



Good News!

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THE Messenger



The Easter Egg Challenge



**Let's put the Easter
back into the Egg!**

**from YOUR ST PAUL'S
Spring 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 -

Mothering Sunday Easter Services
Holiday Club

Details on page 4



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This time last year there were news stories about a row over the decision to drop the word 'Easter' from the name of Cadbury and National Trust egg hunts. If you look around the supermarket shelves, it's hard to find chocolate eggs which are called Easter eggs.

So what's the big deal? Well, if you take away Easter – as in the Christian Festival – we're left with bunnies, chicks, chocolate eggs and flowers – and you take away the story of how God came to show us his love; you take away the resurrection of Jesus and the new life he offers us. Take away the resurrection of Jesus, and you leave Matthew, Mark, Luke and John without the gospels (the Good News).

The death of Jesus on the cross is the climax of the gospel story, but it only makes the sense when it is seen in the light of his resurrection – as his first disciples soon discovered.



There's a possibility that the tradition of giving eggs at Easter was a way of reminding people of the gospel message of the empty tomb. At Easter we're reminded that God calls us once again to turn away from our old way of life where we rely on ourselves, and to turn to the Lord Jesus in his

resurrection power. He offers a new kind of life to us and, because he is alive, we can know him as our friend, our Saviour and our Lord. We can look to the final resurrection when all Christians, living and dead, will be united with one another and with our Lord.

Ola.

Special events this Spring

MARCH

Sunday 11th at 10:00
MOTHERING SUNDAY
All-Age Worship



Sunday 25th at 10:00
PALM SUNDAY
Parish Communion



Thursday 29th at 20:00
MAUNDY THURSDAY
Holy Communion and Vigil



Friday 30th at 10:00
GOOD FRIDAY
Morning Service



APRIL

Sunday 1st at 10:00
EASTER SUNDAY
Parish Communion



MAY

Tuesday 29th
from 10:00-12:00
Holiday Club



**St Paul's Church
Woodford Bridge**

**10:00-14:00
Saturday 16th June**

Summer Fair

**In the church and the church halls
Lots of craft stalls
Lunches and refreshments
In aid of the Kenyan Feeding Project**

**Details from Len on
020 8590 8815**



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YOU AND YOUR FAMILY

Special Service

Mothering Sunday



11th March at 10:00

A special all-age family Mothering Sunday service, Remember the first wave of protectiveness or love you felt for your child? Remember the love your mother gave or gives you? That's a little like what God feels for us.

On Mothering Sunday, we hear stories of a mother's love in the Bible, our Sunday Church Club will be taking part, and flowers will be given away. A real 'family occasion'!

PALM SUNDAY



25th March at 10:00

The Sunday before Easter – we hear the story of how Jesus came into Jerusalem a few days before his death, riding a donkey. The crowds waved palms and cheered him as a king.

Everyone will be offered a cross made out of palms to hold and take home. If you take home your palm cross, you can use it to pray at home.

FAMILY are invited to Services at St Paul's



30th March at 10:00

A thoughtful and solemn Service when on the day Jesus was crucified we remember that he died in this way, holding his arms out to all with the offer of forgiveness for our sins so we can have a wonderful relationship with God.

We will take a simple wooden cross outside and put it in the ground so it will be seen by all as they drive by.
Our Service will finish as we sing around the cross.



1st April at 10:00

A time of great joy and celebration. Jesus rose from the dead! God's love is stronger even than death. On Good Friday the church was very plain but today the church will have lots of white or gold fabric, and loads of flowers

and candles and a new Baptism candle. Come to see the candle or light your child's baptism candle again.
We may also have an Easter Egg Hunt!

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March

- 1st David and Linda
Savage, Andrew Lee
- 3rd Ellis Williams,
Dennis (Tom) Savage
- 4th Oliver Ayres
- 6th Paul Lodge
- 8th Sarah Hodges
- 13th Alfred Ewen (WW1)
- 17th Trish Turner,
Jessie Duncan
- 18th Peter and
Valerie Hodges
- 19th Andrew Longstaff
- 21st Charles Blunt (WW1),
John Thurston (WW1)
- 23rd Annabelle King,
William Thompson
(WW1)
- 24th Frederick Fenn
- 25th James Simpson
(WW1)
- 27th Olive Hall,
David Michaels,
Barnard
Claham, WW1),
Olivia Cottrell
- 29th John Green,
James Mahoney
- 30th Marianne and
Len Stevens,

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

Albert Perfect
Thomas Ewens (WW1)

April

- 3rd Harry Yates
- 4th Stephen and Clare
Hodges
- 5th Canon Rodney
Matthews
- 9th Ivy Lewis
- 14th Mary and Des Wood
- 17th Bessie Howie
- 18th Sydney Bodger WW1)
- 19th Marianne Stevens
- 22nd Len Stevens,
David Stevens
- 26th Leonard Stone
- 28th John and Constance
Gardner,
Pat Elgar

May

- 1st Laddie Savage
- 4th Elizabeth Hodges
- 9th Matthew Lee
- 10th Mary Wooden
- 12th Evangeline Beth Pierce
- 14th Amelia Burke,
Elizabeth May Allen
- 18th Fay Warrington
- 19th Frank Diamond WW1
- 20th Walter Carter WW1
- 21st Linda and Alex Wilby
- 22nd Harry Saunders,
Nick Nickelson
- 27th Andrew Hall
- 28th Doris Stevens,
Owen Sharpling,
Thomas Talbot WW1
- 29th Amanda Sharpling
- 30th Alex Wilby
Ken Elgar
- 31st Margaret Sanders

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 - 9 booked for 2018 and already 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

or at frank@btinternet.com



Baptisms this Spring.....

On Sundays at 12:00

4th March **Romeo Eustace**

11th March **Alexis Lea, Edith Lea and
Lola Lea**

25th March **Alexa Hulme**

22nd April **Grace Burton**

6th May **Ada Mitchell**



Weddings this Spring.....

12th May 14:00

Ardley Allen and Susan Clarke



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Church Drive at these
times
leave it clear for the
Bride and the guests!**

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