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Good
News!

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‘EUANGELION’
Good News from
YOUR ST PAUL’S
Summer 2016





Sunday Service - every Sunday at 10 a.m.

and Sunday Church Club for children over 3 years old
You are Invited to join us—no experience necessary!

First Tuesday of each month at 20:00

Mothers' Union

First Thursday of each month at 10:00

Seniors' Coffee

Special events -

Saturday 18th June 10:00-14:00 Summer Fayre
See page 4 for details

Monday 25th - Friday 29th July
10:00-12:00

Holiday Club Week for all children of
Primary School age and older



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"I don't remember..."



There are so many things we'd like to remember, but which slip right out of our minds. Someone once invented a name for our ability to forget – it's the opposite to a memory, because it's called a "forgettery"!

It's similar to "selective amnesia". There are things that we remember perfectly well, but it's more tactful to pretend that we don't. Then we can bring our forgettery into play, by not mentioning things in the past which would cause embarrassment to those we're talking to. The past is past, and there's no sense in dredging up mistakes our friends have made. It serves no purpose, and spoils our relationship in the present.

Sadly, there are wrong things that each of us has done in the past, which we would rather forget about. In the Bible, we can read about God's very good selective amnesia. If we turn around and confess those things to God, he gladly offers us his complete forgiveness and the chance for a fresh start. Our forgiven sins are placed in God's "forgettery" – God forgives and chooses not to remember them.

Sometimes my memory is not quite as good as my forgettery.

There are some people who go round crippled with remorse. They can never forget the terrible mistakes they have made in the past. Because of this, they remain enslaved to the past, and can never get on with the task of living in the present. Whenever Jesus met someone like this, he said to them, 'Your sins are forgiven.'

Of course, nobody can completely forget the past. But if we decide to put behind us the things that have been forgiven, they no longer play an important part in our thinking. And when other people hurt us, we're called to offer them what God gives us: complete forgiveness and the chance for a fresh start.

Ola.

ST PAUL'S SUMMER FAYRE

*to help share God's love with
street children in Kenya*

Saturday 18th June

10:00-14:00



GAMES

TEXTILES

PLANTS

REFRESHMENTS

LUNCHES

BOOTSTALL PITCHES

PLAYGROUP ACTIVITIES

TOMBOLAS

RAFFLES

called at
13:45

on The Green

140TH
ANNIVERSARY YEAR

Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families



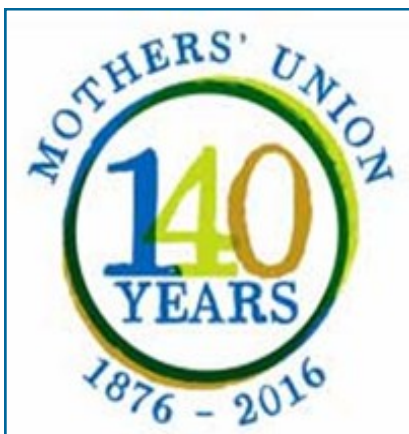
Mary Sumner
31st December 1828
- 9th August 1921
**Mothers' Union
Founder**

**We will be celebrating the
140th Anniversary of the
Mothers' Union
with a special all-age service
at 10:00 on Sunday 10th July.**

You are cordially invited to share the occasion with us.

Mothers' Union is a worldwide organisation promoting the values of Christian family life and is open to those who share these values. Members don't have to be married, be a mother, or even a woman - our branch has 4 male members among its 23 members! Our meetings are at 20:00 in church on the first Tuesday of each month.

Over the years great emphasis has been placed on our work with children, even in feeding thousands of meals to Kenyan Street Children. Mothers' Union is a worldwide organisation and Chelmsford Diocese links in prayer and action with other Dioceses around the world.



