

NEXT SUNDAY - 19th NOVEMBER 2017

10am Open Door worship service with children's and young people's groups and Holy Communion for adults. The sermon theme is: "to the glory of God alone", the last in our series on the Reformation Solas (alones).

THIS WEEK

Mon 8pm Children's Ministry Team meeting in the Mayall Room
Tues 9.15am Staff prayers and meeting
7.30pm Connect group with Mavis
7.30pm Connect group with Vera
Thurs 9am Mavis takes Act of Collective Worship at St Mary's CE Primary
1pm to 2pm Staff and Churchwardens pray about our Mission Action Plan
3pm Vicar and Churchwardens' meeting
Fri 9.30am Toddler Group
12.15pm Christmas Experience Planning meeting in Mayall Room
4.45pm Adventure Time for Years 7 to 10

FUTURE DATES

Tues 28th Nov *Christmas Experience* for Manorside Primary School Year 3 pupils
Tues 29th Nov *Christmas Experience* for Tudor Primary School Year 3 pupils
Wed 30th Nov *Christmas Experience* for St Mary's CE Primary School Year 3 pupils
Sun 3rd Dec **No Open Door service at 10am.** 4pm Christingle service & tea party
Sat 9th Dec 9.30am PCC (Parochial Church Council - our leadership body) meeting
Sun 10th Dec 10am Open Door - *Christmas Experience*: a multi-sensory, all age service.
Sun 17th Dec **No Open Door Service at 10am.** 4pm Carols by Candlelight
Sun 24th Dec Christmas Eve - 4pm Crib Service 11pm Holy Communion service
Mon 25th Dec Christmas Day - 10am All Age Holy Communion

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Welcome to



12 NOVEMBER 2017 **Remembrance Sunday**

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 Remembrance Sunday with children's & young people's groups and interview with Dave Stoker, our mission partner

Theme: A God who is powerful in the midst of suffering

Bible Reading: Psalm 9 (page 546)

Preacher: Revd Nicholas Pye

Prayer for today (Third Sunday before Advent) *God our refuge and strength, bring near the day when wars shall cease and poverty and pain shall end, that earth may know the peace of heaven 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

- That those who serve in the UK armed forces will hear and respond to the gospel and for those veterans whose lives bear the scars of their service will turn to God for healing.
- Give thanks for the possible £10k diocesan grant for the rainwater goods project and pray for more donations to come in for our Gift Day.
- The work of our joint patrons, the Simeon's Trustees, as these nominate evangelical clergy to serve as vicars of Church of England parishes, which are currently vacant.
- Those in prison to experience hope and for the work of Christian chaplains, Alpha for Prisons and Christians who mentor ex-offenders to help them to re-integrate into society.
- All who are part of St Paul's to have a greater desire to understand, embrace and live out the Christian faith day by day and so experience the joy of living life with Jesus.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

We have researched the lives of all 152 people recorded on our 1st World War memorials. Their stories are available at www.stpaulsfinchley.org.uk/ww1.html

RAINWATER GOODS PROJECT and FINANCE UPDATE

The mental storage container was removed this week. The snagging list and tidy up of the site is outstanding but otherwise the project is complete. The gift day total has now risen to £3.1k against a budget figure of £10k. The Edmonton Area (Diocese of London) Finance Committee has recommended to the Area Council that we receive a grant of £10k, which is excellent news. The Council meets on 22nd November. The total project cost is £66.5k.

MAINTENANCE

The painting of all the railings that surround our premises is currently taking place. The total cost of this work is £1,500.

QUINQUENNIAL INSPECTION of our PREMISES

On Wednesday our architect did the once-every-five years inspection of the church, church centre and grounds to see what condition they are in and what repairs are needed. The Diocese will pay for the inspection on the church and we for the one on the centre. We extend our thanks to Maggie Barnes, churchwarden, who was here all day liaising with the architect. We await their report, which the PCC, our leadership body, will consider.

CHRISTMAS SHOEBOXES - THANK YOU

Thank you to all who donated to *Link to Hope's* Christmas Shoebox Appeal for families and elderly people in need, who live in Bulgaria, Moldova, Romania and Ukraine. A total of 61 boxes were received from St Mary's, our church primary school, Grace House, the Christian residential care home in North Finchley, our Toddler group and church members. We also thank the Pierson's who took the boxes to the local *Link to Hope* collection point on Friday.

OUR MISSION ACTION PLAN (MAP) UPDATE

The staff team and churchwardens had a very fruitful five hour session on Thursday reflecting further on the plans we need to discern and draw up to help us move forward with bringing our agreed priorities of *Deepening Discipleship, Creating Community, Moving in Mission, Releasing Resources* more into being. We're taking an hour to pray into this at lunchtime this Thursday.

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.

BARNABAS in SCHOOLS in ST MARY'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

On Monday John Hardwick of *Barnabas in Schools* ran an RE Day in our church school entitled: *Creating Character: Respect, Resilience and Responsibility*. He offered a range of ways for the 120 pupils in Years 3 and 4 (7-9 year olds) to engage with the values of respect, resilience and responsibility. Focusing on stories from the Bible, the day covered: what are values and character? How do they form the people we are and the communities we belong to? How do values relate to school life? John also led a whole school act of worship.

THE REAL ADVENT CALENDAR

The 2017 Real Advent Calendar is a fun way to share the Christmas story. It comes with a free 24-page story activity book designed to be used every day in Advent. Behind each of the windows there is a Fairtrade chocolate star and a few words from the Christmas story. The calendar aims to share and celebrate the true meaning of Christmas. A donation from every sale will go to the Funzi & Bodo Trust to equip a clinic in Kenya. It costs £3.99 and is available from www.realadvent.co.uk and larger Tesco stores and selected retailers.

CHRISTINGLE CELEBRATION @ 4pm on 3rd DECEMBER

Please use the card in today's Grapevine to invite someone to the service. We are planning to have the usual short firework display and tea party afterwards.

QUOTE to CONSIDER

"What Jesus demands of his followers is a personal attitude to evildoers which is prompted by mercy not justice, which renounces retaliation so completely as to risk further costly suffering, which is governed never by the desire to cause them harm but always by the determination to serve their highest good .. God is a peacemaker. Jesus Christ is a peacemaker. So, if we want to be God's children and Christ's disciples, we must be peacemakers too." Revd Dr John Stott (1921-2011), Rector of All Souls, Langham Place, London (1950-1975) and renowned leader of the worldwide evangelical Christian movement.

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:

Driver Aylmer **CHURCHMAN**, Army Service Corps, 74th Division. (died 04/11/1917). Aylmer was born in Swaffham, Norfolk, and had four siblings. He married Florence Kimble in 1901 at Bromley, Kent. They had two sons and in 1911 were living in Brockley, south-east London. He was employed as a domestic coachman. He enlisted in Finchley in late 1915, giving his address as 66 Elm Park Road, Finchley. He served in France and Salonika, before being deployed to Egypt. After recovering from malaria, he took part in the Third Battle of Gaza and was killed in action. He is buried in Beersheba War Cemetery, Israel.