

Good News!

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THE Messenger **SHOEBOX SUNDAY!**



**Join us at
10:00 on
Sunday
19th
November!
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**from YOUR ST PAUL'S
Autumn 2017**



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!

Mothers' Union

First Tuesday of each month at 19:30

Seniors' Coffee

First Thursday of each month at 10:00

Special events -

Harvest Festival

Memorial Service

Holiday Cub

Shoebox Sunday

Children's Society Sunday

Table Top Sale

Remembrance Sunday

Christmas Fair

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Free Gift



If you happen to be in the right branch of M&S at the right time, you can get to taste free food samples. It can be hard to resist some of the delicious smells of freshly cooked food, and the invitation to try a few tasty morsels. The idea of giving away free samples is of course to encourage the customers to buy more food. We're bombarded with 'free' offers these days: free Wi-Fi, free loyalty cards from our shops, free pull-out magazines and of course BOGOF: 'buy-one-get-one-free'.

We tend to be rather wary of 'free' gifts and offers because, very often, there are "strings" attached – terms and conditions which must be met, requests for personal information we don't really want to share, and contracts we don't really want to make.

When we read about God's offer of life in relationship with him, it's often described in the Bible using illustrations of free food and drink:

"Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost." (Isaiah 55:1).

"I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty" (John 6:35).

"Whoever is thirsty, let them come; and whoever wishes, let them take the free gift of the water of life" (Revelation 22:17).

God lavishes his love on us as an unearned, undeserved gift. We are invited to follow his example: ***"Freely you have received, freely give"*** (Matthew 10:8). One of the practical ways we can do this is by sharing food with those who have little or none. Donations to Redbridge Food Bank through our church or through the local supermarkets is an easy way of doing this. You'll see, from our list of forthcoming events, that our Harvest Festival is due to take place on Sunday 8th October. This is another opportunity to give thanks to God for all the gifts given to us, and to bring donations of food which will be distributed to those who are in need.

Ola.

Special events this Autumn

Sunday 8th October at 10:00
HARVEST FESTIVAL
followed by a 'BRING
AND SHARE' LUNCH
See you there!



Sunday 15th October at 10:00
**CHILDREN'S SOCIETY
SUNDAY**
Come and find out what the
Children's Society does for
children in need.



Sunday 15th October at 16:00
MEMORIAL SERVICE
Your opportunity to remember
and give thanks for loved ones
who are no longer with us



Saturday 28th October
10:00-14:00
TABLETOP SALE in aid of
the Kenyan Street Children
Fund. Phone Len on
020 8590 8815 to book a table



Special events this Autumn

Monday 23rd October
10:00-12:00

HOLIDAY CLUB

All Primary School children
most welcome!



Sunday 12th November at 10:00
**REMEMBRANCE
SUNDAY**

Join us to remember those who
gave their lives for our freedom



Sunday 19th November at 10:00
SHOEBOX SUNDAY

Bring a shoebox full of goodies
to church for a child who
would otherwise have nothing
this Christmas



Saturday 25th November
10:00-14:00

CHRISTMAS FAIR

in aid of the Kenyan Street
Children Fund. Phone Len on
020 8590 8815 for details





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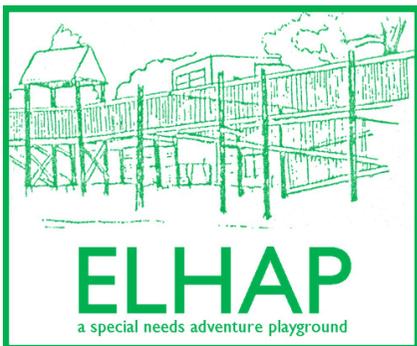
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St Paul's hosts a very special Concert.....

On 17th June ELHAP held a Summer Concert at St Paul's.



