

## Church Notices

## ST PAULINUS CHURCH, CRAYFORD

### Sunday School

You will be please to know that Sunday School will begin on January 7<sup>th</sup> 2018 and will be led by a team of 4: Carol Demuth, Tackela Olugbuyi, Chiazio Ezenwa, and Mary Oguike. We look forward to the children joining us in the New Year.

### MU Subscription

M.U Membership is now due please £26  
Chq payable to St.Paulinus Mothers' Union.  
Pat Carter.



**Friends of St Paulinus Quiz Night**  
**10<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm. Come aand join us.**

Christian Unity breakfast will be hosted by Acts 2 church at 77 Havelock Road, Dartford from 9.30am on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January.

### Wednesday Coffee Rota

Christine Stead will be taking over the Wednesday morning coffee rota. There are a few spaces on the rota, so if you could help, please see Christine.

### TRAIDCRAFT STALL TODAY

First stall of 2018! We have some January bargains. Reduced packs of Christmas cards, some up to half price, plus limited edition chocolate bars in delicious flavours. Every purchase supports Traidcraft and our church.

### **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> January – Epiphany 2**

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 Family Worship**

Leader: Richard Demuth  
*See separate order of service*

### **Season: Epiphany**

Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> January	
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> January	
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> January Unity Week	9.30am Low Mass – Y4
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> January	9.30am Toddler church 7pm Low Mass
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> January Wulfstan	9.15am Low Mass
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> January	
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> January Epiphany 3	8am Low Mass & Homily 10am Parish Mass & Sermon 12.30pm Holy Baptism

### FIRST READING 1 Samuel 3.1–10

A reading from the first book of Samuel.

1 The boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli.  
The word of the LORD was rare in those days;  
visions were not widespread.  
2 At that time Eli,  
whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see,  
was lying down in his room;  
3 the lamp of God had not yet gone out,  
and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD,  
where the ark of God was.  
4 Then the LORD called, 'Samuel! Samuel!'  
and he said, 'Here I am!'  
5 and ran to Eli, and said,  
'Here I am, for you called me.'  
But he said, 'I did not call; lie down again.'  
So he went and lay down.  
6 The LORD called again, 'Samuel!'  
Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said,  
'Here I am, for you called me.'  
But he said,  
'I did not call, my son; lie down again.'  
7 Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD,  
and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him.  
8 The LORD called Samuel again, a third time.  
And he got up and went to Eli, and said,  
'Here I am, for you called me.'  
Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy.  
9 Therefore Eli said to Samuel,  
'Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say,  
"Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening."  
So Samuel went and lay down in his place.  
10 Now the LORD came and stood there,  
calling as before, 'Samuel! Samuel!'  
And Samuel said, 'Speak, for your servant is listening.'

### PSALM 139.1–5, 12–17

**R I will thank you because I am marvellously made.**

1 Lord, you have searched me out and known me;  
you know my sitting down and my rising up;  
you discern my thoughts from afar.  
2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places  
and are acquainted with all my ways. R  
3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips,  
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.  
4 You press upon me behind and before  
and lay your hand upon me.  
5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;  
it is so high that I cannot attain to it. R  
12 For you yourself created my inmost parts;  
you knit me together in my mother's womb.  
13 I will thank you because I am marvellously made;  
your works are wonderful and I know it well. R  
14 My body was not hidden from you,  
while I was being made in secret  
and woven in the depths of the earth.  
15 Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;  
all of them were written in your book;  
they were fashioned day by day,  
when as yet there was none of them. R  
16 How deep I find your thoughts, O God!  
how great is the sum of them!  
17 If I were to count them,  
they would be more in number than the sand;  
to count them all,  
my life span would need to be like yours. R

### SECOND READING Revelation 5.1–10

1 I saw in the right hand of the one seated on the throne  
a scroll written on the inside and on the back,  
sealed with seven seals;  
2 and I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice,  
'Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?'  
3 And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth

was able to open the scroll or to look into it.

4 And I began to weep bitterly  
because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to  
look into it.  
5 Then one of the elders said to me,  
'Do not weep.  
See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has  
conquered,  
so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.'  
6 Then I saw between the throne and the four living  
creatures and among the elders  
a Lamb standing as if it had been slaughtered,  
having seven horns and seven eyes,  
which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth.  
7 He went and took the scroll  
from the right hand of the one who was seated on the throne.  
8 When he had taken the scroll,  
the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell before  
the Lamb,  
each holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense,  
which are the prayers of the saints.  
9 They sing a new song:  
'You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals,  
for you were slaughtered and by your blood you ransomed  
for God saints  
from every tribe and language and people and nation;  
10 you have made them to be a kingdom and priests serving  
our God,  
and they will reign on earth.'

### GOSPEL John 1.43–51

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
43 The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee.  
He found Philip and said to him,  
'Follow me.'  
44 Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and  
Peter.  
45 Philip found Nathanael and said to him,  
'We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also  
the prophets wrote,  
Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.'  
46 Nathanael said to him,  
'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?'  
Philip said to him, 'Come and see.'  
47 When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him,  
he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no  
deceit!'  
48 Nathanael asked him,  
'Where did you come to know me?'  
Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip  
called you.'  
49 Nathanael replied,  
'Rabbi, you are the Son of God!  
You are the King of Israel!'  
50 Jesus answered,  
'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the  
fig tree?  
You will see greater things than these.'  
51 And he said to him, 'Very truly,  
I tell you, you will see heaven opened  
and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the  
Son of Man.'