

NEXT SUNDAY - 6th August 2017

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

THIS WEEK

Mon	10am	Clergy planning meeting
Tues	9.15am	Staff prayers and meeting
	7.30pm	Connect group with Vera

FUTURE DATES

Sun 13th Aug	10am	Open Door - with children's plenary
Sun 20th Aug	10am	Open Door - children's plenary & adult Holy Communion
Sun 27th Aug	10am	Open Door - All Age Worship

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

St
Paul's
Finchley



30 JULY 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 All Age worship - no children or young people's groups
Theme: The Courage to Share Good News
Bible reading: 2 Kings 5:1-15a (page 371)
Preacher: Revd Nicholas Pye

Prayer for today (7th Sunday after Trinity) *Generous God, you give us gifts and make them grow: though our faith is small as mustard seed, make it grow to your glory and the flourishing of your kingdom; 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”.

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

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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.
- Those we know who are in or have just come out of hospital or are unwell in any way.
- Integrity, truth and compassion throughout Government and for the positive influence of Christian MPs and Civil Servants for the good of all in all Government departments.
- The inauguration of the new Anglican Province of Sudan (now to be separate from the Province of South Sudan) takes place tomorrow.. Pray for Archbishop Ezekiel Kondo and his team in Khartoum to be mightily blessed as they begin this new chapter of Anglican work and witness in a country which is the fifth most dangerous to be a Christian.
- 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 2 Kings 5:1-15 into the search option on the homepage.

QUESTIONS to CONSIDER on TODAY'S TEXT - 2 Kings 5:1-15a

1. In this story about powerful men, what strikes you about the servant of Naaman's wife?
2. Why do you think this little servant girl is able to follow the command of Jesus to 'love our enemies'. (Matthew 5:44)?
3. How would you have reacted in her situation? Why?
4. Somehow, the servant girl was able to balance the reality of difficulty and pain from being a captive in a foreign land with trust and faith in God. How might we do the same?
5. What situations are you currently struggling to make sense of? How can you show compassion and concern for others even when things are hard for you?
6. What does this episode suggest about how God operates in his world?

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. We are grateful to Peter Barnes, who is kindly serving as our volunteer Project Co-ordinator.

DAVI GUIMARAES

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

THIS MONTH'S WORLD MISSION FOCUS: Revd David Nahayo

David is a priest of the Anglican Church of Rwanda, whose links with us go back to his time as a student at Oak Hill Theological College, some 30 years ago. He runs the Butare Christian Mission (BCM), which provides facilities for prayer groups and retreats and offers pastoral support. It also teaches skills such as sewing and crafts, gives goats, seeds and tools to help families support themselves and provides uniforms and books for children's schooling. In 2016 we gave £2,317 to support this work. For more details talk to Jan Appleyard.

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, as our Pastoral Care Co-ordinator, know (or, in her absence, Nicholas Pye).
- 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.

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:

2nd Lieutenant Lawrence **CHAPMAN**, aged 19, Rifle Brigade, London Regiment 5th Battalion (died 31/07/1917). Born in the Borough of Islington, Lawrence had a younger sister, who died in 1996. In 1911 he was living with his family in Whetstone. He received his commission as an officer on 27/3/1917, only to be killed in action 4 months later. At the time of his death, his parents were living in Hendon Lane, Finchley. An examination of the St Luke's Finchley monthly magazines reveals that Laurence's father was a sidesman and the family were church members. His name is listed on the Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial in Belgium.

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 Etchingam Park Road. He died of wounds and is buried in Duisans British Cemetery, 9 kms west of Arras, France.