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**Good  
News!**

**in this  
BUMPER issue**

**THE  
Messenger**



**IT'S ALL HAPPENING  
AT ST. PAUL'S – SEE INSIDE  
FOR DETAILS.**

**from YOUR ST PAUL'S  
Autumn 2018**



**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, Memorial, Remembrance and  
Shoebox Services, Holiday Club,  
Rummage Sale and Christmas Fair

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# Where do YOU want to sit?



I wonder where you best like to sit when you go to a theatre or concert hall? I've recently been to the Edinburgh Festival Fringe, and I noticed that most people who get to a venue early enough scramble to get seats on the front row. Very different from the behaviour at our Sunday church services! We also behave differently when we go for a meal at someone's home. We'd normally take the seat which our host chooses for us.

The gospels mention an occasion when Jesus was having a meal in the house of a prominent Pharisee. He noticed how the guests selected their seats at the meal, with the most important people sitting near the host, while others were relegated to seats further away, where nobody would notice them. This attitude of pushing forward in human society was also reflected in the behaviour of those who wanted to show others how holy and important they were through their religious practices, thus earning them a higher status before people and a place closer to God – or so they thought.

Jesus asked them to imagine a man who seized the number-one place at a party, next to the host. When someone more important than he arrived at the last minute, he had to give way to the real VIP, and the only seat he could find was among the hoi polloi, while everybody sniggered at him behind their hands, because the arrogant man had been humiliated. The people who were at dinner with Jesus must have quickly realized the joke was on them.

Jesus was presenting them with a new way of looking at things. Human society teaches us to push our way to the top of the pile and fight for our own reputation. The kingdom of God, in contrast, works in opposition to this attitude. It teaches that if we surrender our lives before God he will lift us up – but if we try to make ourselves bigger before God, he will put us in our place. *“For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”*

***Ola.***

## Baptisms this Autumn.....

On Sundays at 12:00



23rd September **Charlotte McKenna**

**Rose McKenna**

30th September **Isobel Denman**

## Weddings this Autumn.....



14th September **Stephan Ho Wing**

**Cheong and Zoe Pyneeandy**

29th September **George Langton and**

**Stacey Skull**

# Harvest FESTIVAL



St Paul's All Age Worship

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> October**

**at 10:00**

**All-Age Family**

**Harvest Festival Service**

**Come and give thanks for all you enjoy - and  
bring a gift which will be shared between  
Redbridge Food Bank and  
Mill Grove Children's Home.**

# Memorial Service Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> October at 4.00pm



This year's Memorial Service will be on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

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 30<sup>th</sup> September.**

at church,  
or by post to 29 Regency Close, Chigwell, IG7 5NY,  
or by email at [jillianleonard@virginmedia.com](mailto:jillianleonard@virginmedia.com) ,  
or call me - 07778 013047.

Your details will be kept securely until the list is renewed in 2019.

***Jill Leonard***

Pastoral Assistant and Authorised Local Preacher

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Name of the deceased

.....  
Requested by

.....  
Relationship to the deceased

.....  
Contact telephone number

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# Holiday Club 2018

## Cities of the Bible

Our Summer Holiday Club was based around events which took place in different cities of the Bible. The children enjoyed stories, games and craft activities based around each day's theme.



Making a Roman centurion



Wearing our "listening ears"



Decorating biscuits colouring, cutting and sticking was popular!



Telling the story of Paul and Silas



Displaying our craft activities

The next Holiday Club –  
Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 10:00-12:00  
in the Church Hall  
All Primary School children welcome!

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> October**  
**10:00-12:00**

# **Rummage Sale**

**in the Church Hall  
in aid of the Kenyan  
Street Children Feeding Programme**  
**Contact Len (020 8590 8815)**



**Join us at  
10:00  
on  
Sunday**

**11<sup>th</sup> November  
to mark exactly  
100 years since the ending of  
World War I and to remember all  
who have died in war.**



## *Alan Bolding – St. Paul's Curate - and also a Sports Chaplain!*



During my selection for ordination I was interviewed by five vicars, one being the chaplain to West Ham United FC (WHUFC). The interview took place at the start of a game at the Upton Park ground, we were walking round the pitch with the crowd singing and the players warming up. At the end of the game he said that he would recommend that I go forward for ordination.

A year after I was ordained I was invited to become the chaplain to WHUFC along with being chaplain to Woodford Green Athletic club with Essex Ladies (WGEL). It was easy to accept the position to be chaplain to WHUFC as my first football match was at Upton Park in 1947 and the club was always close to my heart.

