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**Good
News!**

**in this
BUMPER issue**

**THE
Messenger**



**IT'S ALL HAPPENING
AT ST. PAUL'S – SEE INSIDE
FOR DETAILS.**

**from YOUR ST PAUL'S
Autumn 2018**



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 -

Harvest, Memorial, Remembrance and
Shoebox Services, Holiday Club,
Rummage Sale and Christmas Fair

Details on the following pages!



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Where do YOU want to sit?



I wonder where you best like to sit when you go to a theatre or concert hall? I've recently been to the Edinburgh Festival Fringe, and I noticed that most people who get to a venue early enough scramble to get seats on the front row. Very different from the behaviour at our Sunday church services! We also behave differently when we go for a meal at someone's home. We'd normally take the seat which our host chooses for us.

The gospels mention an occasion when Jesus was having a meal in the house of a prominent Pharisee. He noticed how the guests selected their seats at the meal, with the most important people sitting near the host, while others were relegated to seats further away, where nobody would notice them. This attitude of pushing forward in human society was also reflected in the behaviour of those who wanted to show others how holy and important they were through their religious practices, thus earning them a higher status before people and a place closer to God – or so they thought.

Jesus asked them to imagine a man who seized the number-one place at a party, next to the host. When someone more important than he arrived at the last minute, he had to give way to the real VIP, and the only seat he could find was among the hoi polloi, while everybody sniggered at him behind their hands, because the arrogant man had been humiliated. The people who were at dinner with Jesus must have quickly realized the joke was on them.

Jesus was presenting them with a new way of looking at things. Human society teaches us to push our way to the top of the pile and fight for our own reputation. The kingdom of God, in contrast, works in opposition to this attitude. It teaches that if we surrender our lives before God he will lift us up – but if we try to make ourselves bigger before God, he will put us in our place. *“For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”*

Ola.

Baptisms this Autumn.....

On Sundays at 12:00



**23rd September Charlotte McKenna
Rose McKenna**

30th September Isobel Denman

Weddings this Autumn.....



**14th September Stephan Ho Wing
Cheong and Zoe Pyneeandy**

**29th September George Langton and
Stacey Skull**



St Paul's All Age Worship

**Sunday 7th October
at 10:00**

**All-Age Family
Harvest Festival Service**

**Come and give thanks for all you enjoy - and
bring a gift which will be shared between
Redbridge Food Bank and
Mill Grove Children's Home.**

Memorial Service

Sunday 14th October

at 4.00pm



This year's Memorial Service will be on Sunday 14th October at 4.00pm in St Paul's. As in the past, names will be read and candles lit. It is a time for quiet reflection and remembrance.

Please take time out to come and join us and remember. You will be very welcome and after there will be tea and biscuits and time to talk and share experiences.

In order that we can arrange sufficient candles and have a list of names to be remembered it would be helpful if you could fill out and return the tear-off slip at the bottom of the page to me by

Sunday 30th September.

at church,

or by post to 29 Regency Close, Chigwell, IG7 5NY,

or by email at jillianleonard@virginmedia.com ,

or call me - 07778 013047.

Your details will be kept securely until the list is renewed in 2019.

Jill Leonard

Pastoral Assistant and Authorised Local Preacher

Name of the deceased

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Requested by

.....

Relationship to the deceased

.....

Contact telephone number

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Holiday Club 2018

Cities of the Bible

Our Summer Holiday Club was based around events which took place in different cities of the Bible. The children enjoyed stories, games and craft activities based around each day's theme.



Making a Roman centurion



Wearing our "listening ears"



Decorating biscuits colouring, cutting and sticking was popular!



Telling the story of Paul and Silas



Displaying our craft activities

The next Holiday Club –
Monday 22nd October 10:00-12:00
in the Church Hall
All Primary School children welcome!

Saturday 27th October
10:00-12:00

Rummage Sale

in the Church Hall
in aid of the Kenyan
Street Children Feeding Programme
Contact Len (020 8590 8815)



Join us at
10:00
on
Sunday

11th November
to mark exactly
100 years since the ending of
World War I and to remember all
who have died in war.



Alan Bolding – St. Paul's Curate - and also a Sports Chaplain!