Natural Voices Choirs 'as seen on 'BBC's Don't Tell The Bride' gathered their youth and adult choirs for 45 fun-packed minutes of popular songs with singers from 5 to 85 at St Paul's Church. All proceeds went to ELHAP, a local Charity working to brighten the lives of Children and Adults with disabilities through their Play-schemes and projects. It was a beautiful summer evening and St Paul's Church was the perfect setting for what turned out to be a high energy evening. The audience made the most of the opportunity to sing along to many of the numbers and some of the ELHAP service users performed 'Singing in the Rain' alongside the choir much to the delight of the audience. There was also a very successful raffle with some much-coveted prizes such as paintballing tickets catching the interest of many of the younger choir members. The concert was a beautiful example of our community: a local choir, St Paul's and a local charity all coming together and raising nearly £1000 for a very worthy cause. To find out more about ELHAP or make a donation go to: <http://www.elhap.org.uk/> .

It's SHOEBOX

Sunday 19th November

Yes - it is that time of year again when we start to think of the birth of Jesus and our good fortune.

Since Operation Christmas Child started in 1990, 124 million shoeboxes have been made. For many years St Paul's has been proud to produce shoeboxes to go to countries in need. With exception and our service will be held on Sunday 19th November at 10.00am.

But shoeboxes don't just happen, that's your bit. It really is very easy to get started. Step 1. Find a medium-size empty shoebox and wrap the box and lid separately. Bring to church on Sunday morning from 17th September.

Step 2. Select an age range 2-4, 5-9 or 1-14 and decide girl or boy and attach a name tag. Step 3. Fill with gifts. Fun toys, hygiene items and school supplies. If you have a doll or a deflated football with a pump.

Step 4. Make your donation. This year a donation of £5 per box is being sought to cover the 17 countries to which shoeboxes are sent. It also covers training for the volunteers and the 'Greatest Gift' stories, and finally it resurfaces the project materials.

Step 5. Bring your box to church on 19th November and be part of the celebration. It's a simple shoebox.

Because of where the boxes travel and the conditions in which the recipients live, avoid items such as toy guns, play soldiers or knives, chocolate or other food items, hand-made or knitted stuffed toys, anything of a political, racial or religious nature, playing cards of the four suit variety, clothing other than hat, scarf, gloves or cap.

I understand that the cost of completing a shoebox might be an expense to you. **September there will be a box at the back of church for you to put items in.** A bar of soap all that is asked that ALL items are new and unused.

As always my prayer is that we can make a difference to children's lives and that whether it is war or the desecration of creation. Surely they deserve a chance.

Yours in Christ, **Jill Leonard** Jill Leonard, Pastoral Assistant and

TIME!
at 10.00a.m.



and all that He has given us and we remember those who do not share

have been distributed to children in need. The need continues today and children many of whom have never had a present. This year is no a.m.

get involved;

separately in bright coloured paper, or collect a pre-printed shoebox from

attach label to box.

can, include one or two special items you know a child will love such as a

suggested to cover the costs of collection, processing, shipping to one of the local churches who help with the distribution of the boxes and running

celebration as we share the wonderful news of Jesus through the gift of a

items find themselves **please do not either pack or donate** war-related items, liquids or lotions of any type including bubbles, medicines, as nature, sharp objects, glass containers, mirrors or fragile items, playing

so far but that does not exclude you from taking part. **From Sunday 17th items into towards the packing of boxes.** Whether it is a toothbrush or a

again this year. Children are the innocent victims of the actions of adults chance to smile and know that someone, somewhere thought of them.

and Authorised Local Preacher



For a couple of weeks in July the 2017 Para Athletics took place at the Olympic stadium in Stratford. With my contacts at the Olympic stadium, I was able to be a chaplain to all the athletes, staff and visitors to the games. It was amazing to watch people overcome their disabilities and perform at such a high level; it was a very humbling experience and I felt very privileged to be involved.

Alan.

Good News!

THE
Messenger



Is your business 'Good News'? You can spread it here!

Advertise in the next edition -
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Memorial Service Sunday 15th October at 4.00pm



This year's Memorial Service will be on Sunday 15th October at 4.00pm in St Paul's. As in the past, names will be read and candles lit. It is a time for quiet reflection and remembrance.

This year the names will be a completely new list – this is necessary as the list grows each year and needs to be kept relevant.

Please take time out to come and join us and remember. You will be very welcome and after there will be tea and biscuits and time to talk and share experiences.

In order that we can arrange sufficient candles and have a list of names to be remembered it would be helpful if you could fill out and return the tear off slip at the bottom of the page to me by

Sunday 1st October

at church,

or by post to 29 Regency Close, Chigwell, IG7 5NY,

or by email at jillianleonard@virginmedia.com ,

or call me - 07778 013047.

