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**‘EUANGELION’**  
**Good News from**  
**YOUR ST PAUL’S**  
**Winter 2016**





## **Sunday Service - every Sunday at 10 a.m.**

and Sunday Church Club for children over 3 years old  
You are Invited to join us—no experience necessary!

First Tuesday of each month at 19:30

### **Mothers' Union**

First Thursday of each month at 10:00

### **Seniors' Coffee Special events -**

**Concert — Holiday Clubs -  
Christmas Services - Table-top Sale**

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**and check out other events on  
the Church website**



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# Christmas Present

On Christmas morning, I'm sure there'll many folk waking up early to find presents under the tree. Some people might like to shake them and feel them to guess what's inside before they open them. It's lovely to see packages wrapped in brightly coloured paper and to look at the gift tags to see who the presents are from.



I wonder what you'd do if there was one package under the tree wrapped in plain brown paper that was looking rather tatty; and what if that package had your name on it? Would that be the package you would choose to open first? You might think, "Well that's not going to be a very interesting present – I'll leave it for a while."

Perhaps that's why a lot of people have missed out on the gift that God sent to us at Christmas. You see, God's Gift didn't come in a beautifully wrapped package. God sent Jesus, His only Son, as His gift to us.

His mother was a young girl from a small village; and she was going to marry an ordinary carpenter. When Jesus was born, they put him in a manger, which was where the animals usually feed from. Not a very pretty package, is it? But Jesus is the greatest gift the world has ever known, because He came to show us how much God loves us.

God has sent us the gift of His love, but some people are so busy unwrapping the beautifully wrapped packages that they have missed out on the reason we celebrate Christmas. So maybe while you're opening your presents, you can stop for a moment to remember that in sending Jesus, God sends us a wonderful demonstration of His love.

*Ola.*

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# Special events

## DECEMBER

**Thursday 1st 19:30 Christmas Music  
and Readings**

**Sunday 18th 10:00 Carol Service**

**Monday 19th 10:00-12:00 Holiday Club  
(in the Church Halls)**

## CHRISTMAS EVE

**16:00 Children's Nativity Service**

**23:00 First Communion of Christmas**

## CHRISTMAS DAY

**10:00 Parish Communion**

## JANUARY

**Tuesday 24th 20:00 Wedding  
Preparation Evening**

## FEBRUARY

**Saturday 11th 10:00 Table-top Sale  
(in the Church Halls)**

**Monday 13th 10:00-12:00 Holiday Club  
(in the Church Halls)**



## St Paul's working with Redbridge



So far this year we at St Paul's and the Lighthouse Church have contributed a lot of tinned food, packets of food, bottles of drink and cooking oils, jars of coffee, spreads, pickles and sauces, and toiletries for ladies, gents and children to the **Redbridge Foodbank**. Until a couple of months ago we were also contributing bedding and children's, ladies and gents clothing but the Foodbank no longer accepts these we will be giving them to RAMFEL who require them for the Refugees and Migrants within our Borough.

Our Harvest Festival this year, as in the past, divided our gifts and collection equally between the Foodbank and Mill Grove Children's Place. Our collection on that day raised £90, so each got £45. That together with monies collected over previous weeks for the Foodbank meant we were able to send them a cheque for £300 on the 3rd October. Many thanks to all those who have given so freely to help those people in our Borough who are living on the poverty line. Please continue to support this needed charity. Well done!

This year our **Redbridge Voluntary Care** Volunteers have been able to provide support to people in our Borough with transport for hospital, GP Surgeries and other Clinics as well as taking people to visit relatives/friends in hospital or Residential Homes. We have also provided visits, help in the home, prescriptions/pensions collection, shopping, help with mail and filling in forms, moving furniture downstairs for people no longer able to get upstairs. wheelchair pushing; escorting people to appointments etc..

In March this year we had our annual Quiz evening here at St Paul's and raised the grand sum of £900. Thanks go to those who helped and those of you who came to support us. Well done!

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Over the past sixteen years we have appreciated and enjoyed help and support from many people to raise funds for feeding Street Children in Kenya, a project led and inspired by our branch of the Mothers' Union. During those years we have sent over £100,000 to our partner Anglican Diocese of Kirinyaga in Kenya, thereby providing almost a quarter of a million meals. This is an ongoing project for which we require your help and support if we are to continue to provide the meals these children so urgently need. So far this year - without the proceeds of the Christmas Fair - we've raised £4,800.

Our next event will be a

**Table-top sale on Saturday 11th February 2017**

(Schools Half Term weekend) in our halls between 10:00 and 12:00. Tables are available for £5 from LEN on 0208 590 8815.



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India is an amazing land of 1.25 billion people - an incredibly big mission field with a lot of opportunities to reach out to the wonderful people.

The Lord Jesus has compassion for India and it's people as it is evident from the fact that one of the Lord's 12 disciples, Thomas, came to India and spread the gospel/served the people and martyred for His kingdom.

'The Rural Women and Child Development Organization' was founded in 2014 by Surya Madhavi (Madhu), one of St Paul's congregation, as an international non-profit charitable organization based in the city of Visakhapatnam and is dedicated to reaching the un-reached with the faith-filled actions. It serves the tribal people, village people, slum dwellers and impoverished children, disabled young adults, elderly, AIDS victims, widows and battered women.



