

## Church Notices

Memorial Service for the late Phyllis Johnson on 12<sup>th</sup> April at 1pm. If you would like to attend please sign the form at the back of the church.

Funeral Service of the late Jeanne Day on 19<sup>th</sup> March at 11am at Eltham Crematorium.

### Electoral Roll Reminder

Don't forget to bring your electoral roll forms back and put them in the box at the back of church or through the office door.

### Lent Course – Back to Basics

The Lent course will run on a Tuesday evening from 7pm to 8.30pm followed by refreshments.

Next course Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March

### 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**

### Craft Club

25<sup>th</sup> March at 1.30pm Youth Hall. Please bring with you a 12 inch square patterned piece of soft card. A contrasting plain coloured card about 6x8 inches. Glue, ruler, scissors, pencil, fancy stickers and artificial flowers. Looking forward to seeing you. Margery

### All Saints Festival Choir

J S Bach - St John Passion (in English). Nicholas Wibberley - Music Director, Jack Stone - Organ  
Aeron Preston - Evangelist, Pierpaolo Finaldi - Christ  
Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2025, 7:30pm, All Saints church, Bark Hart Road, Orpington, BR6 0QD

Tickets £14 in advance, £16 on the door

Available from Lydia Gray 07426 807758

### Churches together in Crayford Lent Lunches

**12.30-2.45pm**

Crayford Baptist Church on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> March

St Paulinus- Youth Hall on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March

St Mary's Church on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April

## ST PAULINUS CHURCH, CRAYFORD



**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2025**  
**Lent 2**

**Our common values are:**

**Openness, Compassion, Love, Tolerance & Growth**  
**We are a dog friendly church.**

### 8am Low Mass & Homily

Celebrant: Fr Paul Prentice

Preacher: Richard Demuth

### 10am Parish Mass & sermon

Celebrant: Fr James Butler

Preacher: Richard Demuth

Hymns: 595, 773, 791 & 806

### 12.00pm Holy Baptism – Oliver

**Please let the churchwardens know when you arrive if you are reading on Sunday.**

**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**



**The church will be open as follows from Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March:**

**Monday: 9.15am Toddler Praise – Youth Hall**

**Wednesday: 9.30am Low Mass**

**Friday: 9.15am Low Mass**

**Saturday: 10.00am Church open**

**Sunday: 8am Low Mass & Homily**

**10am Parish Mass & Healing**

**12pm Holy Baptism**

### ADVANCE NOTICE

**The hall will be closed from Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April and will re-open on 21<sup>st</sup> April. This will be for essential maintenance and for health and safety there will be no access to the hall.**

**Please speak to the office for further information.**

### **FIRST READING Genesis 15.1–12, 17–18**

A reading from the book of Genesis.

1 The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' 2 But Abram said, 'O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' 3 And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' 4 But the word of the LORD came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' 5 He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' 6 And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness. 7 Then he said to him, 'I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.' 8 But he said, 'O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?' 9 He said to him, 'Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon.' 10 He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. 11 And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. 12 As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. 17 When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire-pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. 18 On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, 'To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.'

### **PSALM 27**

**R The Lord is my light and my salvation.**

1 The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid? 2 When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh, it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who stumbled and fell. **R**

3 Though an army should encamp against me, yet my heart shall not be afraid; 4 And though war should rise up against me, yet will I put my trust in him. **R**

5 One thing have I asked of the Lord; one thing I seek; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life; 6 To behold the fair beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple. **R**

7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high upon a rock. **R**

8 Even now he lifts up my head above my enemies round about me; 9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness; I will sing and make music to the Lord. **R**

10 Harken to my voice, O Lord, when I call; have mercy on me and answer me. 11 You speak in my heart and say, 'Seek my face.' Your face, Lord, will I seek. 12 Hide not your face from me, nor turn away your servant in displeasure. **R**

13 You have been my helper; cast me not away; Psalm 27 do not forsake me, O God of my salvation. 14 Though my father and my mother forsake me, the Lord will sustain me. **R**

15 Show me your way, O Lord; lead me on a level path, because of my enemies. 16 Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries, for false witnesses have risen up against me, and also those who speak malice. **R**

17 What if I had not believed that I should see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living! 18 O tarry and await the Lord's pleasure; be strong and he shall comfort your heart; wait patiently for the Lord. **R**

### **SECOND READING Philippians 3.17 – 4.1**

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

17 Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. 18 For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. 19 Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. 20 But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. 21 He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. 1 Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

### **GOSPEL Luke 13.31–35**

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

31 At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, 'Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.'

32 He said to them, 'Go and tell that fox for me, "Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. 33 Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem." 34 Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! 35 See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord."'