Church Notices

Easter Family Breakfast Service Saturday 19th April 9.30am in church

Breakfast, Easter Bonnet making and ending with the Easter egg hunt in the rectory Garden.



Please sign up with the parish office if you wish to attend.

Sunday School

We are currently reviewing our Sunday School. There will be a date in the future for you to attend and participate in the future of our Sunday School – watch this space for details.

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 couse will run on a Tuesday evening from 7pm to 8.30pm followed by refreshments.

Next course Tuesday 1st April

Relax into Prayer

Monday 7th April at 7.45pm at 104 Old Road. Queries to Denise on 01322 527372

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

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

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.



Sunday 30th March 2025 Lent 4 – Mothering Sunday

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

<u>8am Low Mass & Homily</u> Celebrant & Preacher: Fr James Butler

10am Family Mass & services Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Paul Prentice

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 31st March: Monday: 9.15am Toddler Praise – Youth Hall Tuesday: 7pm Lent Course 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 & Sermon 12pm Holy Baptism

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.

ST PAULINUS CHURCH, CRAYFORD

FIRST READING Exodus 2.1–10

A reading from the book of Exodus.

1 A man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. 2 The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. 3 When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. 4 His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. 5 The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. 6 When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him, 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. 7 Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?' 8 Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother. 9 Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.' So the woman took the child and nursed it. 10 When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, 'because,' she said, 'I drew him out of the water.'

PSALM 127:1-4

1 Unless the Lord builds the house, their labour is in vain who build it. 2 Unless the Lord watches over the city, in vain the guard keeps vigil. **R** 3 It is in vain that you rise so early and go to bed so late; vain, too, to eat the bread of toil, for he gives to his beloved sleep. 4 Children are a heritage from the Lord, and the fruit of the womb is a gift. **R**

SECOND READING Colossians 3.12–17

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians.

12 As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. 13 Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. 14 Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. 15 And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. 16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. 17 And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

GOSPEL Luke 2.33–35

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. 33 The child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about Jesus. 34 Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed 35 so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'