



Good News!

**in this
ISSUE!**

THE Messenger



***“If no one plays
second, we have
no harmony.”
(Leonard Bernstein)***

**from YOUR ST PAUL'S
Autumn 2019**



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 -

Praise Services, Breathing Spaces,
All-age Harvest Service,
Confirmation Service,
Woodford Singers Concert,
Memorial Service, Holiday Club,
Remembrance Sunday, Shoebox Sunday,
Christmas Fair.



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Second Fiddle



An admirer once asked the orchestra conductor Leonard Bernstein what was the most difficult instrument to play. He said, "Second fiddle." He went on to say, "I can get plenty of first violinists, but to find one who plays second violin with as much enthusiasm or second French horn or second flute, now that's a problem. And yet if no one plays second, we have no harmony."

In our society it's often those at the front, who present the 'end-product', who get recognition, rather than those who work in the background to help make things happen. Yet without those folk playing their part in the background, the end-product couldn't take place.

In the last chapter of his letter to the Romans, Paul lists about two dozen men and women to whom he sends greetings. Although we know little about them, they were likely to be the folk who worked in the background, assisting and building up the early church. Their work was invaluable to Paul and they used the gifts God had given them even when they went unnoticed.

There are many folk in church who work for God unseen in the background, but the contribution they make is valuable to God and of enormous help to our church life.

During the next month or so many churches – including St Paul's – will be holding a Harvest Festival service. Whilst the idea of harvest is somewhat obscure for those of us who live in a city, we could at least stop to think and to thank God for all those who've worked unseen to bring us our food – before it even reached the shops.

There are many people who work in our local community; they are often in the background, enabling things to run smoothly. They tend to be un-thanked and unnoticed until things go wrong and we find something to complain about.

We can thank God for all those who are willing to play 'second fiddle'. They are the ones who help to bring richness and harmony to our lives.

Ola.

**15th September
at 18:00
17th November
at 17:00**



**28th September
and
26th October
10:00-12:30**



**6th October
at 10:00**



**13th October
at 17:00**



**19th October
at 19:00**



**20th October
at 16:00**

Memorial
Service



**21st October
from 10:00-12:00**



**10th November
at 10:00**



**17th November
at 10:00**



**30th November
from 10:00 - 14:00**



breathing
space

Breathing Space

**St Paul's Church is
offering rest and quiet in a
busy world from
10:00 -12:30 on the
last Saturday of each
month.**

**You will be more than
welcome - without any
pressure - to pop in for
some peace and quiet in a
busy world.**

**Refreshments will
be available, and
someone will be
there to talk with
you if you want to.**



ST PAUL'S CHURCH, WOODFORD BRIDGE



LET'S EXPLORE TOGETHER

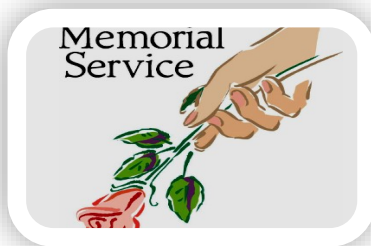
**Wednesday evenings
19:45 – 21:00
Gwynne Park Avenue
(off Manor Rd
by Hallmark Prince Regent Hotel)**

**Further details: Esther & Peter
emccafferty@talk21.com**

Memorial Service

Sunday 20th October

at 4.00pm



This year's Memorial Service will be on Sunday 20th 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 29th 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 2020.

Jill Leonard

Pastoral Assistant and Authorised Local Preacher

Name of the deceased

.....

Requested by

.....

Relationship to the deceased

.....

Contact telephone number

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Strictly Come Signing Competition



In the Spring term the children were invited by the Borough to participate in a 'Strictly Come Signing' competition. This involved the children not only learning the words to a brand new song but also the sign language to accompany it - as well as an old favourite, Mr Noah.

Throughout the Spring and Summer terms the children worked very hard learning both the words and the signs to our chosen songs and decorated T-shirts in their own unique way, to wear for the filming of their entry. We were all so proud when it was announced that we had been chosen as finalists for our entry of 'Mr Noah'.



The children had great fun giving a live performance to the judges on 12th June 2019 and shortly afterwards we were announced as the winners !!!! The judges visited the children and presented them with a 'Winners' Trophy and some books. Each child was also given a special certificate for their 'OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE'.



