

The Parish Church of St Paul, Beckenham, BR3 1RB

FORWARD

Parish Newsletter



Sharing God's love revealed in Jesus Christ

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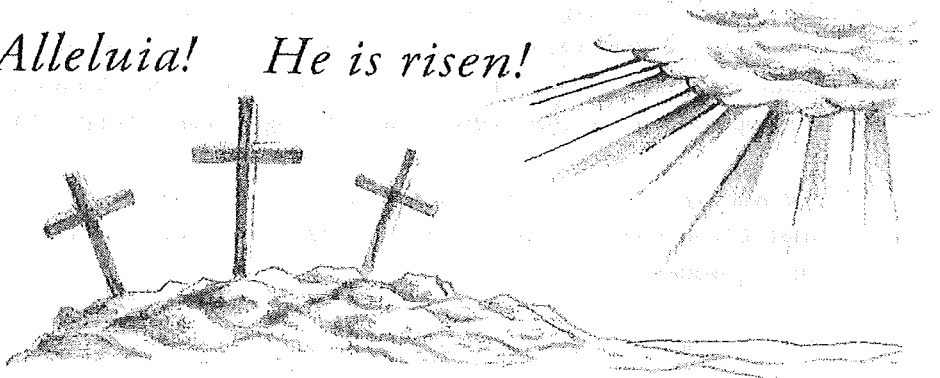
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Alleluia! He is risen!



Warm wishes for Easter
from all at St Paul's Church, Beckenham.
We look forward to welcoming you
to our services and other events

Dear Friends

In or out?

“In” or “out” or perhaps I should say “yes” or “no”, as a referendum on 23rd June will ask the question: “Should the United Kingdom remain a member of the European Union?” This subject has been generating considerable interest and opinion for some time and it would be good to use our vote. Even if we are apathetic, it will be decided for us and we will find ourselves in or out after that date.

When Jesus Christ walked on earth, He spoke of a Kingdom where people are either in or out. He invites us to enter the Kingdom of Heaven, which begins here on earth. Jesus claims to be the only way into that Kingdom, in that no-one can come to God the Father, except through faith in Him (John chapter 14, verse 6). In this case, our membership is determined by our personal response and not by the votes of others.

Well before the Referendum, we will be celebrating Easter, when we remember all that Jesus Christ has done for us by His death and Resurrection, in order that human beings, with all their frailties, might have the opportunity to find forgiveness and a right relationship with God.

We warmly invite you to celebrate Easter with us or perhaps to explore what it is all about, as we recall and reflect upon these events during the coming weeks.

With our best wishes for a joyful Easter.

Revd Vince Short

Vicar, St Paul's, Beckenham

Would you like someone to pray with or for you? Are you housebound, and unable to get to church on a Sunday? Would you like a home visit or to receive Holy Communion? Please contact Juliet on 020 8658 6710 or Anne on 020 8658 0808.

Church Clock - In response to recent complaints, the Parochial Church Council has come to a majority decision to install equipment that will enable the silencing of the striking of the bell on the church clock between the hours of 11pm and 6am inclusive.

**Calling all children and families –
have you tried our monthly after-school event?**

**Come and join us at
Families Together at St Paul's**

We offer an action-packed programme of creative activity, including crafts, singing, games, prayers, colourful animation of our featured Bible story on the big screen – and loads of fun!

PLUS the highlight of a sit-down tea for all!

Only £2.50 per child, per monthly session.

**Our next sessions are 4-6pm on Thursdays 10th March & 14th April
with the Welcome Café open from 3.45pm.**

*For more information please contact Kim Curle,
Children & Family Worker clo the Church Office on 020 8650 0501.*

Annual Parochial Church Meetings – Sunday 17th April, in the church.
11.45am - Election of churchwardens; 12 noon - Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

Quiz Night - Saturday 23rd April, 7pm . Cost £7.50, including light ploughman's supper. BYO bottle and any other food. Raising money for Christian Aid. Tickets in advance from 020 8658 7702.

Tea Party - Saturday 18th June, 3-5pm. Come and celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday! Live music at 3pm, tea served at 3.30pm, children's games at 4.15pm.

St Paul's Church Garden - The Gardening Team would be very happy to welcome help on the first Saturday of the month from 10am to 12 noon. Please join us if you can. Further details from the Church Office.

What's on in the hall at St Paul's

(please check dates/times)

Monday 7pm	Bridge Club
Tuesday 2pm (2 nd & 4 th week)	Townswomen's Guild
Tuesday 6pm and 7pm	Pilates
Wednesday 2.45 pm (term-time)	Wednesday Fellowship
Thursday 10 – 11.30am (term-time)	Babies and Toddlers Group
Thursday 7.30pm	Community Choir rehearsals
Tues & Wed am/Mon & Fri all day (term-time)	St Paul's Pre-School
Saturday 10am (1 st Saturday)	Gardening Team
Saturday 10am (1 st Saturday)	Bereavement Group (check venue)

Services at St Paul's

Details of the weekly services and what's on can also be found on the three noticeboards outside the church and on our website: www.stpaulbeckenham.org.uk

Every Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion in the Chapel ** Book of Common Prayer

Sunday 20th March – Palm Sunday

10.30am Morning Worship with procession *

4.00pm The 4 O'Clock. An informal service with contemporary worship

Monday 21st, Tuesday 22nd, Wednesday 23rd March,

9.00 pm Compline (a short, reflective service of night prayer)

24th March - Maundy Thursday

6.30 for 7.00 pm Passover-style Meal, including Holy Communion (in the hall)
(Please sign the list in church or contact the Church Office)

Friday 25th March – Good Friday

11.00am Walk of Witness (St Edmund's Church to Beckenham Green)

12 – 2pm Church open for quiet reflection

2.00 pm Stainer's Crucifixion, sung by St Paul's Community Choir

Saturday 26th March

2 – 4pm Church open. Come and see the Easter floral decorations

Sunday 27th March – Easter Sunday

10.30 am Holy Communion *

6.30 pm Evening Praise

Sunday 3rd April

10.30am Holy Communion *

6.30pm Evening Prayer (in the Chapel **)

Sunday 10th April

10.30am Morning Worship *

6.30pm Holy Communion (in the Chapel **)

Sunday 17th April

10.30am Holy Communion *

4.00pm The 4 O'Clock. An informal service with contemporary worship

* During the 10.30am service there is a crèche for babies and toddlers, and "Sunday Squad" for primary school age children, with crafts and activities.
SPY (St Paul's Youth) meets on 1st and 3rd Sundays.

** The Chapel is accessed through the main Church entrance.

Bible Reading and Prayer – St Paul's Church is open every Monday – Thursday, 9.30 - 10.00am. There is a time of prayer, Bible reading and reflection in the Chapel. All are very welcome.