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**Good  
News!**

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# THE Messenger



"... She will give birth to a son,  
and you are to give him the name Jesus.  
because he will save his people from their sins."  
*Matthew 1:21 (NIV)*

*What's in a Name?*

**from  
YOUR ST PAUL'S  
Winter 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 -**

Playgroup Christmas Service  
Carol Service Children's Nativity Service  
Christmas Communion Services  
Wedding Preparation Evening Holiday Club

## **Details on pages 4 and 5**



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# Naming the Baby



New parents can spend a lot of time deciding on a suitable name for their baby. In the Bible, names often have important meanings. A person's name sometimes summed up their character, or their potential.

For example, Jacob in the Old Testament cheated members of his family and it so happens that his name, Jacob, means something like 'wheeler-dealer'.

Before Jesus was born, an angel appeared to Mary's husband Joseph in a dream, and told him that Mary's child was to be given the name Jesus *"because he will save his people from their sins."* (Matt 1: <sup>21</sup>). The name Jesus is the Greek form of the Hebrew name Joshua or Yeshua. The name means 'he will save' or 'God is salvation'. So the purpose for which Jesus was born was made clear right from the start, although at that point, neither Mary nor Joseph knew what Jesus would do or what he would suffer in order to save us.

In telling the story of Jesus' birth, Matthew' Gospel quotes some Old Testament words from Isaiah:

*A virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son,  
and they will call him 'Immanuel' -  
which means, 'God with us.'*

Jesus didn't actually use Immanuel as a name, but linking that name with him tells us something about what he came to do – to show God's love and to show that God really is with us and wants us to be part of his family. God didn't just keep an eye on us from a distance; he not only gave us the gift of being with us; he became one of us. Maybe he could have simply appeared as a 30-something man to begin his ministry on earth. But he didn't choose to do it that way. He took on human form and was born as a small, wrinkled little baby just like all of us have been. It was the greatest gift of all - the gift of himself. That's a birth we can really celebrate.

He comes for us as individuals; for our society; for our world. An amazing gift for everyone!

***Ola.***

# **Special events this Winter**

## **DECEMBER**

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> at 09:45**  
**Playgroup**  
**Christmas Service**



**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> at 16:00**  
**Informal Carol Service in**  
**The Crown and Crooked**  
**Billet**



**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> from**  
**10:00-12:00**  
**Nativity Service Rehearsal**



**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00**  
**Carol Service in Church**



**CHRISTMAS EVE**  
**16:00 Children's Nativity**



# **Special events this Winter**

**CHRISTMAS EVE**  
**23:00 Holy Communion**



**CHRISTMAS DAY**  
**10:00 Parish Communion**



**JANUARY**  
**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> at 19:45**  
**Wedding Preparation**  
**Evening**



**FEBRUARY**  
**Monday 18<sup>th</sup>**  
**from 10:00-12:00**  
**Holiday Club**







## *Harvest 2018* was a wonderful celebration!

The church was beautifully decorated, the Sunday Church Club and Nicola's School of Dance took part, we welcomed those recently baptised and were able to send gifts to the Redbridge Food Bank And Mill Grove Children's Home.





## Marrianne Stevens, 1941 – 2018

On 1<sup>st</sup> November (All Saints' Day) family, friends and church members gathered for a Service of Thanksgiving for Marrianne's life.

Among her many activities, Marrianne was known for her enthusiastic leadership of the Mothers' Union branch at St. Paul's, for her kindness and friendship, and for her deep Christian faith.

At Marrianne's funeral, donations, totalling £2400 were made to three charities which were very close to her heart: Utugi Street Children (Kenya); Mothers Union - English for Women; St. Paul's Youth and Children's Work. Thank you to all who contributed.

Marrianne will be fondly remembered by her church family and there are many activities at St. Paul's which bear her touch and will be her continuing legacy.





# SHOEBOX TIME!

**148 SMILES!**

**Thank you everyone - you are amazing.**

On 18<sup>th</sup> November St. Paul's was transformed as shoeboxes were brought to church for our all age service. Members of the congregation read 'The Sleepy Shepherd' a new children's story written for Christmas by Bishop Stephen Cottrell. The Sunday Club led the prayers by passing the prayer parcel which was filled with all the gifts that go into shoeboxes.