St Paul's Mothers' Union

The Mothers' Union is open to everyone supportive of Christian family life and meets at St. Paul's Church on the first Tuesday of each month from 7:30p.m. to 9:30p.m.. You will be most welcome to come to our meetings.

St Paul's Mothers' Union Programme 2019-20

September Gill Haslam's friend Lesley will be telling us about Bloodwise, a medical charity, and selling copies of her recipe book.

October Lee Taylor of Chingford church will be telling us about experiences in Kenya.

November Our own Esther and Peter will be leading our evening with worship and conversation, helping us to know them better.

December Yvonne's famous Christmas Party. Beware the dingbats but enjoy the food and convivial company.

January Always a time for a quiet post-Christmas reflection. For this month only we meet at 2:00p.m. in the afternoon.

February The month of our AGM, a time when we are aware of our Deanery and Diocesan links.

March (in planning) A look at the labyrinth teaching about Easter that Roding School pupils receive as they visit the church.

April An Easter reflection, keeping us focussed on the true nature of our faith.

May is yet to be planned.

June with Rosemary and Ian.

July for High Tea at a chosen location.

That's the year ahead!

Len and Yvonne.



Saturday 30th November
from 10:00 - 14:00
in Church and the Church Halls

Both our Summer and Christmas Fairs raise money for the Street Children Feeding Project in Utugi, Kenya. As a result of the Summer Fair, Sunday sales from Len's garden and some donations we were able to send £4000 to support the Feeding Project. The Revd. Phyllis Kibira has sent her thanks and the following information.

Sometimes the number of children may increase or decrease as the street children live a nomadic life. The average number in the six centres and the cost of feeding them one meal are

PLACE	NUMBER OF CHILDREN	TOTAL COST STERLING
Kagumo	20	£16
Kerugoya	10	£8
Kutus	50	£40
Ngurubani	30	£24
Makutano	20	£16
Sagana	20	£16
TOTALS	150	£120

One meal costs 80 pence but depending on climatic conditions shortage of food can cause drastic rises in the cost of food.

Thanks for all you support - see you at the Christmas Fair!

It's SHOEBOX

Sunday 17th November

Operation Christmas

As I sit writing this the temperature outside is 32C and I'm finding it rather warm. The needles are at the ready to start on hats, mittens and scarves.

We might be enjoying a hot Bank Holiday weekend but the shops are already full with those large tubs of sweets so many are addicted to. So next time you go shopping and think about a child as far away as Mongolia for whom a shoebox contains education but also the chance to learn about the most important person in their life.



Last year 10.8million shoeboxes were distributed giving children the chance to join "The Greatest Journey" and change their person's life.

Packing a shoebox is easy. Either you can pack small items for a child (I will have leaflets with you) or you can collect a shoebox and leaflet from me in Church on 17th November.

Because of new regulations imposed on Christmas cards and sweets are no longer acceptable in shoeboxes. Toys, books and flannels are still a good idea along with tools, pens, cars, a ball, skipping rope etc along with anything else you think a child would like.

Once packed bring it along to our All Age Service on Sunday 17th November. You will be very welcome.

Blessings

BOX TIME!

ember at 10.00a.m.

Christmas Child 2019

hard to think about Christmas but needs must. Knitters I hope your

ready starting on the back to school offers and gearing up for Christmas
you are shopping please look out for those school items that are on offer
gaining such shiny new items might not only open the opportunity for an
our lives JESUS.

distributed all round the world and each box carried an added bonus with it –
and learn about the love of Jesus and the difference he can make to a

you can take a medium size shoebox cover it with wrapping paper and fill with
with suggestions in Church from Sunday 29th September) or you can
Church after the morning service on the same Sunday until Sunday 10th

operation Christmas Child this year I have been advised that toothpaste
shoeboxes so please don't include them but toothbrushes, wrapped soap
school items of notebooks, pens, pencils and toys such as matchbox
items such as a scarf, gloves or woolly hat may all be included.

Service on Sunday 17th November 2019 at 10.00a.m. -

ings, **Jilee.**

Holiday Club 2019

Marvellous Meals!

Our Summer Holiday Club was based around some of the meals described in the Bible. The children enjoyed stories, games and craft activities based around each day's 'meal'.