During my selection for ordination I was interviewed by five vicars, one being the chaplain to West Ham United FC (WHUFC). The interview took place at the start of a game at the Upton Park ground, we were walking round the pitch with the crowd singing and the players warming up. At the end of the game he said that he would recommend that I go forward for ordination.

A year after I was ordained I was invited to become the chaplain to WHUFC along with being chaplain to Woodford Green Athletic club with Essex Ladies (WGEL). It was easy to accept the position to be chaplain to WHUFC as my first football match was at Upton Park in 1947 and the club was always close to my heart.

Being a lover of both athletics and football the involvement I have at each of these clubs is perfect. Although the ministry is the same, the approach is very different. At WGEL the athletes train on their own or in small groups, they don't usually come together so I need to train with them to get alongside and get to know them whereas with WHUFC they train as a group, and also change and eat as a group, so it's much easier to get to know them. It is only as I have got to know each player and have built up a relationship with them that I have been able to minister to them. I consider myself Chaplain to the whole of West Ham United, this includes all staff and management. When I first took over as chaplain I needed to find a way of getting a higher profile within each club.

At WGEL I moved around training with a number of groups getting to know them. I was invited to join with a group of young sprinters as I found I didn't have the stamina to go long distances. The training was hard at first but as I got fitter I enjoyed it more but still found it hard going.



The club then suggested I should enter a race. I chose the Southern Counties 200 meters veterans 65/70, and won a gold medal. At WGEL they love winners so it gave my profile in the club a big lift. I then put the club in touch with a charity who gave them £3000.00 to go towards outfitting the warm up room; and then my profile went sky high within the club. On the pastoral side I was in touch with and have made a prison visit to a young athlete who was involved with the riots in Tottenham a couple of years ago.

At WHUFC it took a bit longer but the opportunities came when some staff and players asked me if I would take a service of Holy Communion and hear their confessions. This came at a time when I thought I was not being very effective as a chaplain, but God is so gracious.

I spend one day a week at WHUFC usually each Friday, where I visit the Stadium in Stratford, I'm there for about one and half hours, there are about fifty or so people working at the Stadium on a daily basis. I then go on to the training ground at Rush Green for a few hours.



When sports people are injured they will try anything in order to get fit again so when I offer to pray for healing with them it is accepted readily by athletes and football players. Word gets around and staff have started asking me to pray, not only for healing but for various situations in their lives. At WHUFC Players and staff have also approached me regarding services for marriage and baptism. At the training ground and Stadium I have had some amazing discussions about life and religious belief as we eat lunch together and in the changing and treatment rooms.

The move to the new stadium has brought a number of challenges to all involved, fans, staff and players but my approach has stayed the same.

People say to me how many people attend your church? I say it depends who we are playing and on a good day it could be 60,000!

It's SHOEBOX

Sunday 18th November at 10

Yes - it is that time of year again when we start to think of the birth of Jesus and all the love that surrounds it. Last year 678,942 messages of love were sent to children in 13 countries. This year our service to show our love for them will be held on **Sunday 18th November at 10**

Let me share a story of child receiving a shoebox in 2017:

'Silvana comes from an extremely poor family, and her mother couldn't afford to buy her a new school bag. Silvana had always dreamed of having one, especially as she saw all the other children beside herself with delight to find a big pencil case full of beautiful coloured pencils

But shoeboxes don't just happen, that's your bit. It really is very easy to get involved.

Step 1. Find a medium-size empty shoebox and wrap the box and lid separately in brown paper. This should be done by Sunday 16th September.

Step 2. Select an age range 2-4, 5-9 or 11-14, decide girl or boy and attach label to the box.

Step 3. Fill with gifts. Fun toys, hygiene items and school supplies. If you can, include a small, new, deflated football with a pump.

Step 4. Make your donation. This year a donation of £5 per box is being suggested (if you can't afford this, a box). Long before shoeboxes arrive, local volunteer teams train church and group members. Over 100 teams of volunteers equip more than 9,000 churches and groups using the shoebox. The shoebox is a well-organised distributions and also outlines the story of Jesus in colourfull pictures. The shoebox is about Jesus in a loving way that respects local culture. Where possible, children are encouraged to write in their own language.

