

Church Notices



Sunday 16th August 2026
11th after Trinity

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

Relax into Prayer

Monday August 17th at 7.45pm in church.
Queries to Denise on 01322 527372

Upcoming Church Social Events

Rectory Summer Garden Party

Saturday 26th September 2pm-6pm. £15 per adult £2 per child.

Bonfire Night

Saturday 7th November 6pm in the Rectory garden.
£15 per adult £3 per child

Please book with the parish office

Bruge Pilgrimage

28th September – 2nd October

Please speak to Fr Paul if you wish to go

19th August – Meeting at the Rectory to book the Eurostar at 7.00pm.

Boring Talks

You are invited to last talk on subjects that are perceived as boring:

Tuesday 18th August- Theology of Work
All at 7pm in church.

8.00am Low Mass & Homily

Celebrant: Fr Paul Prentice
Preacher: Richard Demuth

10.00am Parish Mass & Sermon

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Hymns: 647, 335, 467 & 258

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 17th August:

Tuesday: 7.00pm Boring Talks – Theology of work
Wednesday: 9.30am Low Mass
Friday: 9.15am Low Mass
Saturday: 10.00am Church open
Sunday: 8.00am Low Mass & Homily
10.00am Parish Mass & Healing

Parish Giving details.

To set up a direct debit for regular giving to St Paulinus Church choose website 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 Isaiah 56.1, 6–8

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

1 Thus says the LORD:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come,
and my deliverance be revealed.

6 And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,
to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD,
and to be his servants,
all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it,
and hold fast my covenant –
7 these I will bring to my holy mountain,
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt-offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar;
for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples.
8 Thus says the Lord GOD,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel,
I will gather others to them besides those already
gathered.

PSALM 67

**R Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.**

1 May God be merciful to us and bless us,
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.
2 Let your ways be known upon earth,
your saving health among all nations. **R**
[3 Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.]
4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide all the nations upon earth. **R**
[5 Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.]
6 The earth has brought forth her increase;
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.
7 May God give us his blessing,
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him. **R**

SECOND READING Romans 11.1–2a, 29–32

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

1 I ask, then, has God rejected his people?

By no means!

I myself am an Israelite,
a descendant of Abraham,
a member of the tribe of Benjamin.

2 God has not rejected his people whom he
foreknew.

29 For the gifts and the calling of God are
irrevocable.

30 Just as you were once disobedient to God
but have now received mercy because of their
disobedience,

31 so they have now been disobedient

in order that, by the mercy shown to you,
they too may now receive mercy.

32 For God has imprisoned all in disobedience
so that he may be merciful to all.

GOSPEL Matthew 15. 21–28

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

21 Jesus went away to the district of Tyre and
Sidon.

22 A Canaanite woman from that region came out
and started shouting,

‘Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David;
my daughter is tormented by a demon.’

23 But he did not answer her at all.

And his disciples came and urged him, saying,
‘Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.’

24 He answered,

‘I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of
Israel.’

25 But she came and knelt before him,
saying, ‘Lord, help me.’

26 He answered, ‘It is not fair to take the
children’s food

and throw it to the dogs.’

27 She said, ‘Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the
crumbs

that fall from their masters’ table.’

28 Then Jesus answered her,

‘Woman, great is your faith!

Let it be done for you as you wish.’

And her daughter was healed instantly.