Being a lover of both athletics and football the involvement I have at each of these clubs is perfect. Although the ministry is the same, the approach is very different. At WGEL the athletes train on their own or in small groups, they don't usually come together so I need to train with them to get alongside and get to know them whereas with WHUFC they train as a group, and also change and eat as a group, so it's much easier to get to know them. It is only as I have got to know each player and have built up a relationship with them that I have been able to minister to them. I consider myself Chaplain to the whole of West Ham United, this includes all staff and management. When I first took over as chaplain I needed to find a way of getting a higher profile within each club.

At WGEL I moved around training with a number of groups getting to know them. I was invited to join with a group of young sprinters as I found I didn't have the stamina to go long distances. The training was hard at first but as I got fitter I enjoyed it more but still found it hard going.



The club then suggested I should enter a race. I chose the Southern Counties 200 meters veterans 65/70, and won a gold medal. At WGEL they love winners so it gave my profile in the club a big lift. I then put the club in touch with a charity who gave them £3000.00 to go towards outfitting the warm up room; and then my profile went sky high within the club. On the pastoral side I was in touch with and have made a prison visit to a young athlete who was involved with the riots in Tottenham a couple of years ago.

At WHUFC it took a bit longer but the opportunities came when some staff and players asked me if I would take a service of Holy Communion and hear their confessions. This came at a time when I thought I was not being very effective as a chaplain, but God is so gracious.

I spend one day a week at WHUFC usually each Friday, where I visit the Stadium in Stratford, I'm there for about one and half hours, there are about fifty or so people working at the Stadium on a daily basis. I then go on to the training ground at Rush Green for a few hours.



When sports people are injured they will try anything in order to get fit again so when I offer to pray for healing with them it is accepted readily by athletes and football players. Word gets around and staff have started asking me to pray, not only for healing but for various situations in their lives. At WHUFC Players and staff have also approached me regarding services for marriage and baptism. At the training ground and Stadium I have had some amazing discussions about life and religious belief as we eat lunch together and in the changing and treatment rooms.

The move to the new stadium has brought a number of challenges to all involved, fans, staff and players but my approach has stayed the same.

People say to me how many people attend your church? I say it depends who we are playing and on a good day it could be 60,000!

# It's SHOEBOX

Sunday 18th November at 10

Yes - it is that time of year again when we start to think of the birth of Jesus and all the love that surrounds it. Last year 678,942 messages of love were sent to children in 13 countries. This year our service to show our love for them will be held on **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> November at 10**

Let me share a story of child receiving a shoebox in 2017:

*'Silvana comes from an extremely poor family, and her mother couldn't afford to buy her a school bag. Silvana had always dreamed of having one, especially as she saw all the children in the schoolyard beside herself with delight to find a big pencil case full of beautiful coloured pencils*

But shoeboxes don't just happen, that's your bit. It really is very easy to get involved.

**Step 1.** Find a medium-size empty shoebox and wrap the box and lid separately in paper. Bring to church on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> September.

**Step 2.** Select an age range 2-4, 5-9 or 11-14, decide girl or boy and attach label to the box.

**Step 3.** Fill with gifts. Fun toys, hygiene items and school supplies. If you can, include a small, deflated football with a pump.

**Step 4.** Make your donation. This year a donation of £5 per box is being suggested (for the shoebox). Long before shoeboxes arrive, local volunteer teams train church and group members. 100 teams of volunteers equip more than 9,000 churches and groups using well-organised distributions and also outlines the story of Jesus in colourful pictures. The story of Jesus about Jesus in a loving way that respects local culture. Where possible, churches use their own language.

**Step 5.** Bring your box to church on 18<sup>th</sup> November and be part of the celebration and service.

Because of where the boxes travel and the conditions in which the recipients find them, please do not include guns, play soldiers or knives, chocolate or other food items, liquids or lotions of any kind, items of a political, racial or religious nature, sharp objects, glass containers, mirrors or fragile items, hats, gloves or cap (it can be cold at night even in hot countries!).

I understand that the cost of completing a shoebox might be an expense too far for some.

**From Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> September there will be a box at the back of church for you to use.** If you have 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 again this year. Please let us know somewhere thought of them.

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

# TIME!

10.00a.m.



that He has given us and we remember those who do not share our good fortune. There is no exception shoeboxes will be travelling to yet more needy children and 10.00a.m.

Buy her a pencil case with coloured pencils and felt-tip pens for the first day of school for other kids who had pencil cases. When she opened her shoebox, she was surprised by the pencils and felt-tip pens'

ed;

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

to box. These with a leaflet will be available with the boxes.

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

and (if you donate on-line please remember to put the receipted slip in your filled shoebox) and community leaders who want to share God's love with children in need. Over 1000 Ministry Partner Guides – a 36-page resource which helps partners lead safe, effective Bible studies. Wherever it's appropriate, partners use these to tell the children about Jesus. Children are also offered 'The Greatest Gift', an exciting Bible-story booklet written

as we share the wonderful news of Jesus through the gift of a simple shoebox.

themselves **please do not either pack or donate** war-related items such as toy guns, any type including bubbles, medicines, hand-made or knitted stuffed toys, anything fragile items, playing cards of the four suit variety, clothing **other** than hat, scarf,

for some but that does not exclude you from taking part.

