



Good News!

in this issue

THE Messenger



OR



**from YOUR ST PAUL'S
Summer 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
(except in August)

Seniors' Coffee

First Thursday of each month at 10:00

Special events -

Praise Services, Summer Fair,
Children's Holiday Club Week
and All-age Communion Service



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Holidays from Hell!



How do you manage to arrange a family holiday if one likes the countryside while the other prefers the sea? What do you do when one likes cities and sightseeing and the other likes a quiet stroll and a drink by the pool? Perhaps, in the words of an old song: "And so rather than do either, you do something else that neither likes at all!"

If you've ever seen the TV programme called *Holidays from Hell*, you'll be aware of all the things which could go wrong during a journey to your dream destination: losing your luggage; having your holiday ruined by poor weather; being delayed by transport problems; a diversion to a different destination; or arriving to find that they haven't yet finished building your hotel!

Apart from that last problem, all those things happened to St. Paul on his journey to Rome, as you can read in Acts chapters 27 and 28 – although he was going off to a trial rather than a pleasure trip. He was travelling with his friend Luke, who wrote the book of Acts.

Imagine the postcard Luke might have written:

"Surprise! Have been diverted to Malta following a shipwreck. Lost our luggage. Weather cold and wet; hotel unavailable. Paul got bitten by a snake but is okay. Wish you were here."



Now that the holiday season is here, some folk really need the July/August period to cease from the usual round of activities and to take a rest; others are disappointed when everything seems to close down. Hopefully, this summer folk can enjoy the best of both worlds – a chance to take a break from many of the regular activities and also a chance to do something different.

As members of God's family, we learn to live with and celebrate our different characters, tastes and preferences in our journey together. Our different gifts and personalities are meant to enrich the life of the church and the wider community; they help us to express ourselves in worship and service. We have much to learn from one another, and we have many opportunities to try things which are new or different. Happy holidays!

Ola.

**16th June,
21st July and
18th August at
18:00**



**22nd June
10:00-14:00
SUMMER FAIR**



**29th July -
2nd August
10:00-12:00
HOLIDAY CLUB
WEEK**



**Sunday 4th August
at 10:00
ALL-AGE FAMILY
COMMUNION**



**St Paul's Church
Woodford Bridge**

10:00-14:00
Saturday 22nd June

Summer Fair

**In the church and the church halls
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**Details from Len on
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Friday 2nd August**

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space**

**on the last
Saturday
of every month**

St. Paul's Church offering rest and quiet in a busy world

We're all familiar with today's pace of life — our 24/7 existence. We know that stress can be devastating. We feel pressure to achieve in all walks of life. What can we do? At the end of each month take a little while out.

St. Paul's Church will be open for you - to think or pray quietly, or to talk with someone should you want to. Nobody will pressure you in any way.

No Christian belief is necessary - you may be a prayer-resistant atheist but carving meditative spaces into the day certainly has a soothing effect!

Light refreshments will be available, and there will be reading material to help you think or pray should you want to use it. And you may take as long or as little time as you wish.

We look forward to welcoming you from September onwards.

10:00-12:30

on the last Saturday of every month

SPOILER ALERT!



**Operation Christmas Child
SHOEBOX SUNDAY on
Sunday 17th November**

Thank you if you're already thinking of what you can buy to put in your shoebox .. but please note

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Contact Mac macleonard@virginmedia.com
by 1st August to advertise in the Autumn edition.



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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 for further information.



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The joys of British summer!

Bert was sitting lazily, soaking up the sun when Ethel walked right up to him – the shade it spoiled his fun! “You can’t sit there all day” she said, “there’s stuff we have to do.” Bert smiled and thought, “O.K dear wife – I’m sure I love you too!” The weather it was beautiful – Bert thought that ‘stuff’ could wait – the sun would very soon be gone – the British summer’s fate! In what we Brits call ‘summer’ the sun it comes and goes and like as not forget the broly and the rain it soon will flow!

We Brits don’t have a climate – we simply have our weather – whether it will rain or whether rain just harder! But Ethel was insistent – the grass had grown too long and the flowerbeds were growing weeds – it all was very wrong! Bert smiled and walked up to his shed – his place of quiet retreat where he could find some peace and quiet – that was quite a feat! But not today – he had to mow, and extricate those weeds so he found the mower and the hoe to meet dear Ethel’s needs.