Step 5. Bring your box to church on 18th November and be part of the celebration and service.

Because of where the boxes travel and the conditions in which the recipients find them, please do not include guns, play soldiers or knives, chocolate or other food items, liquids or lotions of any kind, or anything of a political, racial or religious nature, sharp objects, glass containers, mirrors or fragile items, hats, gloves or cap (it can be cold at night even in hot countries!).

I understand that the cost of completing a shoebox might be an expense too far for some people.

From Sunday 16th September there will be a box at the back of church for you to use. If you can't afford a box or a bar of soap all that is asked that **ALL** items are new and unused.

As always my prayer is that we can make a difference to children's lives again this year. Please let me know somewhere thought of them.

Yours in Christ, **Jill Leonard** Jill Leonard, Pastoral Assistant and /

TIME!

10.00a.m.



that He has given us and we remember those who do not share our good fortune. There is no exception shoeboxes will be travelling to yet more needy children and 10.00a.m.

Give her a pencil case with coloured pencils and felt-tip pens for the first day of school for other kids who had pencil cases. When she opened her shoebox, she was surprised and felt-tip pens'

ed;

on bright coloured paper, or collect a pre-printed shoebox from church from

to box. These with a leaflet will be available with the boxes.

include one or two special items you know a child will love such as a doll or a

and (if you donate on-line please remember to put the receipted slip in your filled shoebox) and community leaders who want to share God's love with children in need. Over 1000 Ministry Partner Guides – a 36-page resource which helps partners lead safe, effective Bible studies. Wherever it's appropriate, partners use these to tell the children the good news. Children are also offered 'The Greatest Gift', an exciting Bible-story booklet written

as we share the wonderful news of Jesus through the gift of a simple shoebox.

themselves **please do not either pack or donate** war-related items such as toy weapons, any type including bubbles, medicines, hand-made or knitted stuffed toys, anything fragile items, playing cards of the four suit variety, clothing **other** than hat, scarf,

for some but that does not exclude you from taking part.

to put items into towards the packing of boxes. Whether it is a toothbrush

year. Surely every child deserves a chance to smile and know that someone,

Authorised Local Preacher.

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Saturday 24th November
10:00-14:00
in Church and the Church Halls



At the beginning of September we already have 20 craft stalls booked in Church and only 4 spaces left!
Contact Len (020 8590 8815) if you want to book a stall.

It will be a big event - Father Christmas will be with us again.

We're supporting the Kenyan Street Children Feeding Fund - see you there!



Each week I take unperishable food, toiletries, soft drinks/water etc. to the foodbank.

In June I also took a cheque for £200 which St Paul's Church and the Lighthouse Church supplied. Many thanks to all who donated! You have helped many people in need in our Borough.



Redbridge Voluntary Care

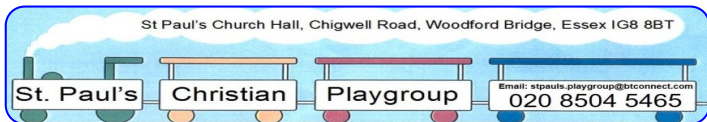
Our Volunteers have been busy helping people who live in Redbridge and have nobody else to turn to. We do this by collecting prescriptions, doing shopping, escorting to appointments, transporting to appointments, taking out in wheelchairs, visiting, sitting with someone whilst their carer goes out for a few hours, reading to the blind, doing handyman jobs in the home and collecting pensions.

We had our annual commissioning service on the 2nd May at St. John Vianney Church, where our Volunteers rededicated themselves to the work of Voluntary Care.

On the 13th May we had our annual Drive-Out for our clients. They were picked up from home and taken for a drive around the countryside for a couple of hours, then taken to Holy Trinity Church in Barkingside for tea/coffee, sandwiches, sausage rolls, cakes etc. before being taken home. It was a lovely sunny day and a good time was had by all!

We will be having our annual Quiz evening on the 8th September at St Paul's Church Woodford Bridge which is a good fundraising evening enjoyed by our volunteers and friends.

Vera Hunt



Ava Mohamed (aged 3) writes

St Paul's Christian Playgroup is such a wonderful place
Fun, music and learning
And I love it at parties when Jan paints my face!

