

Church Notices

James Collation into his new Church will be on Wednesday 23rd September at St Francis of Assisi, Petts Wood at approximately **7.00pm**. Please advise the office if you wish to attend as we need to organise a coach **Closing date 16th August**. Many thanks

Relax into Prayer

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

Upcoming Church Social Events

Fr Paul's Trip to London

Monday 10th August. See Fr Paul for details.

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 a succession of 3 talks on subjects that are perceived as boring:

Tuesday 11th August- Theology of Shopping

Tuesday 18th August- Theology of Work

All at 7pm in church.



Sunday 9th August 2026

10th after Trinity

Fr James' Farewell Mass

Our common values are:

Openness, Compassion, Love, Tolerance & Growth

We are a dog friendly church.

8.00am Low Mass & Homily (BCP)

Celebrant & Preacher: Fr James Butler

10.00am High Mass & Sermon

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Hymns: 715, 623, 508 & 477

BBQ to follow over at the 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 10th August:

Tuesday: 7.00pm Boring Talks – Theology of shopping

Wednesday: 9.30am Low Mass

Friday: 9.15am Low Mass

Saturday: 10.00am Low Mass - BVM

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

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FIRST READING 1 Kings 19.9–18

A reading from the first book of Kings.

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God,
9 he came to a cave, and spent the night there.
Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying,
'What are you doing here, Elijah?'
10 He answered,
'I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts;
for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down
your altars,
and killed your prophets with the sword.
I alone am left,
and they are seeking my life, to take it away.'
11 He said, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the
LORD,
for the LORD is about to pass by.'
Now there was a great wind,
so strong that it was splitting mountains
and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD,
but the LORD was not in the wind;
and after the wind an earthquake,
but the LORD was not in the earthquake;
12 and after the earthquake a fire,
but the LORD was not in the fire;
and after the fire a sound of sheer silence.
13 When Elijah heard it,
he wrapped his face in his mantle
and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.
Then there came a voice to him that said,
'What are you doing here, Elijah?'
14 He answered,
'I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts;
for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down
your altars,
and killed your prophets with the sword.
I alone am left,
and they are seeking my life, to take it away.'
15 Then the LORD said to him,
'Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus;
when you arrive,
you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram.
16 Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over
Israel;
and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah
as prophet in your place.
17 Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael,
Jehu shall kill;
and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu,
Elisha shall kill.
18 Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel,
all the knees that have not bowed to Baal,
and every mouth that has not kissed him.'

PSALM 85.8–13

**R Show us your mercy, O Lord,
and grant us your salvation.**

8 I will listen to what the Lord God is saying,
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people
and to those who turn their hearts to him.
9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land. **R**
10 Mercy and truth have met together;
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
11 Truth shall spring up from the earth,
and righteousness shall look down from heaven. **R**
12 The Lord will indeed grant prosperity,
and our land will yield its increase.
13 Righteousness shall go before him,
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet. **R**

SECOND READING Romans 10.5–15

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

5 Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes
from the law,
that 'the person who does these things will live by them.'
6 But the righteousness that comes from faith says,
'Do not say in your heart,
"Who will ascend into heaven?"'
(that is, to bring Christ down)
7 'or "Who will descend into the abyss?"'
(that is, to bring Christ up from the dead).
8 But what does it say?
'The word is near you,
on your lips and in your heart'
(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim);
9 because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord
and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead,
you will be saved.
10 For one believes with the heart and so is justified,
and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved.
11 The scripture says,
'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.'
12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek;
the same Lord is Lord of all
and is generous to all who call on him.
13 For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be
saved.'
14 But how are they to call on one in whom they have not
believed?
And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never
heard?
And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him?
15 And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent?
As it is written,
'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!'

GOSPEL Matthew 14.22–33

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

Immediately after feeding the crowd
with the five loaves and two fish,
22 Jesus made the disciples get into the boat
and go on ahead to the other side,
while he dismissed the crowds.
23 And after he had dismissed the crowds,
he went up the mountain by himself to pray.
When evening came, he was there alone,
24 but by this time the boat, battered by the waves,
was far from the land,
for the wind was against them.
25 And early in the morning
he came walking towards them on the lake.
26 But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake,
they were terrified, saying,
'It is a ghost!'
And they cried out in fear.
27 But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said,
'Take heart, it is I;
do not be afraid.'
28 Peter answered him, 'Lord, if it is you,
command me to come to you on the water.'
29 He said, 'Come.'
So Peter got out of the boat,
started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus.
30 But when he noticed the strong wind,
he became frightened, and beginning to sink,
he cried out, 'Lord, save me!'
31 Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him,
saying to him, 'You of little faith, why did you doubt?'
32 When they got into the boat, the wind ceased.
33 And those in the boat worshipped him, saying,
'Truly you are the Son of God.'