

## **NEXT SUNDAY - 13th August 2017**

**10am Open Door** worship service with children's plenary

## **THIS WEEK**

Tues 7.30pm Connect group with Vera

## **FUTURE DATES**

Sun 20th Aug 10am Open Door - children's plenary & adult Holy Communion

Sun 27th Aug 10am Open Door - All Age Worship

Sun 4th Sept 10am Open Door with children's groups, Holy Communion for all ages and commissioning of our children and young people's ministry team

## **FINANCING MAVIS CRISPIN'S MISSION TRIP to RWANDA**

We're seeking to cover the cost of Mavis' trip to Rwanda in September/October during which she will see the Revd David Nahayo, our mission partner; speak at a conference for Christian undergraduates of which David is one of the organisers; and work in a number of Church Primary and Secondary Schools. Her budget is £1,500 which includes return flight to Kigali, internal travel, accommodation, ministry expenses and travel insurance. Donations can be made via: a white giving envelope and writing 'Mavis - Rwanda' on it (if you're a taxpayer, please put your name and address on the envelope so we can claim gift aid which increases your gift by 25p for every £1 given); sending a cheque (payable to St Paul's Finchley PCC) to Ian Stewartson, St Paul's Church, 50 Long Lane, London N3 2PU and indicating that it is for Mavis' trip; making a payment by internet banking and notifying Ian, our treasurer.

## **CONTACTS:**

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# *Welcome to*



## **6 AUGUST 2017**

We extend a **warm welcome** to all who have come to worship. If you are a newcomer, we would encourage you to introduce yourself to the service leader or a member of our welcome team. To help us view **giving** as integral to the Christian life, we usually take an offering during our worship. If you are a visitor, do feel able to pass the offering basket on without contributing.

**10am Open Door** service with Children's plenary and  
All Age Holy Communion

**Theme:** A Woman of Influence

**Bible reading:** Esther 7:1-7; 8:1-7 (page 505)

**Preacher:** Revd Mavis Crispin

**Prayer for today (8th Sunday after Trinity)** *Lord God, your Son left the riches of heaven and became poor for our sake: when we prosper save us from pride, when we are needy save us from despair, that we may trust in you alone; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Please speak to the clergy if you'd like **prayer** for something or someone. There are **toilets** (including an accessible one with baby changing facilities) in the St Paul's Centre as well as in the foyer of the historic church.

## **BIBLE VERSE FOR 2017**

We have chosen Jeremiah 29:11 as a theme for 2017:

"For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the Lord 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future'".

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*Becoming a vibrant and diverse community that is  
rooted in Jesus, growing together and overflowing with God's love.*

### **THIS WEEK'S PRAYER TOPICS**

- The safety and well-being of all those working on the rainwater goods project and for the work to be done to a high standard, to budget and within the planned timescale.
- The economy in South Sudan to stabilise (annual inflation is 362%), for overworked church leaders who need a break and for peace and food security across the country.
- The London Fire Brigade, the NHS and Metropolitan Police service, who work under extreme conditions with care, compassion and professionalism.
- All who belong to St Paul's to enjoy some rest and refreshment over the summer.

### **REFLECTING on TODAY'S BIBLE READING**

www.wordlive.org has a great range of resources to enable further reflection on today's text. Just enter Esther 7: 1-7; 8:1-7 into the search option on the homepage.

### **QUESTIONS to CONSIDER from the BOOK of ESTHER**

1. Esther was taken from nowhere to be queen of a nation. How might she have been tempted to change who she was? What might she have forgotten?
2. Esther's cousin, Mordecai, was a crucial part of her story. Who has played an important part in our stories?
3. What kind of things threaten us as Christians?
4. In the moments where we feel threatened, what might we take from Esther's story as patterns to follow?
5. How can we keep what God has done front and centre in our remembering?

### **SUPPORT OF CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE'S MINISTRY TEAM**

During the first part of Open Door on 3rd September we will commission all the leaders and helpers who serve on our children and young people's ministry team. This is a tangible expression of our commitment to those who work with children and young people and as a way of helping team members express their commitment to the church's ministry to this group who make up 35% of our membership – knowing that such commitment is dependent on God's grace being effective in us through the Holy Spirit.

