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**Good  
News!**

**in this  
ISSUE!**

# THE Messenger



***“If no one plays  
second, we have  
no harmony.”  
(Leonard Bernstein)***

**from YOUR ST PAUL'S  
Autumn 2019**



**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 -**

Praise Services, Breathing Spaces,  
All-age Harvest Service,  
Confirmation Service,  
Woodford Singers Concert,  
Memorial Service, Holiday Club,  
Remembrance Sunday, Shoebox Sunday,  
Christmas Fair.



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# Second Fiddle



An admirer once asked the orchestra conductor Leonard Bernstein what was the most difficult instrument to play. He said, "Second fiddle." He went on to say, "I can get plenty of first violinists, but to find one who plays second violin with as much enthusiasm or second French horn or second flute, now that's a problem. And yet if no one plays second, we have no harmony."

In our society it's often those at the front, who present the 'end-product', who get recognition, rather than those who work in the background to help make things happen. Yet without those folk playing their part in the background, the end-product couldn't take place.

In the last chapter of his letter to the Romans, Paul lists about two dozen men and women to whom he sends greetings. Although we know little about them, they were likely to be the folk who worked in the background, assisting and building up the early church. Their work was invaluable to Paul and they used the gifts God had given them even when they went unnoticed.

There are many folk in church who work for God unseen in the background, but the contribution they make is valuable to God and of enormous help to our church life.

During the next month or so many churches – including St Paul's – will be holding a Harvest Festival service. Whilst the idea of harvest is somewhat obscure for those of us who live in a city, we could at least stop to think and to thank God for all those who've worked unseen to bring us our food – before it even reached the shops.

There are many people who work in our local community; they are often in the background, enabling things to run smoothly. They tend to be un-thanked and unnoticed until things go wrong and we find something to complain about.

We can thank God for all those who are willing to play 'second fiddle'. They are the ones who help to bring richness and harmony to our lives.

*Ola.*

**15th September  
at 18:00  
17th November  
at 17:00**



**28th September  
and  
26th October  
10:00-12:30**



**6th October  
at 10:00**



**13th October  
at 17:00**



**19th October  
at 19:00**



**20th October  
at 16:00**

Memorial  
Service



**21st October  
from 10:00-12:00**



**10th November  
at 10:00**

Remembrance  
Sunday



**17th November  
at 10:00**



**30th November  
from 10:00 - 14:00**



breathing  
space

# Breathing Space

**St Paul's Church is offering rest and quiet in a busy world from 10:00 -12:30 on the last Saturday of each month.**

**You will be more than welcome - without any pressure - to pop in for some peace and quiet in a busy world.**

**Refreshments will be available, and someone will be there to talk with you if you want to.**



**ST PAUL'S CHURCH, WOODFORD BRIDGE**

*What's the  
Bible for?*

*Just  
looking?*

*Hungry for  
more?*

*Where to  
start?*

*Unanswered questions  
of life and faith?*

**LET'S EXPLORE  
TOGETHER ....**

**Wednesday evenings  
19:45 – 21:00  
Gwynne Park Avenue  
(off Manor Rd  
by Hallmark Prince Regent Hotel)**

**Further details: Esther & Peter  
[emccafferty@talk21.com](mailto:emccafferty@talk21.com)**

# Memorial Service

## Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October

### at 4.00pm



This year's Memorial Service will be on Sunday 20<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 29<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 2020.

***Jill Leonard***

Pastoral Assistant and Authorised Local Preacher

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Name of the deceased

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Requested by

.....

Relationship to the deceased

.....

Contact telephone number

.....

# Strictly Come Signing Competition



In the Spring term the children were invited by the Borough to participate in a 'Strictly Come Signing' competition. This involved the children not only learning the words to a brand new song but also the sign language to accompany it - as well as an old favourite, Mr Noah.

Throughout the Spring and Summer terms the children worked very hard learning both the words and the signs to our chosen songs and decorated T-shirts in their own unique way, to wear for the filming of their entry. We were all so proud when it was announced that we had been chosen as finalists for our entry of 'Mr Noah'.



The children had great fun giving a live performance to the judges on 12th June 2019 and shortly afterwards we were announced as the winners !!!! The judges visited the children and presented them with a 'Winners' Trophy and some books. Each child was also given a special certificate for their 'OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE'.



