

Church Notices

Message from Barbara - many thanks for all your good wishes, prayers, cards and visits over the last 6 weeks. I hope to be back with you soon.

Many thanks to my church family and MU family for the lovely Cards, flowers and support you have given me, following the death of my brother. Thank you so much.
Denise

Jean & family would like to thank all at the church for their love and support during this difficult time of losing David. Thank you to Fr Paul, Andrew Sinclair, Reg Boulton & MU for the lovely cakes. God bless you.

Craft Club

Craft club is back on Tuesday 29th September at 10.30 am until 12pm in the church in the choir vestry.

PLEASE NOT CHANGE OF TIME & VENUE

All materials will be provided this month.

All welcome – look forward to seeing you.

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
PLEASE PAY BY TODAY**

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

PATRONAL FESTIVAL WEEKEND

The St Paulinus weekend festival is on Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th October.

Saturday: 10am – 2pm Open Day

4pm High Mass – St Paulinus

Sunday: 8am Low Mass (BCP)

10am Family Worship

Cake donation for the Saturday would be gratefully received, please speak to Jo Carr or Fr Paul

ST PAULINUS CHURCH, CRAYFORD



Sunday 20th September 2026
16th 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 & Healing

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Hymns: 593, 46, 729 & 754

12.00pm Holy Baptism - Sabrina

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 21st September:

Monday: 9.15am Tots n Toddler Praise- Youth Hall
7.30pm High Mass – St Matthew

Wednesday: 9.30am Low Mass
7.00pm Fr James Collation

Thursday: 2.00pm Full School Harvest Mass
7.30pm Low Mass (BCP)

Friday: 9.15am Low Mass

Saturday: 10.00am Church open

Sunday: 8.00am Low Mass & Homily (BCP)
10.00am Family Worship

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 Jonah 3.10 – 4.11

A reading from the book of Jonah.

10 When God saw what the people of Nineveh did,
how they turned from their evil ways,
God changed his mind about the calamity
that he had said he would bring upon them;
and he did not do it.

1 But this was very displeasing to Jonah,
and he became angry.

2 He prayed to the LORD and said,
'O LORD!

Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country?

That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning;
for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful,
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love,
and ready to relent from punishing.

3 And now, O LORD,
please take my life from me,
for it is better for me to die than to live.'

4 And the LORD said,
'Is it right for you to be angry?'

5 Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city,
and made a booth for himself there.

He sat under it in the shade,
waiting to see what would become of the city.

6 The LORD God appointed a bush,
and made it come up over Jonah,
to give shade over his head,
to save him from his discomfort;
so Jonah was very happy about the bush.

7 But when dawn came up the next day,
God appointed a worm that attacked the bush,
so that it withered.

8 When the sun rose,
God prepared a sultry east wind,
and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah
so that he was faint and asked that he might die.
He said, 'It is better for me to die than to live.'

9 But God said to Jonah,
'Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?'
And he said, 'Yes, angry enough to die.'

10 Then the LORD said,
'You are concerned about the bush,
for which you did not labour and which you did not grow;
it came into being in a night and perished in a night.

11 And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city,
in which
there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who
do not know their right hand from their left, and also many
animals?'

PSALM 145.1–8

R The Lord is near to those who call upon him.

1 I will exalt you, O God my King,
and bless your name for ever and ever.

2 Every day will I bless you
and praise your name for ever and ever. **R**

3 Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised;
there is no end to his greatness.

4 One generation shall praise your works to another
and shall declare your power. **R**

5 I will ponder the glorious splendour of your majesty
and all your marvellous works.

6 They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts,
and I will tell of your greatness. **R**

7 They shall publish the remembrance
of your great goodness;

they shall sing of your righteous deeds.

8 The Lord is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and of great kindness. **R**

SECOND READING Philippians 1.21–30

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

21 For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain.

22 If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me;
and I do not know which I prefer.

23 I am hard pressed between the two:
my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better;

24 but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you.

25 Since I am convinced of this,

I know that I will remain and continue with all of you
for your progress and joy in faith,

26 so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ
Jesus

when I come to you again.

27 Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ,
so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear
about you,

I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit,
striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel,
28 and are in no way intimidated by your opponents.

For them this is evidence of their destruction,
but of your salvation.

And this is God's doing.

29 For he has graciously granted you the privilege
not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well –
30 since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had
and now hear that I still have.

GOSPEL Matthew 20.1–16

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

Jesus said to his disciples:

1 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner
who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his
vineyard.

2 After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage,
he sent them into his vineyard.

3 When he went out about nine o'clock,
he saw others standing idle in the market-place;

4 and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard,
and I will pay you whatever is right."

So they went.

5 When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock,
he did the same.

6 And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing
around;

and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?"

7 They said to him, "Because no one has hired us."

He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard."

8 When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his
manager,

"Call the labourers and give them their pay,
beginning with the last and then going to the first."

9 When those hired about five o'clock came,
each of them received the usual daily wage.

10 Now when the first came, they thought they would receive
more;

but each of them also received the usual daily wage.

11 And when they received it, they grumbled against the
landowner,

12 saying, "These last worked only one hour,
and you have made them equal to us

who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat."

13 But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no
wrong;

did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage?

14 Take what belongs to you and go;

I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you.

15 Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to
me?

Or are you envious because I am generous?"

16 So the last will be first, and the first will be last.'