But minutes later – guess what happened? The heavens they opened wide, the rain it fell and Bert got wet – he quickly rushed inside his shed to shelter from the rain. He shouted out with all his might, ‘Dear Lord you know I’m trying to help – please do Your watering at night!’ But this is summer – we know so well the trials that it brings. Escape we might to drier climes or try some other things but this is British summer and it’s always rough and smooth so we need to learn to cope with it – and sadly that’s the truth.

The British summer we know so well just wouldn’t be the same - without the ups and downs each day our lives would be so tame! But much more serious is the way our lives reflect our summer – the trials we face as days go by can rumble more than thunder. It’s days like these we need ‘the shed’ – a shelter from the storms – a place where we can catch our breath, find solace in the arms of family and friends. But sometimes they’re not strong enough – we need more strength than even they can give – our life is really rough.

It’s ‘Oh my God – what can I do?’ – often said in desperation - and He is there to listen. When we make Him our foundation we have a guide to help us – His Holy Spirit will be there and whatever the ‘weather’ brings us we can speak with Him in prayer.

St PAUL'S SPIRELIGHT TESTIMONIALS



June

- 1st Joe Medwyn Williams
Gladys and Arthur Ord
Sandra and Keith Assell
Hazel and Tony Dawson
- 6th Meg Potter, Gregory
J Park, Christopher F Park
Dennis Rumble
- 8th Margaret Prodger, Toby
Langdell, Lee Henry Park
- 10th Christine and
Leonard Stone
- 12th John Wooden
- 15th Tony Dawson
- 16th William Anthony Savage
- 17th Elizabeth Ann Hodges
- 19th Roger Langdell
- 20th Joseph Matthew Bright
James Menhinick WW1
- 22nd Thomas Hodges
- 23rd Mark Rebbeck
Lyndsay Barnbrook
- 24th Drew and Zoe Pierce
- 25th Leslie Sparkes
- 27th John Springbett
Thekla Monnerjahn
Sarah Cottrell

July

- 1st Raymond Holcroft (WW1)
Jack Goldsmith (WW1)
- 3rd Gill and Ken Tofts -
wedding anniversary
Alexandra and John
Sullivan
Henry and Alfred Hilton

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

- 4th Gill and Ken Tofts —
birthdays
- 5th John Edmund Trott
- 7th Win and Vic Self
Hazel Wooden
- 13th David Trevitt (WW1)
- 15th Rosemary Matthews
- 16th Ellen Greenwood
Margaret Wiseham
Sarah Cottrell
- 19th Joan Edwards
- 20th Sophia Eloise Ayres
- 21st Grace Ann Burton
- 23rd Sian Grace Sharpling
Karen and Kevin Downey
- 24th Aimee and Nathaniel Ayres
- 27th David and Melanie Hodges
- 28th Fergus Langdell
Georgios Sideras
- 30th Jessica Hall, Rory Langdell
- ## August
- 1st Isabel Cottrell
- 2nd John Stevens
- 3rd Douglas Wooden
- 6th Felicity Bradbeer
- 7th Joan Fuller
- 8th Frederick Barton (WW1)
- 10th Pat and Ken Elgar
- 12th Lt. Daniel John Clack
- 14th Heather and
David Barnbrook
- 15th Arthur Burrows (WW1)
- 16th Anthony Westley
- 17th Ellen Newman
Albert Edward Filer
Peter Filer
David Thompson
- 19th Canon Rodney and
Rosemary Matthews
- 20th Sandra Bateman
Claire Leigh and
Thomas Martin
- 21st Bertie Crisp (WW1)
- 23rd Rose Wright
- 24th John Edward Downey
- 26th Harold Shuttle (WW1)
- 29th John Downey and
Gwenneth Mortimer

Baptisms this Summer..... **on Sundays at 12:00**



16th June **Ellie-Rose
Watson-Johnson**
28th July **Sienna Trimble**
25th August **Phoebe Mason**

Weddings this Summer.....



20th July 16:00 **Brendan Rundle** and
Jemma Beard
27th July 14:00 **Paul Murphy** and
Jenny Beasley
24th August 13:00 **Pirasanthan
Jesugeevegan** and
Thanchila Somananthan
25th August 13:00 **Vincent Blake** and
Joyce Joseph



**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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