

# Good News!

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# Messenger







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Summer 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 (except in August)

#### **Seniors' Coffee**

First Thursday of each month at 10:00

### **Special events -**

Praise Services, Summer Fair, Children's Holiday Club Week and All-age Communion Service



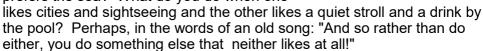
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## Holidays from Hell!

How do you manage to arrange a family holiday if one likes the countryside while the other prefers the sea? What do you do when one



If you've ever seen the TV programme called *Holidays from Hell*, you'll be aware of all the things which could go wrong during a journey to your dream destination: losing your luggage; having your holiday ruined by poor weather; being delayed by transport problems; a diversion to a different destination; or arriving to find that they haven't yet finished building your hotel!

Apart from that last problem, all those things happened to St. Paul on his journey to Rome, as you can read in Acts chapters 27 and 28 – although he was going off to a trial rather than a pleasure trip. He was travelling with his friend Luke, who wrote the book of Acts.



Imagine the postcard Luke might have written:

"Surprise! Have been diverted to Malta following a shipwreck. Lost our luggage. Weather cold and wet: hotel unavailable. Paul got bitten by a snake but is okay. Wish you were here."

Now that the holiday season is here, some folk really need the July/ August period to cease from the usual round of activities and to take a rest; others are disappointed when everything seems to close down. Hopefully, this summer folk can enjoy the best of both worlds – a chance to take a break from many of the regular activities and also a chance to do something different.

As members of God's family, we learn to live with and celebrate our different characters, tastes and preferences in our journey together. Our different gifts and personalities are meant to enrich the life of the church and the wider community; they help us to express ourselves in worship and service. We have much to learn from one another, and we have many opportunities to try things which are new or different. Happy holidays!

16th June, 21st July and 18th August at 18:00



22nd June 10:00-14:00 SUMMER FAIR



29th July -2nd August 10:00-12:00 HOLIDAY CLUB WEEK



Sunday 4th August at 10:00 ALL-AGE FAMILY COMMUNION



St Paul's Church
Woodford Bridge

10:00-14:00 Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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

# A whole week of fun!



For all Primary School children Fun, games, craft and story! Every morning 10:00-12:00 Monday 29th July to Friday 2nd August coming soon

to your St. Paul's





on the last Saturday of every month

# St. Paul's Church offering rest and quiet in a busy world

We're all familiar with today's pace of life — our 24/7 existence.

We know that stress can be devastating.

We feel pressure to achieve in all walks of life.

What can we do?

At the end of each month take a little while out.

St. Paul's Church will be open for you - to think or pray quietly, or to talk with someone should you want to. Nobody will pressure you in any way.

No Christian belief is necessary - you may be a prayer-resistant atheist but carving meditative spaces into the day certainly has a soothing effect!

Light refreshments will be available, and there will be reading material to help you think or pray should you want to use it. And you may take as long or as little time as you wish.

We look forward to welcoming you from September onwards.

10:00-12:30 on the last Saturday of every month

# SPOILER ALERT!



## Operation Christmas Child SHOEBOX SUNDAY on Sunday 17th November

Thank you if you're already thinking of what you can buy to put in your shoebox .. but please note ....

DUE TO IMPORT REGULATIONS, TOOTHPASTE AND SWEETS CAN NO LONGER BE INCLUDED IN YOUR SHOEBOX.



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Is your business 'Good News'? You can spread it here!

Advertise in the next edition -£40 for a full page or £20 for a half page per each edition. Cheques to be made payable to St Paul's PCC.

Contact Mac <u>macleonard@virginmedia.com</u> by 1<sup>st</sup> August to advertise in the Autumn edition.



# in for a penny, 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 <u>Lenstevens9@aol.com</u> for further information.



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This short video explains how simple it is -

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## The joys of British summer!

Bert was sitting lazily, soaking up the sun when Ethel walked right up to him – the shade it spoiled his fun! "You can't sit there all day" she said, "there's stuff we have to do." Bert smiled and thought, "O.K dear wife – I'm sure I love you too!" The weather it was beautiful – Bert thought that 'stuff' could wait – the sun would very soon be gone – the British summer's fate! In what we Brits call 'summer' the sun it comes and goes and like as not forget the brolly and the rain it soon will flow!