**"RURAL WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION"**

NO-209 OF 2016

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After many years of prayers, we support 30 churches, we are running a full time Christian School, a women empowerment centre, a mini-medical facility, a decent worship place, a Prayer Tower and a part time Bible school. We are praying and working on some more projects.



# *Operation Christmas Child 2016*

A very big thank you to everyone who shopped for, packed shoeboxes, and brought them to this year's Shoebox Service. It was so lovely to have so many parents, grandparents, carers and children in the church. Our Sunday Club provided readers who read The Bible Society's 'Christmas Poem', the Guides and Brownies led our prayers and last but not least our wonderful Christian Playgroup who sang their song 'Presents'. Children taking part in a service to help children less well off than themselves - really heart-warming to see and be part of - well done all of you. The boxes were taken to Samaritan's Purse HQ on Tuesday the following morning and were gratefully received by the staff there. Altogether we sent 147 boxes and £105 in donations over and above the cost of sending a box.

Not only do we pray that each box may bring a smile to the face of a child living in extreme circumstances but that it may also enable a child to learn of the love of Jesus through the course run by Samaritan's Purse and their partners.



To all of you who took part I wish you the blessings of Christmas and a Happy New Year.

***Jill***

Authorised Local  
Preacher and  
Pastoral Assistant



# St PAUL'S SPIRELIGHT TESTIMONIALS



## Light up St Paul's Spire!

Anyone and everyone is welcome to join the Spirelight Testimonial Scheme.

Choose a date which is special to you - for example your birthday or that of a loved one, or your marriage anniversary.

Then contact Len on 020 8590 8815 for a Dedication Form - or drop into the Sunday Service at 10:00

## December

- 1st Dylan Savage
- 2nd Sarah Cottrell  
Tim Cottrell
- 3rd Niall Sanders  
Dylan Rose  
Theresa Burrows
- 6th Thomas Baker WW1
- 7th Lyndsay Burton  
Joshua Burton
- 10th Elle Hiscott,  
Heather Barnbrook
- 15th Caroline Walshe
- 18th William Newman
- 19th Margi Dawson
- 22nd Hugh Medwyn  
Williams
- 25th Ivy Nickelson  
Nick Nickelson  
Vera Leyland
- 29th Sylvia Severance
- 31st Isabella  
Mary and John  
Wooden's  
granddaughter)

## January

- 2nd Norman Barfoot  
Sheila Bennett
- 6th Owen Dawson WW1
- 7th Lilly Grace
- 8th Stella Filer
- 9th Oliver King  
Thomas Hiddleston
- 11th Andrew Williams
- 16th Myra Hyde  
Geoffrey Springbett  
Nicola Lee
- 23rd Isabella Savage  
Stanley Fuller WW1
- 29th Jack Stevens
- 30th Brenda Jeffrey  
Dorothy Cottrell

## February

- 3rd George Pleasance WW1
- 7th Doris Fenn
- 9th Joseph Langdell
- 11th Antronihi Sideras
- 14th Dorothy Cottrell  
Fred Wood  
Herbert (Tom) Barlow  
Mary Barlow  
Ivy Nickelson
- 18th Matthew Barnbrook
- 20th Eileen Urbanek  
Wiktor Urbanek
- 23rd Joseph Turner
- 24th Mum (Ivy N.)
- 25th Anthony Westley  
Francis Grayston WW1
- 27th Linda Savage
- 28th Christine Stone

**Thinking about Baptism?  
Wanting a Wedding?  
Need to arrange a Funeral?**

We believe that God's love is there for us 24/7, but St Paul's is available and delighted to help with those 'special love' times in life.



**BAPTISMS (Christenings)**  
usually happen at 12:00 on a Sunday, but may be arranged at other times where appropriate.



**MARRIAGES**  
God has given us a beautiful setting for marriages - already 16 booked for 2017 - and we can offer support before, during and after the 'big day'



**FUNERALS**  
Saying goodbye to a loved one is not easy - but we find that handing them to God's eternal love helps.

We shall be delighted to share God's love and support - in the first instance please .....

contact Vicar Ola Franklin

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## **Baptisms this winter .....**

**On Sundays at 12:00  
December 4th Hugo Sharkey**



*and there may be more .....*



## **Weddings this winter.....**

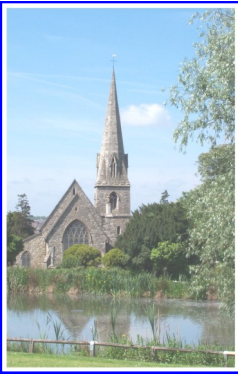
**January 1st 13:00  
Askin Bilal and Sarah-Jane Adams**



**Have you booked -  
or are you thinking of booking -  
your Wedding at St Paul's in 2017?**

**Then join us in church for our  
WEDDING PREPARATION  
EVENING**

**on Tuesday 24th January at 20:00  
to find out all the ins and outs of  
a Church Wedding,**



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