Not only did Mac and I spend Monday filling our car and transporting the boxes to Buckhurst Hill ready for their onward journey to the next shipping centre requesting boxes. Earlier in the day boxes had gone to Kent.



Along with the boxes I also took cash to the value of

**£160**

generously given to help pay for the boxes sent with no donation by those who had not had time to do a box themselves. Thank you.



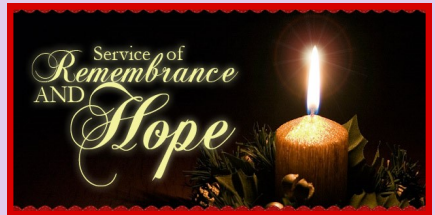
I also took a bag of items for which we had no boxes to fill but which I know will be used to bulk up boxes and replace unsuitable items when the shoeboxes are checked before they are shipped.

Perhaps the shoeboxes are the first victims of Brexit as I have been told that next year no toothpaste or sweets will be allowed in them. Many countries are asking for lists of ingredients and it is felt that this is an impossible task as far as these items go. But more of that next year. In the meantime keep knitting hats and gloves during the cold winter months!

Once again from the bottom of my heart and on behalf of the children who will receive our shoeboxes, THANK YOU!  
Have a blessed Christmas,

**Jill**

## **This year's Memorial Service**



Sunday 14th October was our Memorial Service and once again over a hundred names were read out in church in memory of those who have died but who we still remember with much love and affection.

Once again we were joined by Pastor Ola Tubi who read the names of those to be remembered from the Lighthouse Church.

Numbers attending this service are never huge in comparison to the number of names to be remembered and I wonder if we should move this service to a time of year when it is lighter in the afternoons. I do not want to stop it but wonder if there is a time when people would find it easier to attend. Please let me know your thoughts on this.

Blessings,

Jill Leonard, Pastoral Assistant.

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# ST PAUL'S CHURCH CHRISTMAS FAIR



This year's Christmas Fair raised £1950 to support our Kenyan Street Children Feeding Fund Appeal.

Many thanks to all who worked so hard to make the Fair work, all who came, and all who gave so generously.





# **Christmas at St. Paul's**

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 09:45**

**Playgroup Christmas Service**

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 16:00**

**Carol Service at**

**The Crown and Crooked Billet**

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> December**

**from 10:00-12:00**

**Nativity Play Rehearsal**

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December at 10:00**

**St. Paul's Carol Service**

**Christmas Eve at 16:00**

**Children's Nativity Service**

**Christmas Eve at 23:00**

**Christmas Eve Holy Communion**

**Christmas Day at 10:00**

**Christmas Day Holy Communion**

***Come and celebrate with us!***





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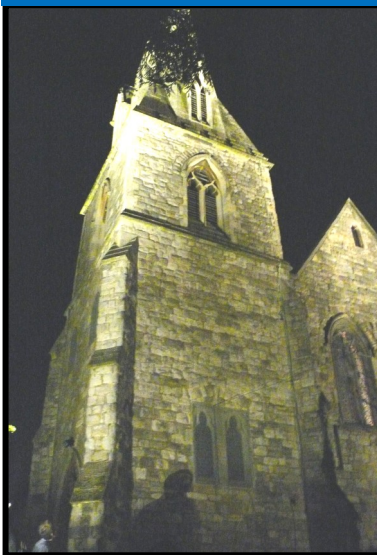
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# St PAUL'S SPIRELIGHT TESTIMONIALS



## 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 Green, Peter Poulton, Rossa Aldorino
- 25th Ivy and Nick Nickelson, Vera Leyland, George Thompson
- 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 Hyde, Geoffrey Springbett, Nicola Lee
- 23rd Isabella Savage, David Stevens, Stanley Fuller WW1
- 29th Jack Stevens
- 30th Brenda Jeffrey, Dorothy Cottrell, Joyce Hardy
- 31st Joan Thompson

## 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 - 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  
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**Baptisms this winter.....**

**On Sunday at 12:00**

**23rd December Sadie Sharkey**





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