

Church Notices

ST PAULINUS CHURCH, CRAYFORD

MU Bishop Group – 3rd October 2pm Lindy Lou's.

Churchyard Gardening Day – Saturday 20th October 10am – 3pm.

The Friends of St. Paulinus Annual General Meeting

You are cordially invited to The Friends of St. Paulinus Annual General meeting. It is in the Youth Hall on Saturday 6th October at 3pm. There will be refreshments available. Come and hear about the Friends activities this year. All are welcome.

CHILDRENS SOCIETY BOXES - DUE FOR COLLECTION NOW

Just a reminder to all of you that have a Children's Society box, that it is due for collection **NOW**.

Please bring your box into Church when you can. If I am not in Church that day you can leave it with the Church Warden or the Steward that is on duty and they will put it in the safe for me to collect. Please **DO NOT LEAVE IT AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH**.

If you no longer wish to have a Children's Society box, then please return it with a note. I shall then remove you from my list and pass it onto someone that would like a box. Once again, thank you for your continued support.

Samantha Laing
St Paulinus Parish Children's Society Co-ordinator

Relax into Prayer – The next meeting will be held on Monday 1st October at 104 Old Road, Crayford from 7.45pm. All welcome. Queries to Denise Morgan on 01322 527372.

TRAIDCRAFT STALL TODAY!

Traidcraft have announced that they may have to cease trading at the end of this year. Sadly this coincides with our own church Traidcraft stall coming to an end. Please show your support by digging deep to purchase something from the last of the stock. There are still teabags, tissues and chocolate bars waiting to go to a good home, plus a couple of packs of Christmas cards. And don't forget the church makes a small profit too

Churches Together in Crayford invite you to an Evening Sunday Service on Sunday 30th September at 6.30 pm at Crayford Baptist Church.

Come along and meet the new Pastor, Andy Masters, and join in the prayer and praise! Music is provided by Acts 2 and there are refreshments in the hall afterwards.

UNHCR – Harvest Collection.

Thank you for your generosity. The total raised £239.65 from school and £314.66 from church which means that 7 families can have monsoon proof homes

Wed 24th October 7pm MU fish and chip supper with talk by Andrew Sinclair on our church bells.

Re-Open of Christian Book shop – Welling October 10am – 4pm.



Sunday 30th September - Trinity 18

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

Our common values are:

Openness, Compassion, Love, Tolerance & Growth

8am Low Mass & Homily

Celebrant: Fr Paul Prentice

Preacher: Richard Demuth

10am High Mass & Sermon

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Hymns: 569, 714 (t. 713), 518, 507

1pm Blessing

Season: Ordinary time

Monday 1 st October	
Tuesday 2 nd October	
Wednesday 3 rd October	9.30am Low Mass
Thursday 4 th October	9.30am Toddler Church
Friday 5 th October	9.15am Low Mass
Saturday 6 th October	
Sunday 7 th October	8am Low Mass & Homily 10am Family worship

No healing service on 13th October due to Patronal weekend.

Prayers for Parish at 9am followed by forum at 10.30am until midday.

Patronal Breakfast Sunday at 8.30am in the church hall followed by Mass at 10am.

FIRST READING Numbers 11.4–6, 10–16, 24–29

A reading from the book of Numbers.

4 The rabble among the people had a strong craving;
and the Israelites also wept again, and said,
'If only we had meat to eat!
5 We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing,
the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic;
6 but now our strength is dried up,
and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at.'

10 Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families,
all at the entrances of their tents.

Then the LORD became very angry,
and Moses was displeased.

11 So Moses said to the LORD,
'Why have you treated your servant so badly?
Why have I not found favour in your sight,
that you lay the burden of all this people on me?

12 Did I conceive all this people?

Did I give birth to them,
that you should say to me,
"Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child,"
to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors?

13 Where am I to get meat to give to all this people?

For they come weeping to me and say,
"Give us meat to eat!"

14 I am not able to carry all this people alone,
for they are too heavy for me.

15 If this is the way you are going to treat me,
put me to death at once –

if I have found favour in your sight –
and do not let me see my misery.'

16 So the LORD said to Moses,

'Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel,
whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over
them; bring them to the tent of meeting,
and have them take their place there with you.'

24 So Moses went out and told the people the words of the
LORD;

and he gathered seventy elders of the people,
and placed them all around the tent.

25 Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him,
and took some of the spirit that was on him

and put it on the seventy elders;
and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied.
But they did not do so again.

26 Two men remained in the camp,
one named Eldad, and the other named Medad,
and the spirit rested on them;
they were among those registered,
but they had not gone out to the tent,
and so they prophesied in the camp.

27 And a young man ran and told Moses,
'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.'

28 And Joshua son of Nun,
the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said,
'My lord Moses, stop them!'

29 But Moses said to him, 'Are you jealous for my sake?
Would that all the LORD's people were prophets,
and that the LORD would put his spirit on them!'

PSALM 19.7–14

R The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul.

7 The law of the Lord is perfect
and revives the soul;
the testimony of the Lord is sure
and gives wisdom to the innocent.

8 The statutes of the Lord are just
and rejoice the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is clear
and gives light to the eyes. **R**

9 The fear of the Lord is clean
and endures for ever;
the judgements of the Lord are true
and righteous altogether.

10 More to be desired are they than gold,
more than much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey,
than honey in the comb. **R**

11 By them also is your servant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is great reward.

12 Who can tell how often he offends?

Cleanse me from my secret faults.

13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me;

then shall I be whole and sound,
and innocent of a great offence. **R**

14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable in your sight,

O Lord, my strength and my redeemer. **R**

SECOND READING James 5.13–20

A reading from the letter of James.

13 Are any among you suffering?

They should pray.

Are any cheerful?

They should sing songs of praise.

14 Are any among you sick?

They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray
over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord.

15 The prayer of faith will save the sick,
and the Lord will raise them up;

and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven.

16 Therefore confess your sins to one another,
and pray for one another, so that you may be healed.

The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.

17 Elijah was a human being like us,
and he prayed fervently that it might not rain,
and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth.

18 Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the
earth yielded its harvest.

19 My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from
the truth and is brought back by another,

20 you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from
wandering will save the sinner's soul from death

and will cover a multitude of sins.

GOSPEL Mark 9.38–50

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

After Jesus had finished teaching the disciples,

38 John said to him,

'Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name,
and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.'

39 But Jesus said, 'Do not stop him;
for no one who does a deed of power in my name
will be able soon afterwards to speak evil of me.

40 Whoever is not against us is for us.

41 For truly I tell you,
whoever gives you a cup of water to drink

because you bear the name of Christ
will by no means lose the reward.

42 If any of you put a stumbling-block
before one of these little ones who believe in me,
it would be better for you

if a great millstone were hung around your neck
and you were thrown into the sea.

43 If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off;
it is better for you to enter life maimed

than to have two hands and to go to hell,
to the unquenchable fire.

45 And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off;
it is better for you to enter life lame

than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell.

47 And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out;
it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye

than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell,

48 where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

49 For everyone will be salted with fire.

50 Salt is good;

but if salt has lost its saltiness,
how can you season it?

Have salt in yourselves,

and be at peace with one another.'