Church Notices

St Paulinus Community Halls

As you are aware there has been a great deal of work taking place at our church hall, which are due to be completed by the end of the year.

A new company now manage the outside bookings of the church hall but if church groups or functions wish to use the hall, please contact the office who can book this for you.

Due to the outside hirers please do not enter the halls during the day without contacting the parish office to ensure there are no bookings taking place.

If you have any queries regarding anything to do with the hall, please direct them to Kelly in the parish office.

Upcoming Church Social Events

Social event – Kings Head followed by Istanbul Kitchen – Friday 27th November. *Please book with the Parish Office*.

Upcoming Events

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

Ladies Breakfast

The Ladies Breakfast is being held on Saturday 12th December in the Youth Hall at 8.30am. The cost will be £11. Please book with the Parish Office.

Craft Club

We meet in the **CHURCH** on the last Tuesday of the month, 10.30am-12.00pm. All welcome.
Our next meetings is:
Tuesday 24th November making Christmas decorations.
All materials are provided.

Charity for November

The Manna Society (charity reg 294691) based in London, provides food and shelter and other forms of Christian care for the homeless. Please support this charity by donating cash into the blue bucket at the back of church.

Friends of St Paulinus Monthly Lottery Draw

A ticket costs £25.00 and this entitles you to 12 monthly draws.
The first draw will take place on Saturday 28th November 2026.
The more tickets we sell the greater the monthly prize.
You will need to select your draw number and can do so by contacting Kelly or Lisa in the church office.
Or by seeing Andrew Sinclair in church on Saturday mornings.
You can pay by cash or cheque, but it would be preferred if you can pay by making a bank transfer to:
'The Friends of St Paulinus Church Crayford'
Sort Code 20-06-72 Account Number 20391093
Reference: Lottery 26

ST PAULINUS CHURCH, CRAYFORD

St Paulinus Church Crayford

Sunday 15th November 2026
2nd before Advent

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: Richard Demuth
Preacher: 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 16th November
Monday: 9.15am Toddler Praise – Youth Hall
Tuesday: 10.30am Funeral of the late Barbara Gray
Wednesday: 9.30am Low Mass
Friday: 9.15am Low Mass
Saturday: 10.00am Church open
Sunday: 8.00am Low Mass & Homily
10.00am High 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

St Andrew's Prayer Vigil

Friday 27th November
9.15 Mass followed by prayer vigil from 10am to 2pm.
Please sign up for a prayer slot at the back of church.
Thank you

FIRST READING Zephaniah 1.7, 12–18
A reading from the book of the prophet Zephaniah.
7 Be silent before the Lord GOD!
For the day of the LORD is at hand;
the LORD has prepared a sacrifice,
he has consecrated his guests.
12 At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,
and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs,
those who say in their hearts,
'The LORD will not do good,
nor will he do harm.'
13 Their wealth shall be plundered,
and their houses laid waste.
Though they build houses,
they shall not inhabit them;
though they plant vineyards,
they shall not drink wine from them.
14 The great day of the LORD is near,
near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter,
the warrior cries aloud there.
15 That day will be a day of wrath,
a day of distress and anguish,
a day of ruin and devastation,
a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness,
16 a day of trumpet blast
and battle cry against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.
17 I will bring such distress upon people
that they shall walk like the blind;
because they have sinned against the LORD,
their blood shall be poured out like dust,
and their flesh like dung.
18 Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them
on the day of the Lord's wrath;
in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed;
for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

PSALM 90.1–8, 12
R **Satisfy us by your loving-kindness;**
so shall we rejoice and be glad.
1 Lord, you have been our refuge
from one generation to another.
2 Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the land and the earth were born,
from age to age you are God.
3 You turn us back to the dust and say,
'Go back, O child of earth.' **R**
4 For a thousand years in your sight
are like yesterday when it is past
and like a watch in the night.
5 You sweep us away like a dream;
we fade away suddenly like the grass.
6 In the morning it is green and flourishes;
in the evening it is dried up and withered. **R**
7 For we consume away in your displeasure;
we are afraid because of your wrathful indignation.
8 Our iniquities you have set before you,
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance. **R**
12 So teach us to number our days
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. **R**

SECOND READING 1 Thessalonians 5.1–11
A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.
1 Concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters,
you do not need to have anything written to you.
2 For you yourselves know very well
that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.
3 When they say, 'There is peace and security,'
then sudden destruction will come upon them,
as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman,
and there will be no escape!
4 But you, beloved, are not in darkness,
for that day to surprise you like a thief;
5 for you are all children of light and children of the day;
we are not of the night or of darkness.
6 So then let us not fall asleep as others do,
but let us keep awake and be sober;
7 for those who sleep sleep at night,
and those who are drunk get drunk at night.
8 But since we belong to the day,
let us be sober,
and put on the breastplate of faith and love,
and for a helmet the hope of salvation.
9 For God has destined us not for wrath
but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,
10 who died for us,
so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him.
11 Therefore encourage one another
and build up each other,
as indeed you are doing.

GOSPEL Matthew 25.14–30
Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
Jesus said to his disciples,
14 'The kingdom of heaven is as if a man, going on a journey,
summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them;
15 to one he gave five talents,
to another two, to another one,
to each according to his ability.
Then he went away.
16 The one who had received the five talents
went off at once and traded with them,
and made five more talents.
17 In the same way,
the one who had the two talents made two more talents.
18 But the one who had received the one talent
went off and dug a hole in the ground
and hid his master's money.
19 After a long time the master of those slaves came
and settled accounts with them.
20 Then the one who had received the five talents came forward,
bringing five more talents, saying,
"Master, you handed over to me five talents;
see, I have made five more talents."
21 His master said to him,
"Well done, good and trustworthy slave;
you have been trustworthy in a few things,
I will put you in charge of many things;
enter into the joy of your master."
22 And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying,
"Master, you handed over to me two talents;
see, I have made two more talents."
23 His master said to him,
"Well done, good and trustworthy slave;
you have been trustworthy in a few things,
I will put you in charge of many things;
enter into the joy of your master."
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24 Then the one who had received the one talent
also came forward, saying,
"Master, I knew that you were a harsh man,
reaping where you did not sow,
and gathering where you did not scatter seed;
25 so I was afraid,
and I went and hid your talent in the ground.
Here you have what is yours."
26 But his master replied,
"You wicked and lazy slave!
You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow,
and gather where I did not scatter?
27 Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers,
and on my return
I would have received what was my own with interest.
28 So take the talent from him,
and give it to the one with the ten talents.
29 For to all those who have,
more will be given, and they will have an abundance;
but from those who have nothing,
even what they have will be taken away.
30 As for this worthless slave,
throw him into the outer darkness,
where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."'