

NEXT SUNDAY - 20th August 2017

10am Open Door worship service with children's plenary and Holy Communion for all ages

THIS WEEK

Tues 9.15am Staff prayers and meeting
7.30pm Connect group with Vera
8pm Clergy planning meeting

FUTURE DATES

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'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.

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Welcome to



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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
Theme: Joseph: Suffering for Doing Right
Bible reading: Genesis 39:1-23 (page 43)
Preacher: Revd Nicholas Pye

Prayer for today (9th Sunday after Trinity) *Gracious Father, revive your Church in our day, and make her holy, strong and faithful, for your glory's sake in 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 Lord to bring wisdom and peace-loving minds to the leaders of North Korea, South Korea, U.S.A. China and Russia so that they operate diplomatic and military hotlines among themselves for the good of the Korean peninsula, Guam and the Kingdom of God.
- 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.
- National stability and peace in Kenya after this week's elections for president, national assembly, female representatives, governors, senate and county assemblies and that the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission will accurately verify the results.
- All who belong to St Paul's to enjoy rest, refreshment and spiritual renewal and for those who are unwell in body, mind or spirit to know the Lord's healing and restoration.

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 Genesis 39:1-23 into the search option on the homepage.

QUESTIONS to CONSIDER from Genesis 39:1-23

God used this situation to test Joseph (and God does test His people!); if Joseph was unable to control himself as a servant, he could never control others as a ruler. Joseph could have caved in to the pressure ("everyone is doing it" or "nobody will ever know"), but instead he chose to adhere to what was right by God's standards.

1. What was Joseph's desire according to Genesis 39:9?
 - a) To what extent is that the inward desire of your heart today?
 - b) How can one practically apply Joseph's belief principle on a daily basis?
 - c) How did Joseph practically apply his belief principle? (see verse 12)
 - d) What was the success of Joseph's trial? (see verses 2, 5, 21, & 23)
2. Sanctification is the continuing spiritual process experienced by those that are saved by faith as they are transformed into Christ's image and likeness. How from our side, can we co-operate in the process of becoming more holy? (see Romans 13:13-14).
3. How can you flee the next time you're faced with tempting situations?
4. Sometimes, good things are not an indication of God's blessing. and bad things are not an indication of God's anger. How do we learn to trust God in the midst of our circumstances when we don't know what he's up to, or what the end purpose of our story is?
5. Identify some situations in your life when God turned bad into good. How did God bless you? How did He bless others through you?

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/

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.

REDUCING our CARBONFOOTPRINT

In 2008 we changed our electricity supplier to 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. It supports the church in reducing its carbon footprint. See more at: www.churchcare.co.uk/shrinking-the-footprint

COMPARISONS between JOSEPH and JESUS CHRIST

Pause to reflect on the comparisons between Joseph and Jesus Christ found in Genesis 39:

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| 1. | 39: 1 | He becomes a servant | Philippians 2:6-7 |
| 2. | 39:2-3 | Prosper as a servant | Psalms 1:3; Isaiah 53:10; 52:13 |
| 3. | 39:4 | Master was well pleased with him | John 8:29 |
| 4. | 39:6 | A goodly person, well favoured | Matthew 27:54 |
| 5. | 39:7-12 | Sorely tempted yet sinned not | Luke 4 |
| 6. | 39:16-19 | Falsely accused | Matthew 16:59-60 |
| 7. | 39:19 | No defence presented | Isaiah 53:7 |
| 8. | 39:20 | Cast into prison, without verdict | John 18:38 |
| 9. | 39:20 | Suffers though innocence | Acts 7:9-10; Psalm 105:17; Isaiah 53:7-9 |
| 10. | 39:21 | Won the respect of the jailor | Luke 23:47 |

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 Edward **BURKE**, aged 21, London Regiment 9th Battalion (died 16/08/1917). Born in Enniskillen, N. Ireland, Edward had one sister. In 1901 his father was a sub-sheriff and land agent and the family employed four servants. Army records state that Edward resided in Finchley and was missing, presumed dead killed in action, but no more is known of him. His father was still living in N. Ireland when Edward was killed, just three months after his mother died. His name is listed on the Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial in Belgium.

Sergeant Harry **TOSH**, aged 24, Canadian Infantry 15th Battalion (died 15/08/1917). Born in Folkestone, Kent, Harry grew to a height of 6ft 7.5ins. His father was an Inspecting Surveyor for HM Customs & Excise and he had one brother. In 1901 the family lived in Scotland. They later moved to Finchley and Harry was confirmed in St Luke's Finchley, where he was a member of the choir, by the Bishop of Islington in 1909. He emigrated to Canada and worked as a farmer. He enlisted in November 1915 and married May Kingsland in 1916 in Horsham, Sussex. They had no children. He was initially reported as missing, but later it was confirmed that he had been killed in action on the first day of the Battle of Hill 70, between the Canadian Corps and five divisions of the German 6th Army, near Lens, France.