pray for Afghanistan, which has been under the control of the Taliban since 2021. In this month when UK schools return after the summer break, we pray particularly for girls in Afghanistan, who are denied access to schooling, and for all women whose lives are severely restricted by the strict religious rules. Around 70% of the population of 35-50 million are estimated to live in poverty, and food shortages are widespread. Pray for comfort for those who suffer and see no hope for the future, and pray that change will come that enables the Afghan people to live in safety and freedom.

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 30th September – 7.30pm The Bible Course (in person) begins for 8 weeks.

Thursday 1st October Men's Curry Night. (7pm at North Star & 8pm at Red Rose). Please let Neil know if you would like to come along neilanthonymeehan@gmail.com

Saturday 3 October – 10-2.30pm Mission Action Planning Day for the whole Church (see notice overleaf)

Sunday 4th October – 10am AAW & Church Parade

Tuesday 6th October – 2pm-4.30pm The Bereavement Journey. 7 week course at St Matthew's Church run by Susan Kang (07745 795395). If you want to find out more, speak to Pam Ingram in Church.

Thursday 8th October – 7.30pm The Bible Course (on Zoom) begins for 8 weeks.

Saturday 10th October – 10am-2pm Children's Society box opening day

Saturday 10th October – 5pm service for those who have experienced infertility, miscarriage, stillbirth or the loss of a child as part of Baby Loss Awareness week. There will be the opportunity to bring photos, light a candle and hear names read aloud. Please do pass these details on to those you know you have been affected by baby loss.

Sunday 11th October – **11am** - Harvest Festival with lunch afterwards in the Parish Hall (see notice overleaf)

Sunday 11th October – 6pm at Southwark Cathedral – Everyone is invited to attend, to celebrate Neil being licensed as a Lay Minister. **PLEASE ARRIVE AT 5.30PM TO SECURE A SEAT.**

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

Thursday 22nd October – 7.30pm Staying safe in a digital world – hear from Cyber expert Rebecca Taylor on how to navigate scams, frauds, social engineering and AI

Sunday 1st November – Remembering and Thanking service (see notice overleaf)

Saturday 7th November – Men's breakfast in Parish Hall (see notice overleaf)

Sunday 8th November – Remembrance Sunday

Wednesday 11th November – 11am Act of Remembrance at War Memorial

Saturday 21st November – 12 noon-3pm Church Winter Fayre at the Parish Hall

Sunday 13th December – 10am Nativity service

Sunday 13th December – 6.30pm Carols by Candlelight

Christmas Eve – 3.30pm Christingle crib service

11.15pm Midnight Mass

Christmas Day – 10am Holy Communion service for all ages

St Paul's Church WhatsApp group We have set up a WhatsApp group as an additional way of communicating with the Church. This is a 'broadcast only' group 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 max 1-2 times a week. There is no requirement to join this, but please ask if you would like to be added.

Click here to read online the Diocese of Southwark: [Bridge Newspaper](#)

WE HAVE THREE WAYS OF 'GIVING' TO ST PAUL'S CHURCH:

- By bank transfer. 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.