Chelmsford Mothers' Union Links with Overseas Dioceses





St Paul's Christian Playgroup has been running for 24 years and currently has children ranging from 2-4 years. We have a team of 11 dedicated staff as well as enthusiastic volunteers. We welcome children from all Faiths and celebrate the different cultures of the families that attend and our main ethos is on teaching respect and tolerance for one another. Each Term we share stories from the Bible using props and puppets, craft activities, songs, preparing food to celebrate special occasions such as Pancakes for Shrove Tuesday and hosting a special church service for families and friends on the last day of term. During our Spring term, children enjoyed stories about Jesus' early life and the miracles he performed, ending the term with a service on Maundy Thursday. The children practise singing for weeks learning new songs such as 'We have a king who rides a donkey' and 'Hosanna' with the help of Jon our music teacher and guitarist. As usual, the service was full with parents queuing from 11am for a 11.30am start. Donnie led the service and the children had a wonderful time telling their families the Easter story through drama and song. The children created a cross which was coloured black and white on one side to represent Good Friday and the other side was decorated with flowers to celebrate the joy of Easter Sunday. After a long round of applause from the audience, they treated their families to an encore of their favourite songs. We were all so proud of them.



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“Greater love has no man than this

Battle of the Somme

1st July 1916 to 1st November 1916

If any one word has come to represent the horrors and loss of life during World War 1 then “Somme” must rank there at the top of any list. The Battle of the Somme, a series of battles along the Western Front, was fought to relieve the pressure on the French Army at Verdun who had been fighting this particular battle since February 1916 with very

high casualty rates. St Paul’s has a connection in that two parishioners commemorated on the World War 1 memorial died on the first day of the battle.



The 1st of July arrives, the troops are lined in trenches ready to go over the top. The barrage ceases, whistles sound and out of the trenches spring the troops. There is a belief that nothing can survive the barrage and as promised they can walk up to the German trenches. The Germans exit their bunkers and begin firing at the advancing British troops who are mowed down in their thousands. The Germans cannot believe that the British keep advancing - and to our 21st century minds nor can we - but advance they did.

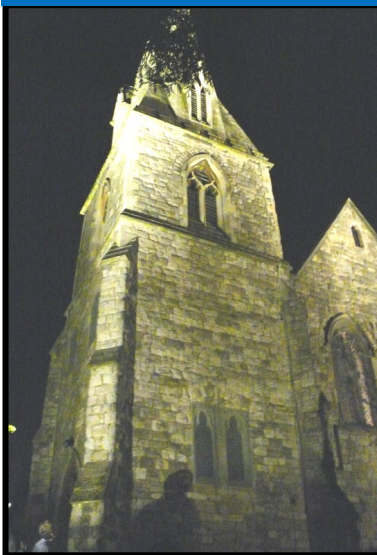
Two of those soldiers were parishioners of St Paul’s, **Jack Goldsmith**, a Private in the London Regiment, and 2nd Lieutenant **Raymond Holcroft** with the Devonshire Regiment. Both died on the first day of the battle.

Were the losses justified? 100,000 dead or wounded for each mile gained or lost. In 1917 the Battle of Passchendaele resulted in about 250,000 British casualties and 400,000 German. Every soldier killed or wounded during World War 1 and all subsequent wars and conflicts is one too many - but that is the price of freedom and the defence of that freedom.

Lest we forget.

Derek Hobday

St PAUL'S SPIRELIGHT TESTIMONIALS



June

- 1st Joe Medwyn William
Gladys and Arthur Ord
Sandra and Keith Assell
Hazel and Tony Dawson
- 6th Meg Potter,
Gregory James Park
- 7th Christopher Frederick Park
Dennis Rumble
- 8th Margaret Prodger
Toby Langdell
Lee Henry Park
- 10th Christine and Leonard Stone
- 12th John Wooden
- 15th Tony Dawson
- 16th William Anthony Savage
- 17th Elizabeth Ann Hodges
- 19th Roger Langdell
- 20th Joseph Matthew Bright
- 22nd Thomas Hodges
- 23rd Mark Rebbeck
Lyndsay Barnbrook
- 24th Drew and Zoe Pierce
- 25th Leslie Sparkes
- 27th John Springbett
Thekla Monnerjahn
Sarah Cottrell

Light up St Paul's Spire!

