

Church Notices

**TODDLERS – THURSDAY AT 9.30AM**

Come and join us for singing followed by tea, toast and toys in the youth hall on a Thursday morning. We look forward to seeing you.



**Friends of St Paulinus Quiz Night**  
**10<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm. Come and join us.**  
**£5 per ticket. Please see Margaret Drew for tickets.**

**Relax into Prayer - TOMORROW**

The next meeting will be on Monday February 5<sup>th</sup> at 104 Old Road, Crayford, from 7.45pm. All welcome. Queries to Denise Morgan on 01322 527372

**1a Iron Mill Place**  
**If you know of anyone who would like a short term let until June 2019 for 1a Iron Mill Place please contact Michael or Charlie at Crossletts on 01322 318100.**

We are looking forward to being with you in February. Here is a little information about us:-  
 Jim and Mary Smith have been in full time ministry for nearly 50 years. Jim is an Anglican Minister, licensed to the Diocese of Chichester, but works full time for the Serving Africa Mission, which has its base in Accra, Ghana.  
 Mary is a trained teacher, and teaches and trains full time on our base in Accra, and also in the U.K.  
 Rev Jane Sherwin will be with us at St Paulinus. Jane has been a close supporter of this work for many years, and is one of our Intercessors and is a Trustee of the work.  
 There is more about our work on the Mission website [www.servingafrica-mission.org](http://www.servingafrica-mission.org). There is also a site for the school and a special update page available. Go to the **SPRING 2018 – OUR HAPPY SCHOOL** page of [www.belovedmissionaryschool.org.uk](http://www.belovedmissionaryschool.org.uk)

**MU Evening Meeting – Ann Hamon’s 3 The Rise.**  
**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February at 8pm**

**ST PAULINUS CHURCH, CRAYFORD**



**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February– Education Sunday**  
**(2<sup>nd</sup> before Lent)**

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 Family Service & Presentation**

Celebrant: Fr Paul Prentice

Preacher: Richard Demuth

See separate order of service.

**Season: Epiphany**

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| Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> February                      | 7.45pm Away giving committee – 18 Lagonda Way  |
| Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February                     |  |
| Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February                   | 9.30am Low Mass – Y2<br>Midday - burial  |
| Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> February                    | 9.30am Toddler church  |
| Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February                      | 9.15am Low Mass  |
| Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> February                   | 10am Healing Service   |
| Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> February<br>Next before Lent | 8am Low Mass & Presentation<br>10am Parish Mass & Presentation<br>12.30pm Holy Baptism |

**Sunday Services**

As from today the last Sunday of the month will always be a high mass. This replaces the previous practise of having a high mass in the evening on the Sunday of a family Service. If a saints day or principle feast day falls on a Sunday within any given month then that replaces that particular months high mass

**FIRST READING Proverbs 8.1, 22–31**

A reading from the book of Proverbs.

1 Does not wisdom call,  
and does not understanding raise her voice?  
22 The LORD created me at the beginning of his  
work,  
the first of his acts of long ago.  
23 Ages ago I was set up,  
at the first, before the beginning of the earth.  
24 When there were no depths I was brought forth,  
when there were no springs abounding with water.  
25 Before the mountains had been shaped,  
before the hills, I was brought forth –  
26 when he had not yet made earth and fields,  
or the world's first bits of soil.  
27 When he established the heavens, I was there,  
when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,  
28 when he made firm the skies above,  
when he established the fountains of the deep,  
29 when he assigned to the sea its limit,  
so that the waters might not transgress his  
command,  
when he marked out the foundations of the earth,  
30 then I was beside him, like a master worker;  
and I was daily his delight,  
rejoicing before him always,  
31 rejoicing in his inhabited world  
and delighting in the human race.

**PSALM 104.25–37**

**R Send forth your Spirit, O Lord,  
and renew the face of the earth.**

25 O Lord, how manifold are your works!  
in wisdom you have made them all;  
the earth is full of your creatures. **R**  
26 Yonder is the great and wide sea  
with its living things too many to number,  
creatures both small and great.  
27 There move the ships,  
and there is that Leviathan,  
which you have made for the sport of it. **R**  
28 All of them look to you  
to give them their food in due season.  
29 You give it to them, they gather it;  
you open your hand and they are filled with good  
things.  
30 You hide your face and they are terrified;  
you take away their breath  
and they die and return to their dust. **R**  
31 You send forth your Spirit and they are created;  
and so you renew the face of the earth.  
32 May the glory of the Lord endure for ever;  
may the Lord rejoice in all his works.  
33 He looks at the earth and it trembles;  
he touches the mountains and they smoke. **R**  
34 I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;  
I will praise my God while I have my being.  
35 May these words of mine please him;  
I will rejoice in the Lord.  
36 Let sinners be consumed out the earth,  
and the wicked be no more.  
37 Bless the Lord, O my soul.  
Alleluia! **R**

**SECOND READING Colossians 1.15–20**

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians.

15 Christ is the image of the invisible God,  
the firstborn of all creation;  
16 for in him all things in heaven and on earth were  
created,  
things visible and invisible,  
whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers –  
all things have been created through him and for  
him.  
17 He himself is before all things,  
and in him all things hold together.  
18 He is the head of the body, the church;  
he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead,  
so that he might come to have first place in  
everything.  
19 For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to  
dwell,  
20 and through him God was pleased to reconcile to  
himself all things,  
whether on earth or in heaven,  
by making peace through the blood of his cross.

**GOSPEL John 1.1–14**

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

1 In the beginning was the Word,  
and the Word was with God,  
and the Word was God.  
2 He was in the beginning with God.  
3 All things came into being through him,  
and without him not one thing came into being.  
What has come into being in him was life,  
4 and the life was the light of all people.  
5 The light shines in the darkness,  
and the darkness did not overcome it.  
6 There was a man sent from God, whose name  
was John.  
7 He came as a witness to testify to the light,  
so that all might believe through him.  
8 He himself was not the light,  
but he came to testify to the light.  
9 The true light, which enlightens everyone,  
was coming into the world.  
10 He was in the world,  
and the world came into being through him;  
yet the world did not know him.  
11 He came to what was his own,  
and his own people did not accept him.  
12 But to all who received him,  
who believed in his name,  
he gave power to become children of God,  
13 who were born, not of blood  
or of the will of the flesh  
or of the will of man,  
but of God.  
14 And the Word became flesh and lived among us,  
and we have seen his glory,  
the glory as of a father's only son,  
full of grace and truth.