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**Good
News!**

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**THE
Messenger**



**Not just a star in
the Christmas sky ...**

**from
YOUR ST PAUL'S
Winter 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!

Mothers' Union

First Tuesday of each month at 19:30

Seniors' Coffee

First Thursday of each month at 10:00

Special events -

Playgroup Christmas Service Holiday Clubs
Carol Service Children's Nativity Service
Christmas Communion Services
Wedding Preparation Evening Table Top Sale

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**Not just a star in
the Christmas sky ...**



In many a long-running TV series, it's quite common for the starring actors to be involved in producing or directing a number of episodes. This happens with movies as well. Years ago, the producer and director Alfred Hitchcock often reversed his role by playing cameo parts in his films. In *North by Northwest* he's a man who runs up to a bus just as the doors close. In *Psycho* he's a man in cowboy hat, and in *Rear Window* he's a man winding a clock. Whilst creating a film and he would step into it and become part of what he was creating.

When we think about what happened at Christmas, it's as if God became a character in the great human drama, whilst still being director, producer, and writer. But the parallel has its limits.

**When God came in Jesus as a human
being it wasn't to play a cameo role.**

Jesus' role was on such a cosmic scale that it divided history in two – BC and AD. Jesus' role is the most important in the whole of history.

So why did the Creator of the world become part of his creation? He did it in order to heal the rift between human beings and God, ever since humanity first turned its back on God and tried to be independent of him.

He did it because that's how much he loves us and that's just the kind of God he is. He wanted to show us the truth about who he is; he wanted to show his gracious love for all of us, even though we don't deserve it. And so the Word, the Son, who had lived in the closest intimacy with the Father and the Spirit from all eternity – the Word became a human being in Jesus Christ.

That's what Christians celebrate at Christmas.

Ola.

Special events this Winter

DECEMBER

Friday 15th at 11:30
Playgroup
Christmas Service



Thursday 21st from
10:00-12:00
Holiday Club



CHRISTMAS EVE
Sunday 24th at
10:00 Carol Service



16:00 Children's Nativity



23:00 Holy Communion



Special events this Winter

CHRISTMAS DAY

Monday 25th at 10:00

Parish Communion



JANUARY

Tuesday 23rd at 20:00

Wedding Preparation
Evening



FEBRUARY

Saturday 10th

from 10:00-12:00

Table Top Sale



Monday 12th

from 10:00-12:00

Holiday Club



ASH WEDNESDAY

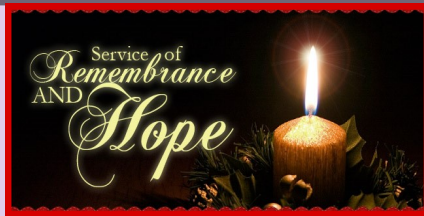
Wednesday 14th at

10:30 Holy Communion

20:00 Holy Communion



This year's Memorial Service



It was good that so many people attended this year's Memorial Service. It was a quiet time of thankful remembrance and reflection when over eighty people were named and candles were lit in their memory as we remembered them and God's promise to comfort and strengthen those who mourn.

If you should need some support and / or to talk with someone about a bereavement please do contact one of the Ministry Team.



Redbridge Voluntary Care

Vera and Redbridge Voluntary Care have been busy as usual taking and /or escorting clients to and from hospital, GP and dental appointments, getting shopping or escorting clients so they can do their own shopping, and /or collecting prescriptions and pensions. They have been helping people in their homes with changing light bulbs, moving furniture downstairs etc. or just visiting them for a chat. They have regular commitments like transporting people to Day Centres on a weekly basis and helping them with their mail and/or filling in forms. The Annual Commissioning Service when Volunteers re-commit themselves to the work of Voluntary Care has taken place as has the AGM - the yearly get-together when volunteers can meet and chat over food; and tea and coffee. This year two people from St. Francis Hospice in Havering atte Bower gave an interesting and inspiring talk!

The Christmas Fair plus the money she already had has enabled Vera to give Madhu £215 towards the powered wheelchair she wishes to obtain for the young disabled lad in the school she runs in India.



Harvest 2017



We celebrated God's goodness on 8th October with a Family Service in church. People were very generous and much produce was given. We've given this to Mill Grove Children's Home and to the Redbridge Foodbank.