# St Paul's Mothers' Union

The Mothers' Union is open to everyone supportive of Christian family life and meets at St. Paul's Church on the first Tuesday of each month from 7:30p.m. to 9:30p.m.. You will be most welcome to come to our meetings.

## St Paul's Mothers' Union Programme 2019-20

**September** Gill Haslam's friend Lesley will be telling us about Bloodwise, a medical charity, and selling copies of her recipe book.

**October** Lee Taylor of Chingford church will be telling us about experiences in Kenya.

**November** Our own Esther and Peter will be leading our evening with worship and conversation, helping us to know them better.

**December** Yvonne's famous Christmas Party. Beware the dingbats but enjoy the food and convivial company.

**January** Always a time for a quiet post-Christmas reflection. For this month only we meet at 2:00p.m. in the afternoon.

**February** The month of our AGM, a time when we are aware of our Deanery and Diocesan links.

**March** (in planning) A look at the labyrinth teaching about Easter that Roding School pupils receive as they visit the church.

**April** An Easter reflection, keeping us focussed on the true nature of our faith.

**May** is yet to be planned.

**June** with Rosemary and Ian.

**July** for High Tea at a chosen location.

That's the year ahead!

*Len and Yvonne.*



**Saturday 30th November**  
**from 10:00 - 14:00**  
**in Church and the Church Halls**

Both our Summer and Christmas Fairs raise money for the Street Children Feeding Project in Utugi, Kenya. As a result of the Summer Fair, Sunday sales from Len's garden and some donations we were able to send £4000 to support the Feeding Project. The Revd. Phyllis Kibira has sent her thanks and the following information.

Sometimes the number of children may increase or decrease as the street children live a nomadic life. The average number in the six centres and the cost of feeding them one meal are ....

<b>PLACE</b>	<b>NUMBER OF CHILDREN</b>	<b>TOTAL COST STERLING</b>
Kagumo	20	£16
Kerugoya	10	£8
Kutus	50	£40
Ngurubani	30	£24
Makutano	20	£16
Sagana	20	£16
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>£120</b>

One meal costs 80 pence but depending on climatic conditions shortage of food can cause drastic rises in the cost of food.

Thanks for all you support - see you at the Christmas Fair!

# It's SHOEBOX

Sunday 17th November

## Operation Christmas

As I sit writing this the temperature outside is 32C and I'm finding it rather needles are at the ready to start on hats, mittens and scarves.

We might be enjoying a hot Bank Holiday weekend but the shops are already with those large tubs of sweets so many are addicted to. So next time you and think about a child as far away as Mongolia for whom a shoebox contains education but also the chance to learn about the most important person in



Last year 10.8million shoeboxes were distributed giving children the chance to join "The Greatest Journey" and change a person's life.

Packing a shoebox is easy. Either you can pack small items for a child (I will have leaflets with you) or you can collect a shoebox and leaflet from me in Cambridge on 17th November.

Because of new regulations imposed on Christmas cards and sweets are no longer acceptable in shoeboxes, books and flannels are still a good idea along with toys like cars, a ball, skipping rope etc along with information cards.

Once packed bring it along to our All Age Service on Sunday you will be very welcome.

Blessings

# BOX TIME!

ember at 10.00a.m.

## Christmas Child 2019

hard to think about Christmas but needs must. Knitters I hope your

ready starting on the back to school offers and gearing up for Christmas  
you are shopping please look out for those school items that are on offer  
gaining such shiny new items might not only open the opportunity for an  
our lives JESUS.

distributed all round the world and each box carried an added bonus with it –  
and learn about the love of Jesus and the difference he can make to a

you can take a medium size shoebox cover it with wrapping paper and fill with  
with suggestions in Church from Sunday 29th September) or you can  
church after the morning service on the same Sunday until Sunday 10th

operation Christmas Child this year I have been advised that toothpaste  
shoeboxes so please don't include them but toothbrushes, wrapped soap  
school items of notebooks, pens, pencils and toys such as matchbox  
items such as a scarf, gloves or woolly hat may all be included.

Service on Sunday 17th November 2019 at 10.00a.m. -

ings, **Jill.**

# Holiday Club 2019

## Marvellous Meals!

Our Summer Holiday Club was based around some of the meals described in the Bible. The children enjoyed stories, games and craft activities based around each day's 'meal'.



