

## Church Notices

## ST PAULINUS CHURCH, CRAYFORD

St Paulinus School Summer Fete 30<sup>th</sup> June from 11am – 3pm. All funds being raised go to Mrs Andrew memorial sensory cabin.

If you can volunteer any time or resources in helping build the room, please contact the school PTA.

26<sup>th</sup> June - Churches together in Crayford AGM at St Mary's, Old Road at 7.45pm.

26<sup>th</sup> June - Bird College Concert, Bexley Choir and Bexley Light Orchestra at Christ Church Bexleyheath at 8pm.

### Mother's Union

Mother's Union - Outing to Sheppey Ol Time Music Hall

September 27<sup>th</sup>. Booking forms and details from Barbara Gray

**To be sure of your seat on the coach outing in September you must reserve your place(s) by the end of this month. If you hope to go – Do it this week please.  
Thank you Barbara**

### Safeguarding Training C0

For all those who do not have access to a computer and need to complete the C0 training, we have now been given the slides to do a presentation for you in church.

If you would like to do this please put your name on the list at the back of the church and we will arrange a suitable date and time.

If you have any queries please see Kelly.

### Memorial of Derek Green

Spital street Methodist church memorial service

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June at midday

Followd by refreshemnts in the church.

No flowers - donations



### **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> June – John the Baptist (Trinity 4)**

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 Leaver's Eucharist**

Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Paul Prentice

*See separate order of service*

### **Season: Ordinary time**

Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	11.30am Funeral
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	9.30am Low Mass – Y1
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	9.30am Toddler Church 10.30am Funeral
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> June Peter & Paul	9.15am Low Mass
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	8am Low Mass & Homily 10am Parish Mass & Sermon

**Fr Paul will be off duty from 29<sup>th</sup> June until 16<sup>th</sup> July inc.**

### FIRST READING Isaiah 40.1–11

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

1 Comfort, O comfort my people,  
says your God.

2 Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,  
and cry to her that she has served her term,  
that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the  
LORD's hand double for all her sins.

3 A voice cries out:  
'In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD,  
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

4 Every valley shall be lifted up,  
and every mountain and hill be made low;  
the uneven ground shall become level,  
and the rough places a plain.

5 Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,  
and all people shall see it together,  
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.'

6 A voice says, 'Cry out!'

And I said, 'What shall I cry?'

All people are grass,  
their constancy is like the flower of the field.

7 The grass withers, the flower fades,  
when the breath of the LORD blows upon it;  
surely the people are grass.

8 The grass withers, the flower fades;  
but the word of our God will stand for ever.

9 Get you up to a high mountain,

O Zion, herald of good tidings;

lift up your voice with strength,

O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings,

lift it up, do not fear;

say to the cities of Judah,

'Here is your God!'

10 See, the Lord GOD comes with might,

and his arm rules for him;

his reward is with him,

and his recompense before him.

11 He will feed his flock like a shepherd;

he will gather the lambs in his arms,

and carry them in his bosom,

and gently lead the mother sheep.

### PSALM 85.7–13

**R The Lord will indeed grant prosperity,  
and our land will yield its increase.**

7 Show us your mercy, O Lord,  
and grant us your salvation.

8 I will listen to what the Lord God is saying,  
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people  
and to those who turn their hearts to him. **R**

9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him,  
that his glory may dwell in our land.

10 Mercy and truth have met together;  
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

11 Truth shall spring up from the earth,  
and righteousness shall look down from heaven. **R**

12 The Lord will indeed grant prosperity,  
and our land will yield its increase.

13 Righteousness shall go before him,  
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet. **R**

### SECOND READING Acts 13.14b–26

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

14 On the sabbath day Paul and his companions went  
into the synagogue and sat down.

15 After the reading of the law and the prophets,  
the officials of the synagogue sent them a message,  
saying,

'Brothers, if you have any word of exhortation for the  
people, give it.'

16 So Paul stood up and with a gesture began to speak:

'You Israelites, and others who fear God, listen.

17 The God of this people Israel chose our ancestors  
and made the people great during their stay in the land of  
Egypt, and with uplifted arm he led them out of it.

18 For about forty years he put up with them in the  
wilderness.

19 After he had destroyed seven nations in the land of  
Canaan, he gave them their land as an inheritance

20 for about four hundred and fifty years.

After that he gave them judges until the time of the  
prophet Samuel.

21 Then they asked for a king;

and God gave them Saul son of Kish, a man of the tribe  
of Benjamin, who reigned for forty years.

22 When he had removed him,

he made David their king. In his testimony about him he  
said,

"I have found David, son of Jesse, to be a man after my  
heart, who will carry out all my wishes."

23 Of this man's posterity God has brought to Israel a  
Saviour, Jesus, as he promised;

24 before his coming John had already proclaimed a  
baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel.

25 And as John was finishing his work, he said,

"What do you suppose that I am?"

I am not he.

No, but one is coming after me;

I am not worthy to untie the thong of the sandals on his  
feet."

26 My brothers, you descendants of Abraham's family,  
and others who fear God, to us the message of this  
salvation has been sent.'

### GOSPEL Luke 1.57–66, 80

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

57 The time came for Elizabeth to give birth,  
and she bore a son.

58 Her neighbours and relatives heard  
that the Lord had shown his great mercy to her,  
and they rejoiced with her.

59 On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child,  
and they were going to name him Zechariah after his  
father.

60 But his mother said, 'No; he is to be called John.'

61 They said to her, 'None of your relatives has this  
name.'

62 Then they began motioning to his father  
to find out what name he wanted to give him.

63 He asked for a writing-tablet and wrote,  
'His name is John.'

And all of them were amazed.

64 Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue  
freed, and he began to speak, praising God.

65 Fear came over all their neighbours,  
and all these things were talked about  
throughout the entire hill country of Judea.

66 All who heard them pondered them and said,  
'What then will this child become?'

For, indeed, the hand of the Lord was with him.

80 The child grew and became strong in spirit,  
and he was in the wilderness  
until the day he appeared publicly to Israel.