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Messenger



St Paul's continues to feed Kenyan Street Children - help us by supporting our Summer Fair on June 17th

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Summer 2017



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 19:30

Mothers' Union

First Thursday of each month at 10:00

Seniors' Coffee Special events -

Pentecost Parish Communion Summer Fair ELHAP Concert Holiday Club Week

See page 4, and check out other events on the Church website



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I've been enjoying the current series of Dr Who.

It's fun to watch the Doctor travelling through time and space, getting into and out of all sorts of scrapes and helping people to put things right. It's fun, but of course it's fantasy. In reality, we're time-bound: for us the past is gone and the future hasn't yet happened; and not many of us will be travelling into space any time soon. So how do we put things right when we're in a mess?

We may have experienced many setbacks and failures throughout our lives. Sometimes we allow such mistakes to enslave us to the point that we never enjoy the full life that God has given us to enjoy. If we've squandered some or indeed all of our opportunities, if we've failed our self, our family, or God, it's easy to wallow in our sorrows. We know we can't turn back the clock and undo our mistakes, so we think that it's all over.

But the Bible tells us that it doesn't have to stay that way – that God can make things new. There is no need to be so hung up by the past – past hurts, past failures, past sins. The good news is that God offers forgiveness and is able to do something new in our individual lives and in our communal life.

God's invitation is open to all of us. That's one element of what the Christian faith is about – the opportunity to start afresh, to accept God's forgiveness and the invitation to do something new in our life, no matter what we've been through.

No time-travel necessary. "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever" (Hebrews 13:8).

Special events

JUNE
Sunday 4th June at 10:00
Pentecost Parish Communion



Saturday 17th June 10:00-14:00 Summer Fair



Saturday 17th June at 17:00 ELHAP Concert

JULY

Monday 24th - Friday 28th July from 10:00– 12:00 each day Holiday Club Week for children of Primary School age and older



Sunday 30th July at 10:00 All-Age Communion





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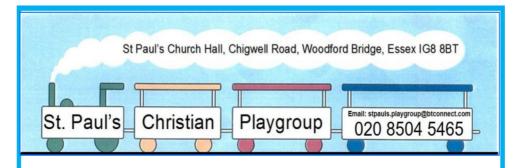


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Places are limited - register your child today!

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More information

Delia Ware - Manager 0208 504 5465 8.30-1pm term time only.

Email address - stpauls.playgroup@btconnect.com

Website - www.stpaulschristianplaygroup.co.uk/



St Paul's Summer Fair Saturday 17th June 10:00 am - 2:00 p.m. Raffle called at 1:45 p.m.

Stalls, games, children's activities, crafts, charities, tombola, refreshments, plants, boot sale, books.

All within the church, churchyard and halls, supporting our Kenyan Street Children Feeding Programme.

Please come along – and let all your friends know through social media – why not meet them here to share lunch?



The motivation behind our Summer Fair is the Utugi Street Children Project in Kenya. Here's the latest update

Under the Utugi scheme there are two projects: firstly it was important to get as many children as possible off the streets into accommodation where they could be clothed, fed and educated. Over several years a building project has been developed (The Utugi Children's Centre) and working parties have visited to work on the building supported by projects in the UK to raise money to provide the building and support needed to run the Centre. This has now reached the point where the local diocese can take over the project as there are enough buildings to make a viable and sustainable home. This is a wonderful achievement by all those who have been involved in this part of the project.

The Bishop arranged a Service of Thanksgiving when all their local clergy attended robed up. At this Service there was input from the boys, reports and speeches, and hymns. We understand that three young men have left for employment, three are at university and four are waiting for places in further education. There has been concern

about how to fund school, and now university, fees and still be able to admit new younger boys to the home, but it is hoped that the local diocese will soon take on the further education fees. This part of the programme comes under the sponsorship scheme.



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Not all children are fortunate to be able to go into the home and this is where the food programme which we support comes in. As we have previously advised you, there are feeding centres where destitute children can go to receive food, medical help and guidance. Whilst we are encouraged by what is mentioned above, it is still sad to know that there are many more children requiring help and we know that this is true because we often see pictures on our television screens of children in desperate need in many places around the world. Revd Phyllis Kibiri works hard for the children in her

Diocese and with the support of some of the local Kenyan people they do manage to provide some stability for them.

So, we have the building project which is now at a stage where the local Diocese can support it, the sponsorship scheme which is on-going and supports children in the Children's Centre, and the food programme which is still a very important part of this outreach. We have Christian people such as ourselves who care about the plight of the children; who understand the need to provide shelter, food and clothing for them, but who further realise that education is key to eradicating the problems faced by the Kenyan people and many other people around the world. Perhaps more importantly the Word of God is reaching those who, without such input, would never know how much God loves them and about Jesus our Saviour – and theirs.