Making 'manna'



The Passover



A giant quail



Food art



Decorating fish



The feeding of  
the 5,000

**The next Holiday Club –  
Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October 10:00 – 12:00  
in the Church Hall.  
All Primary School children welcome!**



in for a penny,  
in for a pound



## *St Paul's Toilet Fund*

*We need your help .....*

At the moment we have no toilets in the church building - the nearest are at the bottom of the churchyard in the church hall. This is very inconvenient for baptisms, weddings, funerals, our other church Services and social activities beneficial to the local community.

So we're planning to have two toilet cubicles, one fully accessible for mobility impaired users, installed in church at a cost of around £80,000 - costing this much largely because the church building hasn't got a sewer pipe outlet and the nearest connection for one to be laid is at the church hall.

*How you can help us .....*

1. make a Bank Transfer donation to Barclays, Woodford Broadway Branch sort code 20-52-74 account no. 10775215
2. put your donation in a blue gift-aid envelope available in church and mark it 'Toilet' (cheques payable to ST. PAUL'S PCC)
3. contact St. Paul's Treasurer Len Stevens [Lenstevens9@aol.com](mailto:Lenstevens9@aol.com) for further information.



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Toilet Fund*



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For further information contact Churchwarden Paul Malam [paul.malam@gmail.com](mailto:paul.malam@gmail.com) or 'phone 07803 278365.



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# Sponsored Walk



## *St Paul's Toilet Fund*

In September Peter Hammond will be doing a Sponsored Walk to Chelmsford Cathedral in aid of our Toilet Fund.

Sponsor Forms are at the back of church or contact him at [inforapenny@myphone.coop](mailto:inforapenny@myphone.coop)



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in for a pound



## *St Paul's Toilet Fund*



**Saturday 19th October  
at 19:00**

**The  
Woodford  
Singers**



**THE WOODFORD SINGERS  
in Concert at St. Paul's**  
including refreshments  
No admission charge but  
donations to the Toilet Fund welcome on the night



## St. Paul's at work in the community

I would like to thank all those of you who leave non-perishable food etc. on the Foodbank windowsill in church week by week.

However lately there is not so much being brought in and the Foodbanks are getting more and more people going to them because they are unable to manage on their benefits. I'm sure we are all feeling the pinch with all the Government cutbacks, but can I please ask you to consider buying one extra item each week to put on the Foodbank window sill. If you would prefer to offer a small amount of money instead I will be happy to receive it as any money given to the Foodbank is used to purchase any items they are running out of.

Those of you who do bring articles in have allowed me to take into the Foodbank tinned fish, meats, fruit, vegetables, custard, jams, marmalade, peanut butter and chocolate spread, tea, coffee, sugar, biscuits, cakes, cereals, jellies, spaghetti, rice, pasta, fruit juices, fizzy drinks, toiletries such as soap both solid and liquid, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorants for men and women, shavers, sanitary products and baby products. Also on the 23<sup>rd</sup> June I was able to take a cheque for £250 to them as well.

Please include the Foodbanks in your prayers as they do a marvellous job, and also pray for those families that have to resort to asking them for food etc. in order to feed themselves. We have so much to be grateful for ourselves!

If you would like to contribute you can bring any of the items mentioned above into church before or after the 10:00 Sunday Service or at any other time when the church is open.

**Vera.**

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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

## October

- 2nd Matilda Pierce
- 3rd Joseph Kenneth Bright
- 4th Kevin Downey
- 5th Kenneth Elgar
- 9th Albert and Eileen Perfect

## 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

- 10th Gladys Ord
- 11th Herbert (Tom) Barlow - died
- 12th Albert Evans - WW1
- 15th Corban Hodges
- 16th Marrianne Stevens
- 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  
Mollie McCafferty
- 28th Alfred Newman  
Beatrice Hall  
Alex Shephard WW1
- 29th Percy Green WW1
- 30th Ben Park  
Otto Mark WW1

We presently have 262 names covering 181 days of the year - three days short of having half the year covered! It's now free to add names to the journal and it would be great to have a name for every day, so only 184 days to go!

## **Baptisms this Autumn.....**

**on Sundays at 12:00**



8th September  
15th September

**Rubie Marguerite  
Kirsty McDonald  
Harry Rock  
Delilah Rock**



## **Weddings this Autumn.....**

14th September at 14:00

**Robert Taylor and  
Amber Edwards**

18th October at 13:00

**Olalekan Ibrahim and  
Ehinon Ihoeghinlan**



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

# 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

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contact Vicar Ola Franklin  
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