

Church Notices

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.

Upcoming Church Social Events

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

Relax into Prayer

Monday 12th October 7.45pm in church

Queries to Denise 01322 527372

Upcoming Events

Autumn Churchyard Prayer Walk – 31st October
9.30- 12pm

Advent Retreat at St Paulinus Friday 4th December
9am – 2pm

Social event – Kings Head followed by Istanbul
Kitchen – Friday 27th November

ST PAULINUS CHURCH, CRAYFORD



Sunday 27th September 2026
17th after Trinity

Our common values are:

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

8.00am Low Mass & Homily (BCP)

Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Paul Prentice

10.00am Family Worship

Leader: Fr Paul Prentice

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 28th September:

Monday: 9.15am Tots n Toddler Praise- Youth Hall
Tuesday: 9.30am Morning Prayer – St Michael & All Angels

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 Ezekiel 18.1–4, 25–32

A reading from the book of the prophet Ezekiel.

1 The word of the LORD came to me:
2 What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel,
'The parents have eaten sour grapes,
and the children's teeth are set on edge'?
3 As I live, says the Lord GOD,
this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel.
4 Know that all lives are mine;
the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine:
it is only the person who sins that shall die.
25 Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is unfair.'
Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair?
Is it not your ways that are unfair?
26 When the righteous turn away from their righteousness
and commit iniquity, they shall die for it;
for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die.
27 Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness
they have committed and do what is lawful and right,
they shall save their life.
28 Because they considered
and turned away from all the transgressions that they had
committed,
they shall surely live; they shall not die.
29 Yet the house of Israel says,
'The way of the Lord is unfair.'
O house of Israel, are my ways unfair?
Is it not your ways that are unfair?
30 Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel,
all of you according to your ways, says the Lord GOD.
Repent and turn from all your transgressions;
otherwise iniquity will be your ruin.
31 Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have
committed against me,
and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit!
Why will you die, O house of Israel?
32 For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone,
says the Lord GOD.
Turn, then, and live.

PSALM 25.1–9

R Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love.

1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my trust in you;
let me not be humiliated,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.
2 Let none who look to you be put to shame;
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes. **R**
3 Show me your ways, O Lord,
and teach me your paths.
4 Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long. **R**
5 Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.
6 Remember not the sins of my youth
and my transgressions;
remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord. **R**
7 Gracious and upright is the Lord;
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
8 He guides the humble in doing right
and teaches his way to the lowly.
9 All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies. **R**

SECOND READING Philippians 2.1–13

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

1 If then there is any encouragement in Christ,
any consolation from love,
any sharing in the Spirit,
any compassion and sympathy,
2 make my joy complete:
be of the same mind,
having the same love,
being in full accord and of one mind.
3 Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit,

but in humility regard others as better than yourselves.

4 Let each of you look not to your own interests,
but to the interests of others.
5 Let the same mind be in you
that was in Christ Jesus,
6 who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
7 but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
8 he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death –
even death on a cross.
9 Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name
that is above every name,
10 so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
11 and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.
12 Therefore, my beloved,
just as you have always obeyed me,
not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence,
work out your own salvation with fear and trembling;
13 for it is God who is at work in you,
enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

GOSPEL Matthew 21.23–32

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

23 When Jesus entered the temple,
the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he
was teaching,
and said, 'By what authority are you doing these things,
and who gave you this authority?'
24 Jesus said to them,
'I will also ask you one question;
if you tell me the answer,
then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things.
25 Did the baptism of John come from heaven,
or was it of human origin?'
And they argued with one another,
'If we say,
"From heaven,"
he will say to us,
"Why then did you not believe him?"
26 But if we say,
"Of human origin,"
we are afraid of the crowd;
for all regard John as a prophet.'
27 So they answered Jesus,
'We do not know.'
And he said to them,
'Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.
28 What do you think?
A man had two sons;
he went to the first and said,
"Son, go and work in the vineyard today."
29 He answered, "I will not";
but later he changed his mind and went.
30 The father went to the second and said the same;
and he answered, "I go, sir";
but he did not go.
31 Which of the two did the will of his father?'
They said, 'The first.'
Jesus said to them,
'Truly I tell you,
the tax-collectors and the prostitutes
are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you.
32 For John came to you in the way of righteousness
and you did not believe him,
but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes believed him;
and even after you saw it,
you did not change your minds and believe him.'