

Church Notices

Confirmation Sunday 6th September at 4pm.

For those who wish to support our confirmation candidates. The service will be held at St Giles the Abbot & St Nicholas in Farnborough.
If you are unable to attend, please hold Elliot, Joseph and Meredith in your prayers.

Funeral for the late David Bourn

David's funeral will be held at St Paulinus Church followed by cremation on
Thursday 10th September at 2pm.
All are welcome to attend.

James Collation into his new Church will be on Wednesday 23rd September at St Francis of Assisi, Petts Wood at approximately 7.00pm.

**STILL PLACES AVAILABLE ON THE COACH
PLEASE LET THE OFFICE KNOW ASAP**

The coach will arrive at the layby at 5.30pm

The cost is £22 per person
Payment preferably by bacs to
St Paulinus Church

SC: 20 06 72
Acc: 80775193
Ref: James Collation

If not cash to the office, please have the correct amount.

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

Relax into Prayer

Monday 14th September at 7.45pm
In church
Queries to Denise Morgan on 01322527372

Bexley Carers' Support Collection

The amount raised for the Carers' support was £116.
Thank you.

ST PAULINUS CHURCH, CRAYFORD



Sunday 30th August 2026
13th after Trinity

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

8.00am Low Mass & Homily

Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Paul Prentice

10.00am Parish Mass & Sermon

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Hymns: 755, 823, 459 & 584

12.00pm Holy Baptism - Elliot

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 31st August:

Monday: CHURCH CLOSED
Wednesday: 9.30am Low Mass
Friday: 9.15am Low Mass
Saturday: 9.30am Family Breakfast Service
Sunday: 8.00am Low Mass & Homily
10.00am Parish Mass & Sermon

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 Jeremiah 15.15-21

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

15 O LORD, you know;
remember me and visit me,
and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors.
In your forbearance do not take me away;
know that on your account I suffer insult.
16 Your words were found, and I ate them,
and your words became to me a joy
and the delight of my heart;
for I am called by your name,
O LORD, God of hosts.
17 I did not sit in the company of merry-makers,
nor did I rejoice;
under the weight of your hand I sat alone,
for you had filled me with indignation.
18 Why is my pain unceasing,
my wound incurable,
refusing to be healed?
Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook,
like waters that fail.
19 Therefore thus says the LORD:
If you turn back, I will take you back,
and you shall stand before me.
If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless,
you shall serve as my mouth.
It is they who will turn to you,
not you who will turn to them.
20 And I will make you to this people
a fortified wall of bronze;
they will fight against you,
but they shall not prevail over you,
for I am with you to save you
and deliver you, says the LORD.
21 I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked,
and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

PSALM 26: 1-8

**R Your love is before my eyes;
[I have walked faithfully with you].**

1 Give judgement for me, O Lord,
for I have lived with integrity;
I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.
2 Test me, O Lord, and try me;
examine my heart and my mind. **R**
3 For your love is before my eyes;
I have walked faithfully with you.
4 I have not sat with the worthless,
nor do I consort with the deceitful.
5 I have hated the company of evildoers;
I will not sit down with the wicked. **R**
6 I will wash my hands in innocence, O Lord,
that I may go in procession round your altar,
7 Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving
and recounting all your wonderful deeds.
8 Lord, I love the house in which you dwell
and the place where your glory abides. **R**

SECOND READING Romans 12.9-21

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

9 Let love be genuine;
hate what is evil,
hold fast to what is good;
10 love one another with mutual affection;
outdo one another in showing honour.

11 Do not lag in zeal,
be ardent in spirit,
serve the Lord.
12 Rejoice in hope,
be patient in suffering,
persevere in prayer.
13 Contribute to the needs of the saints;
extend hospitality to strangers.
14 Bless those who persecute you;
bless and do not curse them.
15 Rejoice with those who rejoice,
weep with those who weep.
16 Live in harmony with one another;
do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly;
do not claim to be wiser than you are.
17 Do not repay anyone evil for evil,
but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all.
18 If it is possible, so far as it depends on you,
live peaceably with all.
19 Beloved, never avenge yourselves,
but leave room for the wrath of God;
for it is written,
'Vengeance is mine,
I will repay, says the Lord.'
20 No, 'if your enemies are hungry, feed them;
if they are thirsty, give them something to drink;
for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their
heads.'
21 Do not be overcome by evil,
but overcome evil with good.

GOSPEL Matthew 16.21-28

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

21 From that time on,
Jesus began to show his disciples
that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering
at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes,
and be killed,
and on the third day be raised.
22 And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him,
saying,
'God forbid it, Lord!
This must never happen to you.'
23 But he turned and said to Peter,
'Get behind me, Satan!
You are a stumbling-block to me;
for you are setting your mind not on divine things
but on human things.'
24 Then Jesus told his disciples,
'If any want to become my followers,
let them deny themselves
and take up their cross and follow me.
25 For those who want to save their life will lose it,
and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.
26 For what will it profit them
if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life?
Or what will they give in return for their life?
27 For the Son of Man is to come with his angels
in the glory of his Father,
and then he will repay everyone for what has been done.
28 Truly I tell you,
there are some standing here
who will not taste death
before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.'