

Church Notices

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

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 25th 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

25th 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 Yahoo 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 5th 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 22nd March
St Paulinus- Youth Hall on Wednesday 26th March
St Mary's Church on Saturday 5th April

Spring Sing Choir Festival

Saturday 29th March 7pm at Holy Trinity Church, Southend Crescent, Eltham SE9 2SD Tickets £12
Featuring the Zig zag choir.

Bexley Food Bank urgently need donations of tins and packet food, toiletries for adults and children. Please put your donation into the black boxes at the back of church by the refreshments table.

ST PAULINUS CHURCH, CRAYFORD



Sunday 23rd March 2025
Lent 3

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

8am Low Mass & Homily

Celebrant: Fr James Butler
Preacher: Fr Paul Prentice

10am Parish Mass & Healing

Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Paul Prentice
Hymns: 641, 116, 708 & 755

12.00pm Holy Baptism – Nora & Haris

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 24th March:

Monday: 9.15am Toddler Praise – Youth Hall
Tuesday: 10am Low Mass – Annunciation of BVM
7pm Lent Course
Wednesday: 9.30am Low Mass
Thursday: 7.30pm Low Mass (BCP)
Friday: 9.15am Low Mass
Saturday: 10.00am Church open
Sunday: 8am Low Mass & Homily
10am Family Mass – Mothering Sunday

ADVANCE NOTICE

The hall will be closed from Monday 7th April and will re-open on 21st 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 Isaiah 55.1–9

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

The LORD says this: 1 Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. 2 Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. 3 Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. 4 See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. 5 See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. 6 Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; 7 let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. 8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. 9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

PSALM 63.1–8

R My soul thirsts for you, O my God.

1 O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a barren and dry land where there is no water; 2 Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, that I might behold your power and your glory. R
3 For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; my lips shall give you praise. 4 So will I bless you as long as I live and lift up my hands in your name. R
5 My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, and my mouth praises you with joyful lips, 6 When I remember you upon my bed, and meditate on you in the night watches. R
7 For you have been my helper, and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice. 8 My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast. R

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 10.1–13

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

1 I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, 2 and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, 3 and all ate the same spiritual food, 4 and all drank the

same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. 5 Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. 6 Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. 7 Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, 'The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.' 8 We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. 9 We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. 10 And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. 11 These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. 12 So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. 13 No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

GOSPEL Luke 13.1–9

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

1 There were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. 2 He asked them 'Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? 3 No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. 4 Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? 5 No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.' 6 Then he told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. 7 So he said to the gardener, "See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?" 8 He replied, "Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. 9 If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down."'