

Church Notices

ST PAULINUS CHURCH, CRAYFORD



Your Open Day needs you!

As you may be aware, we are having an Open Day on Saturday 5th May from 10am until 3pm, to celebrate the successful completion of the Heritage Lottery Funded repair project. We need a schedule of helpers on the day to welcome visitors, record numbers, and provide a presence around the building. Some people have already responded to direct requests, thank you to them, but as always we would like more help! There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the church. Please put your name and the time you can commit to. Even just an hour would be great.

If you can't commit to a time slot we of course also want people to just come along on the day with friends and family, and enjoy our church. Advertising flyers will be available soon to display in windows and distribute to neighbours.

New Pew Bible

Would you like to gift a new Bible to our Church? You will have a label with your name on the inside sleeve. If yes, All donations and requests for names are to be placed in an envelope and handed to the warden or Fr Paul clearly stating the donation and how you wish the name to appear. Church Bank details can be provided.

£10 a Bible, 12.50 a hymn book or £20 for both

New Hymn Books

Do you love to sing? Would you like to gift a new Hymn Book to our Church? You will have a label with your name on the inside sleeve. If yes, All donations and requests for names are to be placed in an envelope and handed to the warden or Fr Paul clearly stating the donation and how you wish the name to appear. Church Bank details can be provided.

Special Notice

SPRING CLEAR UP IN THE CHURCHYARD SATURDAY 28TH APRIL 10AM – 3PM

As many helpers as possible please.

This is the week before our Open Day, so a good opportunity to get it clear for visitors.

Any time you can give would be really appreciated, even an hour or so.

Children are very much welcomed, accompanied by an adult.

Teas, coffees & cakes will be supplied and a list is at the back of the church for you to enter your name and time you can offer.

Many thanks for your help.
Churchyard Committee

Sunday 15th April – Home Alone Lunch Youth Hall. If you live alone and would like to join us for a 3 course lunch and good conversation, please phone 221732 – you will be most welcome.

Prayer Meeting
19th April 10.30am
13 Iron Mill Lane
Contact Mollie on 556856

Saturday 21st MU members meeting at Rochester, details from Pat Carter.

Sunday 15th April – Easter 3

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 Parish Mass & sermon

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Hymns: 486, 598, 709 & 818

12.30pm Holy Baptism – Esme Acheampong, Owen Tedder, Mason & Charlie Lee, Rhy-leigh Cummins

Season: Easter

Monday 16 th April	
Tuesday 17 th April	
Wednesday 18 th April	9.30am Low Mass – NS
Thursday 19 th April	9.30am Toddler Church
Friday 20 th April	9.15am Low Mass – Corporate Communion MU
Saturday 21 st April	
Sunday 22 nd April	8am Low Mass & Homily 10am Parish Mass & Sermon

Sunday 29th April – APCM
One service at 9.30am only followed by breakfast and APCM Meeting in the hall.

2 Senior Stewards required. Once a month. Please see Glen Bater

Reminder: There is a crèche available. Please ask the wardens for further details.

FIRST READING Acts 3.12–19

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

12 Peter addressed the people,
'You Israelites, why do you wonder at this,
or why do you stare at us,
as though by our own power or piety we had made him
walk?

13 The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the
God of Jacob,
the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant
Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the
presence of Pilate,
though he had decided to release him.

14 But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One
and asked to have a murderer given to you,

15 and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised
from the dead. To this we are witnesses.

16 And by faith in his name,
his name itself has made this man strong, whom you
see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has
given him this perfect health
in the presence of all of you.

17 And now, friends, I know that you acted in
ignorance, as did also your rulers.

18 In this way God fulfilled
what he had foretold through all the prophets,
that his Messiah would suffer.

19 Repent therefore, and turn to God
so that your sins may be wiped out.'

PSALM 4

**R Lift up the light of your countenance
upon us, O Lord.**

1 Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my
cause; you set me free when I am hard-pressed;
have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

2 'You mortals, how long will you dishonour my glory;
how long will you worship dumb idols
and run after false gods?' **R**

3 Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful;
when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.

4 Tremble, then, and do not sin;
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed. **R**

5 Offer the appointed sacrifices
and put your trust in the Lord.

6 Many are saying,
'O that we might see better times!'

Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O Lord.
R

7 You have put gladness in my heart,
more than when grain and wine and oil increase.

8 I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep;
for only you, Lord, make me dwell in safety. **R**

SECOND READING 1 John 3.1–7

A reading from the first letter of John.

1 See what love the Father has given us,
that we should be called children of God;
and that is what we are. The reason the world does
not know us is that it did not know him.

2 Beloved, we are God's children now;
what we will be has not yet been revealed.

What we do know is this:

when he is revealed, we will be like him,
for we will see him as he is.

3 And all who have this hope in him purify themselves,

just as he is pure.

4 Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness;
sin is lawlessness.

5 You know that he was revealed to take away sins,
and in him there is no sin.

6 No one who abides in him sins;
no one who sins has either seen him or known him.

7 Little children, let no one deceive you.
Everyone who does what is right is righteous,
just as he is righteous.

GOSPEL Luke 24.36–48

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

36 While the eleven and their companions were talking
about what they had heard,
Jesus himself stood among them and said to them,
'Peace be with you.'

37 They were startled and terrified,
and thought that they were seeing a ghost.

38 He said to them,
'Why are you frightened,
and why do doubts arise in your hearts?

39 Look at my hands and my feet;
see that it is I myself. Touch me and see;
for a ghost does not have flesh and bones
as you see that I have.'

40 And when he had said this,
he showed them his hands and his feet.

41 While in their joy they were disbelieving and still
wondering, he said to them,

'Have you anything here to eat?'

42 They gave him a piece of broiled fish,
43 and he took it and ate in their presence.

44 Then he said to them,
'These are my words that I spoke to you
while I was still with you –

that everything written about me in the law of Moses,
the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.'

45 Then he opened their minds to understand the
scriptures,

46 and he said to them,
'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer
and to rise from the dead on the third day,

47 and that repentance and forgiveness of sins
is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations,
beginning from Jerusalem.

48 You are witnesses of these things.'