Afterwards we enjoyed a 'Bring and Share Lunch' at which the Woodford Singers entertained us in great style!





Church was packed for the Shoebox Family Service at which our Sunday Church Club and St. Paul's Christian Playgroup took an active part. Jill, our Pastoral Assistant who organised the project and led the Service writes, *"A very big thank you for contributing **145 shoeboxes and £121 in donations.** You are all amazing and I thank you on behalf of all the children who will receive a shoebox. The shoeboxes continued their journey to the central warehouse in Kent on 22nd November. Blessings to you all."* There will be 145 very happy children this Christmas because of you!





We had a great time - stalls both in church halls and in church, children's activities and Father Christmas! Great support from church members, other stallholders and the local community!

£2021.55 raised for the Kenyan Street Children Feeding Programme - with thanks to everyone, especially Len and Marrianne who organised it all!





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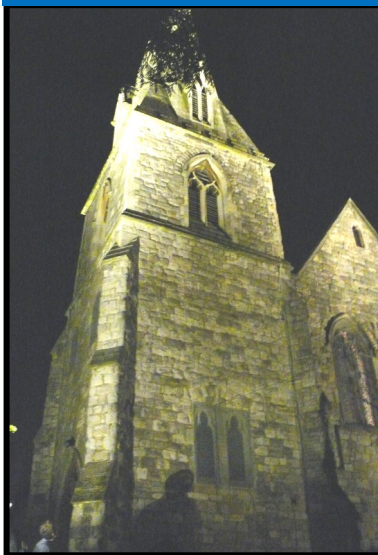
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December

- 1st Dylan Savage
- 2nd Sarah and Tim Cottrell
- 3rd Niall Sanders,
Dylan Rose,
Theresa Burrows
- 6th Thomas Baker WW1
- 7th Lyndsay and Joshua
Burton
- 10th Elle Hiscott,
Heather Barnbrook
- 15th Caroline Walshe
- 18th William Newman
- 19th Margi Dawson
- 22nd Hugh Medwyn Williams
- 24th Joyce Hardy, John
Green, Peter Poulton,
Rossa Aldorino
- 25th Ivy and Nick Nickelson,
Vera Leyland
- 29th Sylvia Severance
- 31st Isabella
(granddaughter of Mary
and John Wooden)

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

January

- 2nd Norman Barfoot,
Sheila Bennett
- 6th Owen Dawson WW1
- 7th Lilly Grace
- 8th Stella Filer
- 9th Oliver King,
Thomas Hiddleston
- 11th Andrew Williams
- 16th Myra Hyd,
Geoffrey Springbett,
Nicola Lee
- 23rd Isabella Savage,
Stanley Fuller WW1
- 29th Jack Stevens
- 30th Brenda Jeffrey,
Dorothy Cottrell,
Joyce Hardy

February

- 3rd George Pleasance WW1
- 7th Doris Fenn
- 9th Joseph Langdell
- 11th Antronihi Sideras
- 14th Dorothy Cottrell,
Fred Wood,
Herbert (Tom) and
Mary Barlow,
Ivy Nickelson
- 18th Matthew Barnbrook
- 20th Eileen and Wiktor
Urbanek
- 23rd Joseph Turner
- 24th Mum (Ivy N.)
- 25th Anthony Westley,
Francis Grayston WW1
- 27th Linda Savage
- 28th Christine Stone

**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 - 16 booked for 2017, already 7 for 2018 and even 2 for 2019 - and we can offer support before, during and after the 'big day'.



FUNERALS

Saying goodbye to a loved one is never 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**

Baptisms this winter.....

On Sundays at 12:00

14th January Isabella Colman

14th January Jake Wallis (12:30)



Weddings this winter.....

2nd December 13:30

Craig Wallace and Zoë Rumble



**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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Christmas
at St Pauls



St Paul's Woodford Bridge

invites you to
celebrate the birth of Jesus
with us this Christmas

Thursday 21st December – 10:00–12:00

Children's Christmas Holiday Club

Sunday 24th December – CHRISTMAS EVE

10:00 – Carol Service

16:00 – Children's Nativity Service

23:00 – Christmas Eve Communion

Monday 25th December – CHRISTMAS DAY

10:00 – Christmas Day Communion

A very warm welcome to you all!



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