

Church Notices

ST PAULINUS CHURCH, CRAYFORD



What is a Christingle?

Come and join us for our annual Christingle family service on 10th December at 10am and find out. Lots of fun, candles, songs and activity – children young and old don't forget to come dressed as either angels or shepherds for our Christmas story, and mums and dad's bring your voices to join in. We will as always be supporting the work of the Children's Society, so do come and be part of the celebration.

LAST TRAIDCRAFT STALL OF 2017 TODAY!

Due to other commitments later in the month, today will be the last Traidcraft stall of 2017. Please stock up on teabags, filter coffee, and snap up the last few bars of Caramel Espresso chocolate. There will also be one more chance to buy individual Charity Christmas cards, 20p each, or 6 for £1.

Relax into Prayer

The next meeting will be on Monday December 4th at 104 Old Road, Crayford....yes it is at Maureen's! from 7.45pm. All welcome. Queries to Denise Morgan on 01322 527372

Church Flowers - update

Unfortunately, due to the falling numbers, the flower group will be disbanded from January, if you are interested in taking this over please speak to Joan Bishop or Fr Paul. Many thanks Joan Bishop

Today is the LAST day to give to the appeal for the homeless women in London – And the FIRST day to sign the family Christmas card and donate to Demelza.

WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE 2018

The pilgrimage to The Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham will be on:

Friday 11th May to Sunday 13th May 2018

25 places have been reserved

The cost of the accommodation including meals is estimated to be £135 per adult – this may increase slightly depending on 2018 prices.

There will be an additional charge for the coach fare which is £50 per person.

A deposit of £50 per person (£40 for accommodation and £10 for coach) is due by **Sunday 28th January 2018**

The balance is due by **Sunday 8th April 2018** if you need any further information then please contact Janice Algar on 07904416909 or Janice.algar@nhs.net

Bexley Light Orchestra & choir will give a Christmas concert at Christ Church Bexleyheath on Tuesday 12th December at 8pm.

Wed 13th December MU Pre-Christmas lunch – please sign list at the back of church. All are welcome.



Sunday 3rd December – Advent Sunday

A warm welcome to newcomers and visitors. We hope you enjoy worshipping with us today.

8am Low Mass & Homily

Celebrant: Fr Paul Prentice

Preacher: Denise Morgan

10am Parish Mass & sermon

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Hymns: CE 241, 133, 479, 113

3pm Someone is coming – Youth Hall

6pm Advent Carol Service

Season: Advent

Monday 4 th December	
Tuesday 5 th December	
Wednesday 6 th December St Nicholas	9.30 Low Mass
Thursday 7 th December	9.30 Toddler Christmas Party – Youth hall
Friday 8 th December Conception of BVM	9.15am Low Mass
Saturday 9 th December	
Sunday 10 th December	8am Low Mass & Homily 10am Christingle 12.30pm Holy Baptism

PLEASE JOIN US THIS EVENING FOR THE ADVENT CAROL SERVICE AT 6PM.

Wednesday and Friday services will be back in church from this week.

Tuesday 5th December Deanery Advent service at St Martin's 2.00pm

FIRST READING Isaiah 64.1–9

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

1 O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence –
2 as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil –
to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!
3 When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
4 From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.
5 You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.
But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed.
6 We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
7 There is no one who calls on your name,
or attempts to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.
8 Yet, O LORD, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
9 Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD,
and do not remember iniquity for ever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

PSALM 80.1–7, 16–18

R [Restore us, O God of hosts;]

Show the light of your countenance and we shall be saved.

1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock;
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh,
stir up your strength and come to help us. **R**
3 Restore us, O God of hosts;
show the light of your countenance
and we shall be saved.
4 O Lord God of hosts,
how long will you be angered
despite the prayers of your people? **R**
5 You have fed them with the bread of tears;
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
6 You have made us the derision of our neighbours,
and our enemies laugh us to scorn. **R**
7 Restore us, O God of hosts;
show the light of your countenance
and we shall be saved.
16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand,
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
17 And so will we never turn away from you;
give us life, that we may call upon your name. **R**
18 Restore us, O Lord God of hosts;
show the light of your countenance
and we shall be saved.

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 1.3–9

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

My brothers and sisters:

3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ.
4 I give thanks to my God always for you
because of the grace of God that has been given you
in Christ Jesus,
5 for in every way you have been enriched in him,
in speech and knowledge of every kind –
6 just as the testimony of Christ has been
strengthened among you –
7 so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift
as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ.
8 He will also strengthen you to the end,
so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord
Jesus Christ.
9 God is faithful; by him you were called
into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

GOSPEL Mark 13.24–37

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

Jesus said to his disciples:

24 'In those days, after that suffering,
the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light,
25 and the stars will be falling from heaven,
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.
26 Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in
clouds" with great power and glory.
27 Then he will send out the angels,
and gather his elect from the four winds,
from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.
28 From the fig tree learn its lesson:
as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth
its leaves, you know that summer is near.
29 So also, when you see these things taking place,
you know that he is near, at the very gates.
30 Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away
until all these things have taken place.
31 Heaven and earth will pass away,
but my words will not pass away.
32 But about that day or hour no one knows,
neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son,
but only the Father.
33 Beware, keep alert;
for you do not know when the time will come.
34 It is like a man going on a journey,
when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge,
each with his work
and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch.
35 Therefore, keep awake –
for you do not know when the master of the house will
come, in the evening, or at midnight,
or at cockcrow, or at dawn,
36 or else he may find you asleep when he comes
suddenly.
37 And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.'