Thank you for your support of the Kenyan Appeal. We hope you are encouraged, as we are, by the news we receive from Kenya and are able to continue the wonderful support you have given over these past 16 years and maybe encourage others to help. God bless you



St Paul's working with Redbridge and further afield!



Vera writes

A lot of toiletries, tinned food, bottles of drink, Jars of jam, coffee and pickles, packets of tea, cereals, biscuits etc. have already been taken to the **Redbridge Foodbank** - and £171 has been collected which is yet to be given to them. Any clothing, bedding etc. that has been donated has been given to RAMFEL as the Foodbank no longer takes these. I am happy to continue to take any donations you make to RAMFEL in the future.

Our **Redbridge Voluntary Care** volunteers have been busy transporting clients to their hospital and clinic appointments, collecting pensions, visiting, shopping, helping people in their homes by filling in forms, moving furniture from one room to another e.g. bringing bed downstairs so the clients could be discharged from hospital, collecting prescriptions, escorting people to appointments and taking them out in their wheelchairs.

On Tuesday the 16th May we had our annual Commissioning Service and AGM. This is when our volunteers re-commit themselves to the work of Voluntary Care during the Service which was held at St. Mary's Church South Woodford. The AGM followed the Service after refreshments had been served. Details of this can be found on the table at the back of the Church for anyone who would like to have a read.

Some of you have given some money for **Madhu's Indian**Schools Project - thank you for doing this. I have been having a table for India at our Boot-sales and Fairs. With the monies Madhu has raised the two Schools in India now have tables and benches for the children to sit on whilst doing their lessons. And some of the poorer children have been given uniforms and/or items for use during lessons - pens, books etc.. Thanks to all who have made this possible: please continue to be generous to the children in India as well as those in Kenya that you so generously support.



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Alternate Saturday mornings in September, October and November

For more details contact The Revd Ola Franklin.

Tel: 020 8506 0662

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by 21st August

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 16 booked for 2017 - 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

4th June (12:30) Frankie Martin 18th June Louisa Jordan 2nd July Posy Higgins 30th July Alacia Mitchell 13th August Larella William

Larella Williams-Brown Javan Williams-Brown



Weddings and Wedding Blessings this Summer.....

1st July (14:00) **James Van Gelder** and Sophie Webb

1st July (16:30) **Stephen and**

Edwina Woodhouse

7th July (15:00) **Brian Fuller and**

Nicola James

8th July (16:30) Lawrence and

Susan Vickerstaff

Weston Grant and

Natasha Chauhan

12th August (14:00) Thomas Leather and

Laura Smith

12th August (16:00) Christopher Hales and

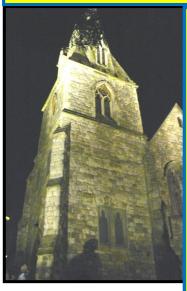
Samantha Swaby



21st July (14:30)

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

St PAUL'S SPIRELIGHT TESTIMONIALS



June

1st Joe Medwyn Williams, Gladys and Arthur Ord, Sandra and Keith Assell, Hazel and Tony Dawson.

6th Meg Potter,

7th Gregory James Park 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 Hodges19th Roger Langdell

20th Joseph Matthew Bright, James Menhinick WW1

22nd Thomas Hodges

23rd Mark Rebbeck, Lyndsay Barnbrook

24th Drew and Zoe Pierce

25th Leslie Sparkes27th John Springbett, Thekla Monnerjahn,

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 details - or drop into the Sunday Service at 10:00

July

1st Raymond Holcroft (WW1), Jack Goldsmith (WW1)

3rd Gill and Ken Tofts wedding anniversary,
Alexandra and John Sullivan,
Henry and Alfred Hilton

4th Gill and Ken Tofts birthdays

5th John Edmund Trott

7th Win and Vic Self, Hazel Wooden

13th David Trevitt (WW1)

15th Rosemary Matthews

16th Ellen Greenwood, Margaret Wiseham, 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

2nd John Stevens

3rd Douglas Wooden

6th Felicity Bradbeer

7th Joan Fuller

8th Frederick Barton (WW1)

10th Pat and Ken 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 and

Thomas Martin 21**st** Bertie Crisp (WW1)

23rd Rose Wright

24th John Edward Downey

26th Harold Shuttle (WW1)

29th John Downey and Gwenneth Mortimer



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