**to put items into towards the packing of boxes.** Whether it is a toothbrush

year. Surely every child deserves a chance to smile and know that someone,

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**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November**  
**10:00-14:00**  
**in Church and the Church Halls**



**At the beginning of September we already have 20 craft stalls booked in Church and only 4 spaces left!**  
**Contact Len (020 8590 8815) if you want to book a stall.**  
**It will be a big event - Father Christmas will be with us again.**  
**We're supporting the Kenyan Street Children Feeding Fund - see you there!**



Each week I take unperishable food, toiletries, soft drinks/water etc. to the foodbank.

In June I also took a cheque for £200 which St Paul's Church and the Lighthouse Church supplied. Many thanks to all who donated! You have helped many people in need in our Borough.



## **Redbridge Voluntary Care**

Our Volunteers have been busy helping people who live in Redbridge and have nobody else to turn to. We do this by collecting prescriptions, doing shopping, escorting to appointments, transporting to appointments, taking out in wheelchairs, visiting, sitting with someone whilst their carer goes out for a few hours, reading to the blind, doing handyman jobs in the home and collecting pensions.

We had our annual commissioning service on the 2<sup>nd</sup> May at St. John Vianney Church, where our Volunteers rededicated themselves to the work of Voluntary Care.

On the 13<sup>th</sup> May we had our annual Drive-Out for our clients. They were picked up from home and taken for a drive around the countryside for a couple of hours, then taken to Holy Trinity Church in Barkingside for tea/coffee, sandwiches, sausage rolls, cakes etc. before being taken home. It was a lovely sunny day and a good time was had by all!

We will be having our annual Quiz evening on the 8<sup>th</sup> September at St Paul's Church Woodford Bridge which is a good fundraising evening enjoyed by our volunteers and friends.

***Vera Hunt***



## Ava Mohamed (aged 3) writes ....

St Paul's Christian Playgroup is such a wonderful place  
Fun, music and learning  
And I love it at parties when Jan paints my face!

So much time on the arts and crafts table is spent  
I concentrate on all of my pictures  
Mummy said she's not quite sure where all my paintings went

Early morning we gather for carpet time  
Singing songs and doing signs  
My God is so Great is my favourite rhyme

Dressing up is great – so much choice!  
Pretty dresses are my favorite and  
Pretending to be a Princess is when you'll hear my voice!

“Hop little bunny, hop, hop hop!”  
I love when we sing songs with John  
I hop so much, I think I might pop!

Playgroup hosts parties for all of the children  
I always want to win at the raffle and  
Katie paints nails and puts sparkles on them

Angela, my key person is very special to me  
She's so kind and so lovely  
And taught me how to be, ME!!

I'm always asking questions and “Why”?  
Needing to know more and more  
My teachers roll their eyes up to the sky

I love getting wet at the water table  
But the Playgroup joggers I won't wear – no, no, no!  
It is just something I am not able

I am going to miss everyone here  
But will always have my memories  
I am sure when I leave my mummy and me will shed a tear

Thank you for caring for me so wonderfully  
And for showing me love, unconditionally.

**"RURAL WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION"**  
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'The Rural Women and Child Development Organization' was founded in 2014 by Surya Madhavi (Madhu), one of St Paul's congregation, is based in Visakhapatnam. In February we sent £120 and in June £205 to help support the work Madhu is doing. Madhu visited India in June to see the schools and to help some of the children whilst she was there.



Kartik, 15 years old, was born as a disabled child. In May he had an operation on his right leg. In August he had another operation, this time on his left leg. We are supporting his operation and his monthly medical expenditure.



Srinu suffers with a mental disorder. His mother is an agricultural labourer and a single mum. Madhu gave him some money to buy some clothes. She is planning to give some money every month.

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## 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

## 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

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St Paul's  
Spire!**

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

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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  
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for a  
Dedication  
Form - or  
drop into  
the Sunday  
Service at  
10:00**

- 12th Albert Evans WW1
- 15th Corban Hodges
- 17th Herbert (Tom) Barlow –  
Birthday  
Maurice Sparke
- 20th 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 Sanders  
Dorothy Moss
- 4th John and Mary Wooden  
Alan Bird WW1
- 6th Robert Foster WW1
- 7th Olive Glover  
Roger Sparke
- 8th Ian Rumble  
Mary Warway
- 9th Rose Aldorino
- 10th John Witham WW1
- 13th David Andrew Savage
- 14th Revd John Andrew Tibbs
- 17th George Jackman WW1
- 21st Edith Wood
- 22nd Bertram Moyler 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 - we are already taking bookings for 2020 - 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  
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