Making 'manna'



The Passover



A giant quail



Food art



Decorating fish



The feeding of
the 5,000

**The next Holiday Club –
Monday 21st October 10:00 – 12:00
in the Church Hall.
All Primary School children welcome!**



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in for a pound



St Paul's Toilet Fund

We need your help

At the moment we have no toilets in the church building - the nearest are at the bottom of the churchyard in the church hall. This is very inconvenient for baptisms, weddings, funerals, our other church Services and social activities beneficial to the local community.

So we're planning to have two toilet cubicles, one fully accessible for mobility impaired users, installed in church at a cost of around £80,000 - costing this much largely because the church building hasn't got a sewer pipe outlet and the nearest connection for one to be laid is at the church hall.

How you can help us

1. make a Bank Transfer donation to Barclays, Woodford Broadway Branch sort code 20-52-74 account no. 10775215
2. put your donation in a blue gift-aid envelope available in church and mark it 'Toilet' (cheques payable to ST. PAUL'S PCC)
3. contact St. Paul's Treasurer Len Stevens
Lenstevens9@aol.com for further information.



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Toilet Fund*



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For further information contact Churchwarden Paul Malam
paul.malam@gmail.com or 'phone 07803 278365.



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Sponsored Walk



St Paul's Toilet Fund

In September Peter Hammond will be doing a Sponsored Walk to Chelmsford Cathedral in aid of our Toilet Fund.

Sponsor Forms are at the back of church or contact him at inforapenny@myphone.coop



in for a penny,
in for a pound



St Paul's Toilet Fund



**Saturday 19th October
at 19:00**

**The
Woodford
Singers**



THE WOODFORD SINGERS

in Concert at St. Paul's

including refreshments

No admission charge but

donations to the Toilet Fund welcome on the night



St. Paul's at work in the community

I would like to thank all those of you who leave non-perishable food etc. on the Foodbank windowsill in church week by week.

However lately there is not so much being brought in and the Foodbanks are getting more and more people going to them because they are unable to manage on their benefits. I'm sure we are all feeling the pinch with all the Government cutbacks, but can I please ask you to consider buying one extra item each week to put on the Foodbank window sill. If you would prefer to offer a small amount of money instead I will be happy to receive it as any money given to the Foodbank is used to purchase any items they are running out of.

Those of you who do bring articles in have allowed me to take into the Foodbank tinned fish, meats, fruit, vegetables, custard, jams, marmalade, peanut butter and chocolate spread, tea, coffee, sugar, biscuits, cakes, cereals, jellies, spaghetti, rice, pasta, fruit juices, fizzy drinks, toiletries such as soap both solid and liquid, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorants for men and women, shavers, sanitary products and baby products. Also on the 23rd June I was able to take a cheque for £250 to them as well.

Please include the Foodbanks in your prayers as they do a marvellous job, and also pray for those families that have to resort to asking them for food etc. in order to feed themselves. We have so much to be grateful for ourselves!

If you would like to contribute you can bring any of the items mentioned above into church before or after the 10:00 Sunday Service or at any other time when the church is open.

Vera.

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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
Arthur Ord, Fred Dawson
- 9th Iris Clarke
- 13th Harry Brown WW1
- 14th Mary Holloway
Horace Litchfield WW1;
William George Hall
- 15th Pam and George
Varughese
Sidney Townsend Allen
- 18th 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

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 Dedi-
cation Form
- or drop into
the Sunday
Service at
10:00

- 10th Gladys Ord
- 11th Herbert (Tom) Barlow - died
- 12th Albert Evans - WW1
- 15th Corban Hodges
- 16th Marianne Stevens
- 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
Mollie McCafferty
- 28th Alfred Newman
Beatrice Hall
Alex Shephard WW1
- 29th Percy Green WW1
- 30th Ben Park
Otto Mark WW1

We presently have 262 names covering 181 days of the year - three days short of having half the year covered! It's now free to add names to the journal and it would be great to have a name for every day, so only 184 days to go!

Baptisms this Autumn.....

on Sundays at 12:00



8th September
15th September

Rubie Marguerite
Kirsty McDonald
Harry Rock
Delilah Rock



Weddings this Autumn.....

14th September at 14:00

Robert Taylor and
Amber Edwards

18th October at 13:00

Olalekan Ibrahim and
Ehinon Ihoeghinlan



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

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

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