Jill Leonard

Pastoral Assistant and Authorised Local Preacher

Name of the deceased

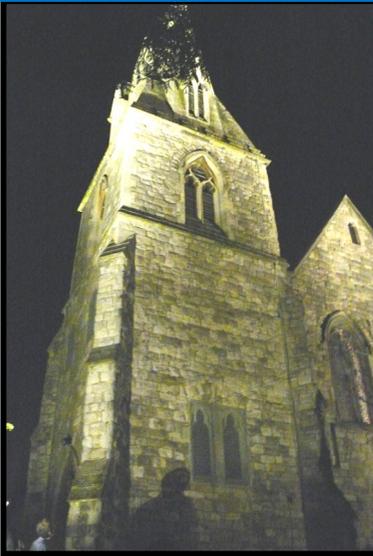
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Requested by

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Relationship to the deceased

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Contact telephone number

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St PAUL'S SPIRELIGHT TESTIMONIALS



September

- 1st Arthur Gregory WW1
Nicola and Andrew Lee
- 2nd Emily Hodges
- 3rd Richard and Alison
Hodges
George Penny WW1
- 4th Mary and Jim Lacy
Carlo Langdell
- 5th Edith Violet Collins
Joseph Underwood WW1
- 6th Roger Langdell
Arthur Wix WW1
- 7th Matthew Burke
William Hall and
Iris Walker
- 9th Arthur Ord, Fred Dawson
- 13th Iris Clarke
- 14th Harry Brown WW1
- 15th Mary Holloway
Horace Litchfield WW1
William George Hall
- 18th Pam and George
Varughese
Sidney Townsend Allen
- 19th Alexis Jane Sims
- 23rd Frederick Poole WW1
- 28th Wendy Longstaff

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

October

- 2nd Matilda Pierce
- 3rd Joseph Kenneth Bright
- 4th Kevin Downey
- 5th Kenneth Elgar
- 9th Albert and Eileen
Perfect
- 10th Gladys Ord
- 11th Herbert (Tom) Barlow -
died
- 12th Albert Evans WW1
- 15th Corban Hodges
- 17th Herbert (Tom) Barlow -
Birthday
Maurice Sparke
Ernest Herring WW1
- 21st Elle Hiscott, Ben Savage
- 22nd Charles Harrup WW1
- 23rd Mark Rebbeck
- 27th Sidney Gregory WW1
Peter Poulton
- 28th George Newman
- 30th Karen Hall
- 31st Lee Savage
Charles Reeves WW1

November

- 2nd Daniel Burke, Reginald
Sander, Dorothy Moss
- 4th John and Mary Wooden
Alan Bird WW1
- 6th Robert Foster WW1
- 7th Olive Glover
Roger Sparke
- 8th Ian Rumble
- 9th Rose Aldorino
- 10th John Witham WW1
- 13th David Andrew Savage
- 17th George Jackman WW1
- 21st Edith Wood
- 22nd Bertram Moyer WW1
- 24th George Wright WW1
Karen Hall
- 26th Brian Stevens
- 28th Alfred Newman
Beatrice Hall
Alex Shephard WW1
- 29th Percy Green WW1
- 30th Ben Park
Otto Mark WW1

**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 - 16 booked for 2017, already 6 for 2018 and even 1 for 2019 - and we can offer support before, during and after the 'big day'.



FUNERALS
Saying goodbye to a loved one is never 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
on 020 8506 0662**

Baptisms this autumn.....

On Sundays at 12:00

17th September

Larella and Javan Williams-Brown

15th October

Callum Johnstone



Weddings this autumn.....

9th September 14:00

Matthew Granger and Jemma Rose

16th September 13:30

Harrison Shirt and Jade Collingham

23rd September 13:00

**Scott Minchin and
Suzanne McDermott**

23rd September 15:00

**Kunle Abidakun and
Sheena Irvine- Adebayo**

3rd October 13:30

Adam Gill and Shelby Tebbett



**Please, please, please
don't park on the
Church Drive at these
times
leave it clear for the
Bride and the guests!**



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