

Church Notices

ST PAULINUS CHURCH, CRAYFORD



URGENT: St Paulinus C of E Primary School are in need of recommended building firms with previous school builds experience that can provide: a concrete base and a wooden insulated cabin 8m x 4m with 1m canopy, with an internal partition for a dark room, lighting and a heater which meets HSE and Fire Safety requirements. This cabin will need to be in use all year round. Please get in touch via our email stpaulinuspta@gmail.com with your recommendations. Thank you.

Crayford Living Churchyard Annual General Meeting
Everyone is cordially invited to come to the Crayford Living Churchyard Annual General Meeting
Date: Saturday 12th January 2019
Time: 3 p.m.
Venue: The Parish Youth Hall

Safeguarding training CO

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the last training session had to be cancelled at short notice. Karen Carter will be holding another session on Saturday 19th January at 1.30pm in church. Please either see Karen or sign the sheet at the back of the church with a contact number in case of cancellation. Thank you

Relax into Prayer

The next meeting will be on Monday 14th January at 104 Old Road, Crayford from 7.45pm. All welcome.

Queries to Denise Morgan on 01322 527372

Thank you to all those who contributed to the Demelza Card. The collection raised £172.75

Please join us for the Mother's Union AGM on Saturday 12th January at 8.30am in the Youth Hall. All welcome.

Sunday 6th January – Epiphany

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 & Preacher: Fr Paul Prentice

10am Parish Mass & sermon

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Hymns: 103, 68, 96, 105

Season: Christmas

Monday 7 th January	
Tuesday 8 th January	
Wednesday 9 th January	9.30am Low Mass
Thursday 10 th January	9.30am Toddler Church 11am Funeral
Friday 11 th January	9.15am Low Mass
Saturday 12 th January	10am Healing Service
Sunday 13 th January Baptism of Christ	8am Low Mass & Homily 10am Family Worship

Fr Paul is on annual leave from Monday 14th January until 18th inc.

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.