### **FREE ENTRY to ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL**

We have four passes which allow free entry to the Cathedral. These can be collected from the church office and used when the Cathedral is open to the public.

### **UPDATE on RAINWATER GOODS PROJECT**

The project to replace/refurbish all the gutters and downpipes on the historic church started on 18th July with the erection of scaffolding. The work is due to last 5-6 weeks.

### **READING the NEW TESTAMENT with LEADING EDGE DESIGNERS**

Join the London Institute for Contemporary Christianity and the Bible Society to hear how Rikk Watts, Dean of Theology at Alphacrucis College in Sydney, Australia, an aeronautical engineer - and musician - became a leading New Testament theologian and began seeing Scripture in a radically new paradigm, with significant implications for whole-life discipleship. Date: 6th September, 6:30pm-8:30pm; Venue: LICC, St. Peter's Church, Vere St, London W1G 0DQ; Cost: £10.00. Details and to book see: [www.licc.org.uk/events/work-creativity/](http://www.licc.org.uk/events/work-creativity/)

### **THIS MONTH'S WORLD MISSION FOCUS: Rob Reeve**

Rob became a Christian at St Paul's in 1982. He lives in France with his wife, Sylvianne, with whom he has four children. He mentors churches and partners in the "global south" nations and leads a pioneering church plant in the small town of Wavrin, southwest of Lille. You can follow him on twitter @ robertreevephd In 2016 we gave him £2,400.

### **HAVING a HOUSE BLESSING**

Many people would testify to the value of inviting a Christian minister to bless their home – when they move into a new residence or because of feeling uneasy or unsafe in their present property. Blessing a house is simply taking authority over it and dedicating it to the Lord. It is inviting the Holy Spirit to come and everything else to leave. If you would like one of us to do a house blessing please contact us direct. Nicholas and Mavis.

### **IF YOU GO into HOSPITAL PLEASE ...**

- Let Mavis Crispin know (or, in her absence, Nicholas Pye).
- If it is a planned admission, contact the Chaplaincy Team before you enter hospital – their details are on NHS Trust websites.
- On admission, make sure your Christian faith is noted in the paperwork and ask for a referral to a Christian member of the chaplaincy team stressing its importance for you.
- During your stay make sure you feedback to nursing and medical staff how much you have appreciated chaplaincy care.

After your stay write a letter of thanks to the Chaplaincy Team. It is difficult for chaplains to provide evidence of the often unseen and unsung ministry of love and care they provide for patients. This will enable us and chaplains to support you at a time of need and enable you to support chaplains, making them more effective and thereby strengthening the Christian witness to healing and wholeness in our hospitals.

### **REDUCING our CARBONFOOTPRINT**

In 2008 we changed our electricity supplier to [www.goodenergy.co.uk](http://www.goodenergy.co.uk) which generates renewable energy. This is part of our commitment to caring for creation and means that our electricity is 100% green and produces no carbon emissions. *Shrinking the Footprint* is the Church of England's national environmental campaign. This supports dioceses and individual churches in reducing their carbon footprint. See more at: [www.churchcare.co.uk/shrinking-the-footprint](http://www.churchcare.co.uk/shrinking-the-footprint)

### **DAVI GUIMARAES**

Davi, our intern, is taking unpaid leave from 24th July to 29th August inclusive.

### **REMEMBERING THOSE WHO DIED in the FIRST WORLD WAR**

We mark the 100th anniversary of the death of the people listed on our war memorials:

Private Hector **FOX**, aged 28, East Surrey Regiment 7th Battalion (died 03/08/1917). Born in Leyton, East London, Hector married Edith Dark in St Paul's on 26th June 1915 and they had one son, Eric. He was employed as a clerk in a wholesale stationers and enlisted in December 1915, while living at 77 Etchingham Park Road. He died of wounds and is buried in Duisans British Cemetery, 9 kms west of Arras, France.