

NEXT SUNDAY - 29th October 2017

10am Open Door worship service with children's and young people's groups

THIS WEEK Most of our usual activities are taking a break over the school half-term

Tues 9.15am Staff prayers
7.30pm Connect group with Vera

FUTURE SUNDAYS

Sun 12th Nov 10am Open Door - Remembrance Sunday
Sun 3rd Dec **No Open Door service at 10am.** 4pm Christingle service & tea party
Sun 10th Dec 10am Open Door - *Christmas Experience*: an multi-sensory and inter-generational service with Holy Communion for all ages
Sun 17th Dec **No Open Door service at 10am.** 4pm Carols by Candlelight

MISSION ACTION PLAN (MAP) PRIORITIES

Our leaders have agreed that we should have four priorities in **our new MAP**:

- 1. Deepening Discipleship** – helping people of all ages to grow in their relationship with God in their personal lives and through our corporate life.
- 2. Creating Community** – helping people of all ages to grow in their relationship with other church members and build up our common life.
- 3. Moving in Mission** – helping people of all ages to grow in their relationship with the world in sharing their faith (evangelism) and transforming society (social action) and building up our shared witness in the neighbourhood and our circles of influence.
- 4. Releasing Resources** – helping people of all ages to grow in their stewardship of time, talents and treasure and enabling us to invest in the historic church so it is an asset. which enables and enhances our ministry and mission.

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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 All Age Worship - no children's or young people's groups
Theme: Firm Foundations - building on the Word of God
Bible Reading: Matthew 7:24-27 (page 972)
Preacher: Revd Nicholas Pye

Prayer for today (19th Sunday after Trinity) *Faithful Lord, whose steadfast love never ceases and whose mercies never come to an end: grant us the grace to trust you and to receive the gifts of your love, new every morning, 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”.

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

THIS WEEK'S PRAYER TOPICS

- More donations to come in for our Gift Day so we have the necessary funds for the rain-water goods project and experience the joy that comes from reflecting the grace of God.
- Mavis to experience the Lord's protection and blessing in the final days of her time in Rwanda so she may be a blessing to all whom she serves, equipping them as disciples.
- Each member of St Paul's to grow in faith and develop a closer relationship with Christ.
- All those involved in Brexit negotiations to have wisdom, understanding and patience. May the Lord help them to speak graciously, deal honestly and work diligently.

SERMON SERIES on the FIVE SOLAS of the REFORMATION

The publishing by Martin Luther (1483–1546) of his 95 Theses on 31st Oct 1517 marked the start of the Reformation. As the Church commemorates the 500th anniversary, our current sermon series is on the *Five Solas*, that summarize the Reformers' theological convictions.

- 8th Oct Sola Scriptura ("Scripture alone"): The Bible alone is our highest authority.
15th Oct Solus Christus ("Christ alone"): Jesus Christ alone is our Lord, Saviour, and King.
29th Oct Sola Fide ("faith alone"): We are saved through faith alone in Jesus Christ.
5th Nov Sola Gratia ("grace alone"): We are saved by the grace of God alone.
19th Nov Soli Deo Gloria ("to the glory of God alone"): We live for the glory of God alone.

GIFT DAY for RAINWATER GOODS PROJECT

We thank all who've given gifts and encourage all who've yet to do so to make a contribution via BACS (bank account details are on our website) or a white giving envelope and writing Gift Day on it. Do speak with Ian Stewartson, our treasurer, if you've any questions, including about Gift Aid. We're aiming to raise a further £10,000 for the £66,500 project.

UPDATE on RAINWATER GOODS PROJECT

A lot of progress has been made in the past week - nearly all the scaffolding is down, broken roof tiles have been replaced and new guttering and downpipes have been fitted on the church's north side. We've paid the contractor £33.5k for work done to 30/9/17. They've been issued with a non-completion certificate as the work wasn't done by the contract date.

CHRISTMAS SHOEBOXES

We are participating once again in *Link to Hope's* Christmas Shoebox Appeal for families and elderly people in need in Bulgaria, Moldova, Romania, and Ukraine. An information and response leaflet will shortly be emailed to everyone on our database. The deadline for returning shoeboxes is 5th November. See www.linktohope.co.uk/shoebox-appeal-2017 for details.

SOULS at STAKE: Tyndale, the Bible and the 21st Century

William Tyndale gave us the Bible in English, and died for it. In doing so he profoundly changed freedom of thought, religion and the church for ever. Executed as a heretic in 1536 for translating the Bible, within a few years his translation was in every church in England. At St Paul's Cathedral from 6.30pm to 8pm on Tuesday 24th October, Melvyn Bragg, broadcaster and biographer of Tyndale, and Jane Williams, theologian, will explore what fired Tyndale and what difference he made to our national and spiritual lives. www.stpauls.co.uk/history-collections/history/reformation500 for free tickets.

THIS MONTH'S WORLD MISSION FOCUS: Christian Care Trust

The trust runs Grace House at 110 Nether Street, North Finchley, and is the on-going vision of Ann Gilbert, a member of St Paul's. As well as looking after residents, the trust provides home help for elderly people including lunches and hair care. A number of the trustees are members of St Paul's, including Derek Pierson, who serves as chair. For further information contact Ann Gilbert, our link person, or log on to www.christiancaretrust.org

VISIT of MISSION PARTNER from PERU

Dave Stoker will be with us from Wed 8th to Tues 14th November and sharing in a various activities during his stay, including being interviewed in Open Door on Sunday 12th.

FREE ENTRY to ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL

We have a small number of 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.

MAINTENANCE and CLEANING

On Monday work will begin on a whole range of repairs and maintenance jobs, including the painting of all the rails that surround our premises. The work will cost some £2,200. On Wednesday all vinyl floors in the toilets and kitchen in the church centre will be deep cleaned along with the carpets in the Charles Simeon and St Luke's room.

CHURCH GARDENS

Gardeners were here on Wednesday to prune shrubs, trim trees, reduce the ground-covering and give the grounds a thorough make-over. The cost of this work was £430.

SCIENCE CAFÉ COMES to the ST PAUL'S CENTRE

On Sat 11th November (10.30am to Noon) those in Years 3 to 9 are invited to come with an adult to explore and enjoy science with biblical links. To register contact Mavis Crispin.

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:

Gunner Edmund **KING**, aged 31, 17th Battery, 3rd Brigade, Canadian Field Artillery (died 19/10/1917). Edmund was born in Bombay, India and had seven siblings. On returning home the family lived in Tollington Park, Islington and he became a bank clerk. He then emigrated to Canada. He enlisted in June 1915 and came to England. From 1st February 1916 he spent 5 months in hospital with a broken leg from being kicked by a horse and then a broken collar bone. He died at the 44th Casualty Clearing Station from bomb wounds to his left leg, right hand and left foot and was buried in the Nine Elms British Cemetery, Poperinge, Belgium. At the time of his death, his parents lived in Holly Park Gardens, Finchley.

Corporate Leslie **ADAMS**, aged 23, 28th Battalion, London Regiment (1st Artists' Rifles) (died 30/10/1917). Leslie was born in Holloway, north London, and was an only child. In 1901 he was living with his parents in Kentish Town and then in 1911 in Stockwell, south London. He was killed in action in the Third Battle of Ypres. His name is listed on the Tyne Cot Memorial, one of four memorials to the missing in Belgian Flanders which cover the area known as the Ypres Salient. His estate was valued at £161 17s 11d, which he left to his father. His connection to Finchley is unknown.