

## Church Notices

## ST PAULINUS CHURCH, CRAYFORD

### 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

### 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, Chiazon Ezenwa, and Mary Oguike. We look forward to the children joining us in the New Year.

### Baptism Stewards

We are looking for people to join the baptism stewards team. Baptism stewards attend the service to welcome the families, direct people to their seats, help to make sure the service runs smoothly, help if anyone has any difficulties, help to clear up at the end of the service and collect donations.

Baptisms are an important part of mission in our church and how we welcome families into our church is just as important. I hope that we might find some willing volunteers amongst us.

If you are interested please ask one of the churchwardens, one of the ministry team or Fr Paul.

### MU Subscription

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

Early Warning - MU Annual Meeting and breakfast on  
Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> January at 8.30am.

**Crayford Living Churchyard AGM**  
**13<sup>th</sup> January at 3pm in the Youth hall**

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

**Thank you to all who signed the Demelza card and contributed to the collection. Your name is on the board outside. We raised £160.76 for Demelza.**



### **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January – Epiphany**

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

### **8am Low Mass & Homily**

Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Paul Prentice

### **10am High Mass & Sermon**

Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Paul Prentice

Hymns: CE 99, 560, 788, 778

### **Season: Epiphany**

Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January	
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> January	
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> January	9.30am Low Mass
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> January	9.30am Toddler church 11am Funeral
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> January	9.15am Low Mass
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> January	10am Healing service
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> January Epiphany 2	8am Low Mass & Homily 10am Family worship

### **FIRST READING Isaiah 60.1–6**

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

1 Arise, shine; for your light has come,  
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.  
2 For darkness shall cover the earth,  
and thick darkness the peoples;  
but the LORD will arise upon you,  
and his glory will appear over you.  
3 Nations shall come to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.  
4 Lift up your eyes and look around;  
they all gather together, they come to you;  
your sons shall come from far away,  
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.  
5 Then you shall see and be radiant;  
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,  
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,  
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.  
6 A multitude of camels shall cover you,  
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;  
all those from Sheba shall come.  
They shall bring gold and frankincense,  
and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

### **PSALM 72.1–7, 10–14**

**R Kings bow down before him;  
all the nations do him service.**

1 Give the king your justice, O God,  
and your righteousness to the king's son;  
2 That he may rule your people righteously  
and the poor with justice;  
3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people,  
and the little hills bring righteousness. R  
4 He shall defend the needy among the people;  
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.  
5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure,  
from one generation to another. R  
6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field,  
like showers that water the earth.  
7 In his time shall the righteous flourish;  
there shall be abundance of peace  
till the moon shall be no more. R  
10 The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute,  
and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.  
11 All kings shall bow down before him,  
and all the nations do him service. R  
12 For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress,  
and the oppressed who has no helper.  
13 He shall have pity on the lowly and poor;  
he shall preserve the lives of the needy.  
14 He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence,  
and dear shall their blood be in his sight. R

### **SECOND READING Ephesians 3.1–12**

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

1 I, Paul, am a prisoner for Christ Jesus  
for the sake of you Gentiles –  
2 for surely you have already heard  
of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you,  
3 and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation,  
as I wrote above in a few words,  
4 a reading of which will enable you  
to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ.  
5 In former generations  
this mystery was not made known to humankind,  
as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and  
prophets  
by the Spirit:  
6 that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs,  
members of the same body,  
and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the  
gospel.  
7 Of this gospel I have become a servant  
according to the gift of God's grace

that was given me by the working of his power.

8 Although I am the very least of all the saints,  
this grace was given to me  
to bring to the Gentiles  
the news of the boundless riches of Christ,  
9 and to make everyone see  
what is the plan of the mystery  
hidden for ages in God who created all things;  
10 so that through the church  
the wisdom of God in its rich variety  
might now be made known  
to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places.  
11 This was in accordance with the eternal purpose  
that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord,  
12 in whom we have access to God  
in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

### **GOSPEL Matthew 2.1–12**

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

1 In the time of King Herod,  
after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea,  
wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking,  
2 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews?  
For we observed his star at its rising,  
and have come to pay him homage.'  
3 When King Herod heard this, he was frightened,  
and all Jerusalem with him;  
4 and calling together  
all the chief priests and scribes of the people,  
he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born.  
5 They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea;  
for so it has been written by the prophet:  
6 "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
for from you shall come a ruler  
who is to shepherd my people Israel."  
7 Then Herod secretly called for the wise men  
and learned from them the exact time  
when the star had appeared.  
8 Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying,  
'Go and search diligently for the child;  
and when you have found him,  
bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.'  
9 When they had heard the king, they set out;  
and there, ahead of them,  
went the star that they had seen at its rising,  
until it stopped over the place where the child was.  
10 When they saw that the star had stopped,  
they were overwhelmed with joy.  
11 On entering the house,  
they saw the child with Mary his mother;  
and they knelt down and paid him homage.  
Then, opening their treasure-chests,  
they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.  
12 And having been warned in a dream not to return to  
Herod, they left for their own country by another road.