**Anyone and
everyone is
welcome to
join the
Spirelight
Testimonial
Scheme.**

**Choose a
date which
is special to
you - for
example
your
birthday or
that of a
loved one,
or your
marriage
anniversary.**

**Then
contact Len
on 020
8590 8815
for a
Dedication
Form - or
drop into
the Sunday
Service at
10:00**

July

- 1st Raymond Holcroft (WW1)
Jack Goldsmith (WW1)
Gill and Ken Tofts
Alexandra and John Sullivan
Henry and Alfred Hilton
- 4th Gill and Ken Tofts
Win and Vic Self
Hazel Wooden
- 13th David Trevitt (WW1)
- 15th Rosemary Matthews
- 16th Sarah Cottrell
- 19th Joan Edwards
- 20th Sophia Eloise Ayres
- 23rd Sian Grace Sharpling
Karen and Kevin Downey
- 24th Aimee and Nathaniel Ayres
- 27th David and Melanie Hodges
- 28th Fergus Langdell
Georgios Sideras
- 30th Jessica Hall
Rory Langdell

August

- 1st Isabel Cottrell
- 2nd John Stevens
- 3rd Douglas Wooden
- 6th Felicity Bradbeer
- 7th Joan Fuller
- 8th Frederick Barton (WW1)
- 10th Ken and Pat Elgar
- 14th Heather and David Barnbrook
- 15th Arthur Burrows (WW1)
- 16th Anthony Westley
- 17th Ellen Newman
Albert Edward Filer
Peter Filer
- 19th Canon Rodney and
Rosemary Matthews
- 20th Sandra Bateman
Claire Leigh / Thomas Martin
- 21st Bertie Crisp (WW1)
- 23rd Rose Wright,
- 24th John Edward Downey
- 26th Harold Shuttle (WW1)
- 29th John Downey and
Gwenneth Mortimer

Thinking about Baptism? Wanting a Wedding? Need to arrange a Funeral?

We believe that God's love is there for us 24/7, but St Paul's is available and delighted to help with those 'special love' times in life.



BAPTISMS (Christenings)
usually happen at 12:00 on a Sunday, but may be arranged at other times where appropriate.



MARRIAGES
God has given us a beautiful setting for marriages - already 15 booked for 2016 - and we can offer support before, during and after the 'big day'



FUNERALS
Saying goodbye to a loved one is not easy - but we find that handing them to God's eternal love helps.

We shall be delighted to share God's love and support - in the first instance please

contact Vicar Ola Franklin
on 020 8506 0662

or at ofrank@btinternet.com

Baptisms this summer

On Sundays at 12:00

5th June	Cici Heath-Charalambous
12th June	Mia Thompson
19th June	Rebecca Ipinyomi,
26th June	Tia Bagga
	Dylon Bagga
3rd July	Jessica Watts
31st July	Roseanna Balmer
7th August	Billy Brown
	Maisie Brown
14th August	Pele Dorant

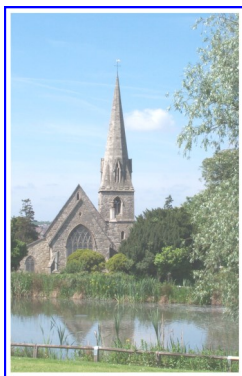


Weddings this summer

Friday 10th June 14:00 Danny and Kirsten
Friday 24th June 14:00 Christopher and Esther
Saturday 23rd July 12:00 Daniel and Hannah
Friday 29th July 13:00 Richard and Nicola
Saturday 30th July 14:00 Terence and Lesley
Friday 5th August 13:30 Peter and Louise
Saturday 6th August 14:30 Stevenson and Alecia
Wednesday 10th August 13:00 Paul and Fiona



**Please, please, please
don't park on the
Church Drive at these
times**
**leave it clear for the
Bride and the guests!**



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