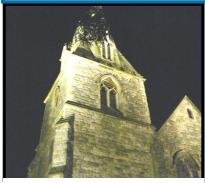
We Brits don't have a climate – we simply have our weather – whether it will rain or whether rain just harder!
But Ethel was insistent – the grass had grown too long and the flowerbeds were growing weeds – it all was very wrong!
Bert smiled and walked up to his shed – his place of quiet retreat where he could find some peace and quiet – that was quite a feat! But not today – he had to mow, and extricate those weeds so he found the mower and the hoe to meet dear Ethel's needs.

But minutes later – guess what happened? The heavens they opened wide, the rain it fell and Bert got wet – he quickly rushed inside his shed to shelter from the rain. He shouted out with all his might, 'Dear Lord you know I'm trying to help – please do Your watering at night!' But this is summer – we know so well the trials that it brings. Escape we might to drier climes or try some other things but this is British summer and it's always rough and smooth so we need to learn to cope with it – and sadly that's the truth.

The British summer we know so well just wouldn't be the same - without the ups and downs each day our lives would be so tame! But much more serious is the way our lives reflect our summer – the trials we face as days go by can rumble more than thunder. It's days like these we need 'the shed' – a shelter from the storms – a place where we can catch our breath, find solace in the arms of family and friends. But sometimes they're not strong enough – we need more strength than even they can give – our life is really rough.

It's 'Oh my God – what can I do?' – often said in desperation - and He is there to listen. When we make Him our foundation we have a guide to help us – His Holy Spirit will be there and whatever the 'weather' brings us we can speak with Him in prayer.

#### St PAUL'S SPIRELIGHT TESTIMONIALS



#### June

1st Joe Medwyn Williams Gladys and Arthur Ord Sandra and Keith Assell Hazel and Tony Dawson

6th Meg Potter, Gregory J Park, Christopher F Park Dennis Rumble

8th Margaret Prodger, Toby Langdell, Lee Henry Park

10th Christine and Leonard Stone

12th John Wooden

15th Tony Dawson

16th William Anthony Savage 17th Elizabeth Ann Hodges

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19th Roger Langdell

20th Joseph Matthew Bright James Menhinick WW1

22nd Thomas Hodges

23rd Mark Rebbeck Lyndsay Barnbrook

24th Drew and Zoe Pierce

25th Leslie Sparkes

27th John Springbett Thekla Monnerjahn Sarah Cottrell

#### July

1st Raymond Holcroft (WW1)
Jack Goldsmith (WW1)

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3rd Gill and Ken Tofts wedding anniversary
Alexandra and John
Sullivan
Henry and Alfred Hilton

#### 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 4th Gill and Ken Tofts — birthdays

5th John Edmund Trott 7th Win and Vic Self

Hazel Wooden

13th David Trevitt (WW1) 15th Rosemary Matthews

16th Ellen Greenwood

Margaret Wiseham Sarah Cottrell

19th Joan Edwards

20th Sophia Eloise Ayres

21st Grace Ann Burton
23rd Sian Grace Sharpling

Karen and Kevin Downey 24th Aimee and Nathaniel Ayres 27th David and Melanie Hodges

28th Fergus Langdell

Georgios Sideras 30th Jessica Hall, Rory Langdell

#### August

1st Isabel Cottrell 2nd John Stevens

3rd Douglas Wooden

6th Felicity Bradbeer

7th Joan Fuller

8th Frederick Barton (WW1)

10th Pat and Ken Elgar 12th Lt. Daniel John Clack

14th Heather and

David Barnbrook 15th Arthur Burrows (WW1)

16th Anthony Westley

17th Ellen Newman
Albert Edward Filer
Peter Filer

David Thompson

19th Canon Rodney and Rosemary Matthews

20th Sandra Bateman Claire Leigh and Thomas Martin

21st Bertie Crisp (WW1)

23rd Rose Wright

24th John Edward Downey 26th Harold Shuttle (WW1)

29th John Downey and Gwenneth Mortimer

# Baptisms this Summer..... on Sundays at 12:00



16th June Ellie-Rose
Watson-Johnson
28th July Sienna Trimble
25th August Phoebe Mason

#### Weddings this Summer.....



20th July 16:00 **Brendan Rundle** and **Jemma Beard**27th July 14:00 **Paul Murphy** and **Jenny Beasley**24th August 13:00 **Pirasanthan Jesugeevegan** and

Thanchila Somananthan
25th August 13:00 Vincent Blake and
Joyce Joseph



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 ..... contact Vicar Ola Franklin on 020 8506 0662 or at ofrank@btinternet.com



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