So much time on the arts and crafts table is spent
I concentrate on all of my pictures
Mummy said she's not quite sure where all my paintings went

Early morning we gather for carpet time
Singing songs and doing signs
My God is so Great is my favourite rhyme

Dressing up is great – so much choice!
Pretty dresses are my favorite and
Pretending to be a Princess is when you'll hear my voice!

"Hop little bunny, hop, hop hop!"
I love when we sing songs with John
I hop so much, I think I might pop!

Playgroup hosts parties for all of the children
I always want to win at the raffle and
Katie paints nails and puts sparkles on them

Angela, my key person is very special to me
She's so kind and so lovely
And taught me how to be, ME!!

I'm always asking questions and "Why"?
Needing to know more and more
My teachers roll their eyes up to the sky

I love getting wet at the water table
But the Playgroup joggers I won't wear – no, no, no!
It is just something I am not able

I am going to miss everyone here
But will always have my memories
I am sure when I leave my mummy and me will shed a tear

Thank you for caring for me so wonderfully
And for showing me love, unconditionally.

"RURAL WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION"
NO-209 OF 2016
 VIZIANAGARAM, A.P.
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'The Rural Women and Child Development Organization' was founded in 2014 by Surya Madhavi (Madhu), one of St Paul's congregation, is based in Visakhapatnam. In February we sent £120 and in June £205 to help support the work Madhu is doing. Madhu visited India in June to see the schools and to help some of the children whilst she was there.



Kartik, 15 years old, was born as a disabled child. In May he had an operation on his right leg. In August he had another operation, this time on his left leg. We are supporting his operation and his monthly medical expenditure.



Srinu suffers with a mental disorder. His mother is an agricultural labourer and a single mum. Madhu gave him some money him to buy some clothes. She is planning to give some money every month.

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St PAUL'S SPIRELIGHT TESTIMONIALS



September

- 1st Arthur Gregory WW1
Nicola and Andrew Lee
- 2nd Emily Hodges
- 3rd Richard and Alison Hodges
George Penny WW1
- 4th Mary and Jim Lacy
Carlo Langdell
- 5th Edith Violet Collins
Joseph Underwood WW1
- 6th Roger Langdell
Arthur Wix WW1
- 7th Matthew Burke
William Hall and Iris Walker
- 9th Arthur Ord.
Fred Dawson
- 13th Iris Clarke
- 14th Harry Brown WW1
- 15th Mary Holloway
Horace Litchfield WW1
William George Hall
- 18th Pam and George Varughese
Sidney Townsend Allen
- 19th Alexis Jane Sims
- 23rd Frederick Poole WW1
- 28th Wendy Longstaff

October

- 2nd Matilda Pierce
- 3rd Joseph Kenneth Bright
- 4th Kevin Downey
- 5th Kenneth Elgar
- 9th Albert and Eileen Perfect
- 10th Gladys Ord
- 11th Herbert (Tom) Barlow - died

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**

- 12th Albert Evans WW1
- 15th Corban Hodges
- 17th Herbert (Tom) Barlow –
Birthday
Maurice Sparke
- 20th Ernest Herring WW1
- 21st Elle Hiscott
Ben Savage
- 22nd Charles Harrup WW1
- 23rd Mark Rebbeck
- 27th Sidney Gregory WW1
Peter Poulton
- 28th George Newman
- 30th Karen Hall
- 31st Lee Savage
Charles Reeves WW1

November

- 2nd Daniel Burke
Reginald Sanders
Dorothy Moss
- 4th John and Mary Wooden
Alan Bird WW1
- 6th Robert Foster WW1
- 7th Olive Glover
Roger Sparke
- 8th Ian Rumble
Mary Warway
- 9th Rose Aldorino
- 10th John Witham WW1
- 13th David Andrew Savage
- 14th Revd John Andrew Tibbs
- 17th George Jackman WW1
- 21st Edith Wood
- 22nd Bertram Moyler WW1
- 24th George Wright WW1
Karen Hall
- 26th Brian Stevens
- 28th Alfred Newman
Beatrice Hall
Alex Shephard WW1
- 29th Percy Green WW1
- 30th Ben Park
Otto Mark WW1

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 - we are already taking bookings for 2020 - 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

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