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 22nd November 2026
Christ the King

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 High Mass & Sermon
Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Paul Prentice
Hymns:357, 794, 811 & 769

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 23rd November
Monday: 9.15am Toddler Praise – Youth Hall
Wednesday: 9.30am Low Mass
Thursday: 7.30pm Low Mass (BCP)
Friday: 9.15am Low Mass
Saturday: 10.00am Church open
Sunday: 8.00am Low Mass & Homily
10.00am Parish Mass & Healing
6.00pm Advent Carols

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 Ezekiel 34.11–16, 20–24

A reading from the book of the prophet Ezekiel.

11 Thus says the Lord GOD:
I myself will search for my sheep,
and will seek them out.
12 As shepherds seek out their flocks
when they are among their scattered sheep,
so I will seek out my sheep.
I will rescue them from all the places
to which they have been scattered
on a day of clouds and thick darkness.
13 I will bring them out from the peoples
and gather them from the countries,
and will bring them into their own land;
and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel,
by the watercourses,
and in all the inhabited parts of the land.
14 I will feed them with good pasture,
and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture;
there they shall lie down in good grazing land,
and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel.
15 I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep,
and I will make them lie down,
says the Lord GOD.
16 I will seek the lost,
and I will bring back the strayed,
and I will bind up the injured,
and I will strengthen the weak,
but the fat and the strong I will destroy.
I will feed them with justice.
20 Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them:
I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep.
21 Because you pushed with flank and shoulder,
and butted at all the weak animals with your horns
until you scattered them far and wide,
22 I will save my flock,
and they shall no longer be ravaged;
and I will judge between sheep and sheep.
23 I will set up over them one shepherd,
my servant David,
and he shall feed them:
he shall feed them and be their shepherd.
24 And I, the LORD, will be their God,
and my servant David shall be prince among them;
I, the LORD, have spoken.

PSALM 95.1–7a

R The Lord is a great God, and a great king above all gods.

1 Come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.
2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.
3 For the Lord is a great God,
and a great king above all gods**. R**
4 In his hand are the depths of the earth,
and the heights of the hills are his also.
5 The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands have moulded the dry land. **R**
6 Come, let us bow down and bend the knee,
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
7 For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture
and the sheep of his hand. **R**

SECOND READING Ephesians 1.15–23

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

15 I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus
and your love towards all the saints,
and for this reason
16 I do not cease to give thanks for you
as I remember you in my prayers.
17 I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory,
may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation
as you come to know him,
18 so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened,
you may know what is the hope to which he has called you,
what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints,
19 and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power
for us who believe, according to the working of his great power.
20 God put this power to work in Christ
when he raised him from the dead
and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places,
21 far above all rule and authority and power and dominion,
and above every name that is named,
not only in this age but also in the age to come.
22 And he has put all things under his feet
and has made him the head over all things for the church,
23 which is his body,
the fullness of him who fills all in all.

GOSPEL Matthew 25.31–46

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

Jesus said to his disciples:
31 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory,
and all the angels with him,
then he will sit on the throne of his glory.
32 All the nations will be gathered before him,
and he will separate people one from another
as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats,
33 and he will put the sheep at his right hand
and the goats at the left.
34 Then the king will say to those at his right hand,
"Come, you that are blessed by my Father,
inherit the kingdom prepared for you
from the foundation of the world;
35 for I was hungry and you gave me food,
I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink,
I was a stranger and you welcomed me,
36 I was naked and you gave me clothing,
I was sick and you took care of me,
I was in prison and you visited me."
37 Then the righteous will answer him,
"Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food,
or thirsty and gave you something to drink?
38 And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed
you, or naked and gave you clothing?
39 And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison
and visited you?"
40 And the king will answer them,
"Truly I tell you,
just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of
my family, you did it to me."
41 Then he will say to those at his left hand,
"You that are accursed,
depart from me into the eternal fire
prepared for the devil and his angels;
42 for I was hungry and you gave me no food,
I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink,
43 I was a stranger and you did not welcome me,
naked and you did not give me clothing,
sick and in prison and you did not visit me."
44 Then they also will answer,
"Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty
or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison,
and did not take care of you?"
45 Then he will answer them,
"Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of
these, you did not do it to me."
46 And these will go away into eternal punishment,
but the righteous into eternal life.'