

**Church Notices**

**April Craft Club**

Tuesday 28 April - 1.30pm Youth Hall

Please bring: pencil, ruler, scissors, uhu glue, small flowers and embellishments.

All welcome - we look forward to seeing you.

**First Communion**

First Communion course will run on Tuesday at 3.30pm on the following dates: 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> May. Rehearsal on 30<sup>th</sup> May and First communion at the 10am service on 31<sup>st</sup> May.

Please contact the office if your child would like to attend.

**Young pilgrims course for 12–18-year-olds**

If you would be interested in this, please speak to Fr Paul

**Relax into Prayer**

Monday May 11<sup>th</sup> 7.45pm in church

Queries to Denise on 01322527372



**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2026  
Easter 4**

***Our common values are:***

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

**9.30am Parish Mass**

Celebrant: Fr Paul Prentice

Hymns: 207, 794, 198 & 765

**10.30am Breakfast - Hall**

**11.00am APCM – Main hall**

**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 or use the QR code**

**Thank you for your support.**

**The church will be open as follows from Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April:**

**Monday: 9.15am. Toddler Praise- Youth Hall**

**Wednesday: 9.30am Low Mass**

**Thursday: 7.30pm Low Mass (BCP)**

**Friday: 9.15am Low Mass**

**Saturday: 9.30am Family Breakfast Service –youth hall**

**Sunday: 8.00am Low Mass & Homily**

**10.00am Parish Mass & Sermon**

**12.00pm Holy Baptism**

**Parish Giving details.**

To set up a direct debit for regular giving to St Paulinus Church choose website [www.parishgiving.org.uk](http://www.parishgiving.org.uk)  
Click on Give and from drop down menu Find Your Parish  
Search by town -Crayford and parish name St Paulinus  
Click on Give Now  
Options for regular giving or a one-off gift will appear or please telephone PGS on 0333 002 1271

### **FIRST READING Acts 2.42–47**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Many were baptized and were added to the community.

42 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

43 Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles.

44 All who believed were together and had all things in common;

45 they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need.

46 Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple,

they broke bread at home

and ate their food with glad and generous hearts,

47 praising God and having the goodwill of all the people.

And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

### **PSALM 23**

**R The Lord is my shepherd;**

**I shall not be in want.**

1 The Lord is my shepherd;

I shall not be in want.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters. **R**

3 He revives my soul

and guides me along right pathways for his name's sake.

4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I shall fear no evil;

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff, they comfort me. **R**

5 You spread a table before me

in the presence of those who trouble me;

you have anointed my head with oil,

and my cup is running over.

6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow

me all the days of my life,

and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

**R**

### **SECOND READING 1 Peter 2.19–25**

A reading from the first letter of Peter.

Brothers and sisters:

19 It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly.

20 If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that?

But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval.

21 For to this you have been called,

because Christ also suffered for you,

leaving you an example,

so that you should follow in his steps.

22 'He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.'

23 When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly.

24 He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross,

so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness;

by his wounds you have been healed.

25 For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned

to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

### **GOSPEL John 10.1–10**

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

Jesus said to the Pharisees:

1 'Very truly, I tell you,

anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate

but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit.

2 The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep.

3 The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice.

He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.

4 When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them,

and the sheep follow him because they know his voice.

5 They will not follow a stranger,

but they will run from him

because they do not know the voice of strangers.'

6 Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

7 So again Jesus said to them,

'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep.

8 All who came before me are thieves and bandits;

but the sheep did not listen to them.

9 I am the gate.

Whoever enters by me will be saved,

and will come in and go out and find pasture.

10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy.

I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.'