

Church Notices

ST PAULINUS CHURCH, CRAYFORD

WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE 2025

The pilgrimage to The Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham
Friday 16th May to Sunday 18th May 2025
£265 total (£80 coach, £185)

Please note that your deposit of £60 is due by the 26th January 2025
(full balance by 27th April 2025)

Cash or bank transfer preferred,
but if cheque please make it payable to Janice Algar

NEW BANK DETAILS –

Payable to Janice Algar,

Account Number 79054862 Sort code 51-70-14

If you need any further information then please contact

Janice Algar on 07904416909 or
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Toddler Praise

The last day of Toddler Praise will be Monday 16th December and will return on Monday 13th January.

Relax into Prayer

The next meeting will be on Monday, January 13th at 7.45pm at 104 Old Road, Crayford.

Any queries to Denise Morgan

Family Christmas Card

The Family Christmas card for you to send to other members of the church family is at the back of church. Please sign today and give a donation to the Childrens Society by way of the glass jar.



Sunday 15th December 2024
Advent 3

Our common values are:
Openness, Compassion, Love, Tolerance & Growth
We are a dog friendly church.

8am Low Mass & Homily

Celebrant: Fr Paul Prentice

Preacher: Fr James Butler

10am Parish Mass & Sermon

Celebrant & Preacher: Fr James Butler

Hymns: 38, 52, 497, 455 & 35

If you would like to donate via our tap and go rather than the collection plate, please use the tap and go machine at the back of church. Thank you for your support.

Or use the QR code below:



The church will be open as follows from Monday 16th December:

Monday: 9.15am Toddler Praise – Youth Hall

Wednesday: 9.30am Low Mass

Friday: 9.15am Low Mass

Saturday: 9.30am Family Breakfast Service – Youth Hall

Sunday: 8am Low Mass & Homily

10am Parish Mass & Healing

6.30pm 9 Lessons & Carols

Mince Pie Competition – Sunday 22nd December **After mass**

4 Mince pies – Home made pastry

No shop bought pies

Use your imagination

Prize: Christmas Hamper



We look forward to your entries.

FIRST READING Zephaniah 3.14–20

A reading from the book of the prophet Zephaniah. 14 Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! 15 The LORD has taken away the judgements against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. 16 On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. 17 The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing 18 as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. 19 I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. 20 At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the LORD.

CANTICLE Isaiah 12.2–6

R Shout aloud and sing for joy, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

2 Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid, for the LORD GOD is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation. 3 With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. **R**
4 And you will say on that day: Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name; make known his deeds among the nations; proclaim that his name is exalted. 5 Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let this be known in all the earth. **R**
[6 Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.]

SECOND READING Philippians 4.4–7

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians. 4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. 5 Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. 6 Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

GOSPEL Luke 3.7–18

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

7 John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? 8 Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I

tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. 9 Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.' 10 And the crowds asked him, 'What then should we do?' 11 In reply he said to them, 'Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.' 12 Even tax-collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, 'Teacher, what should we do?' 13 He said to them, 'Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.' 14 Soldiers also asked him, 'And we, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.' 15 As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, 16 John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. 17 His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.' 18 So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

Upcoming Events & Services for Advent & Christmas

19th December 7pm – Penny Farthing Carols
21st December 9.30am – Family Breakfast Service
22nd December 6.30pm – 9 Lessons & Carols
24th December 4pm – Nativity
6pm – Carols by Candlelight
11.30pm Midnight Mass
25th December 10am – Family Toy Service