

## Church Notices

ST PAULINUS CHURCH, CRAYFORD

### Easter Family Breakfast Service

#### Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 – Last date 6<sup>th</sup> April.

### 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 1<sup>st</sup> April

### Relax into Prayer

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> 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 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

**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 30<sup>th</sup> March 2025  
**Lent 4 – Mothering Sunday**

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

### 8am Low Mass & Homily

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 31<sup>st</sup> 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 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 Joshua 5.9–12**

A reading from the book of Joshua. After the Israelites had crossed over the Jordan river, 9 The LORD said to Joshua, 'Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt.' And so that place is called Gilgal to this day. 10 While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. 11 On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. 12 The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

### **PSALM 32**

**R You, O Lord, are my hiding-place, [you preserve me from trouble].**

1 Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away! 2 Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, and in whose spirit there is no guile! R 3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, because of my groaning all day long. 4 For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer. R

5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not conceal my guilt. 6 I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to the Lord'; then you forgave me the guilt of my sin. R

7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them. 8 You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance. R

9 'I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; I will guide you with my eye. 10 Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you.' R

11 Great are the tribulations of the wicked; but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord. 12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord; shout for joy, all who are true of heart. R

### **SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 5.16–21**

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians. 16 From now on, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. 17 So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! 18 All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; 19 that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. 20 So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. 21 For our sake he made him to be sin

who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

### **GOSPEL Luke 15.1–3, 11b–32**

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

1 All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. 2 And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, 'This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.' 3 So he told them this parable: 11 'There was a man who had two sons. 12 The younger of them said to his father, "Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me." So he divided his property between them. 13 A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and travelled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. 14 When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. 15 So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. 16 He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. 17 But when he came to himself he said, "How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! 18 I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; 19 I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.'" 20 So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. 21 Then the son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son." 22 But the father said to his slaves, "Quickly, bring out a robe – the best one – and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. 23 And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; 24 for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!" And they began to celebrate. 25 Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. 26 He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. 27 He replied, "Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound." 28 Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. 29 But he answered his father, "Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. 30 But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!" 31 Then the father said to him, "Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. 32 But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found."'