

NEXT SUNDAY - 11th February 2018

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

THIS WEEK

Mon	8pm	PCC (Parochial Church Council - our leadership body) meeting
Tues	9.15am	Staff prayers and meeting
	7.30pm	Connect group with Mavis
	7.30pm	Connect group with Vera
Thurs	9.15am	Staff prayers
Fri	9.30am	St Paul's Toddler group
	4.45pm	Adventure Time cell group for those in Years 7-9

SAFEGUARDING

We're committed to the safeguarding, care and nurture of children and adults at risk within St Paul's. We take this issue extremely seriously and continue to seek to enhance our procedures through our commitment to the London Diocesan Safeguarding Guidelines. Our Safeguarding Officer is Maggie Barnes, who works closely with our Vicar and Annette Gordon, the London Diocesan Safeguarding Officer.

QUOTE to CONSIDER

"The essence of sin is human beings substituting themselves for God, while the essence of salvation is God substituting Himself for human beings. Human beings assert themselves against God and put themselves where only God deserves to be; God sacrifices Himself for human beings and puts Himself where only human beings deserve to be. Human beings claim prerogatives that belong to God alone; God accepts penalties that belong to human beings alone." Revd Dr John Stott (1921-2011), an English Christian leader and Anglican clergyman who was noted as a leader of the worldwide Evangelical movement.

CONTACTS:

Vicar: Revd Nicholas Pye
(Days off Wednesday and Saturday)

Associate Vicar: Revd Mavis Crispin
(part-time, working usually on Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday)

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Welcome to



4 FEBRUARY 2018

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 with children and young people's groups and All Age Holy Communion
Bible reading: Galatians 2:19-3:9 (page 1169)
Theme: 3:16 The Numbers of Hope - Week 4. We Live
Preacher: Revd Mavis Crispin

Prayer for today (4th Sunday of Epiphany) *God of heaven, you send the gospel to the ends of the earth and your messengers to every nation: send your Holy Spirit to transform us by the good news of everlasting life 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 2018

We have chosen John 3:16 as a theme for 2018:

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not die but have eternal life".

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THIS WEEK'S PRAYER TOPICS

- The Holy Spirit to increase our desire to grow in holiness, so that we may be transformed into the people we were created to be.
- Davi, our intern, as he prepares to go on a youth mission with SOMA UK to Maridi, South Sudan and our generous response to the request to cover the £1,500 cost of the trip.
- Margaret (PCC), Ian and Kathy, Alan, Pat and others who are unwell and unable to attend services.
- The Prime Minister, Theresa May in her travels home and abroad and many meetings, particularly in relation to Brexit.
- Dave Stoker, our Mission Partner in Cusco, Peru, who is travelling away from home and his wife Kay who is staying home with the children as well as sustaining her own ministry.

PCC MEETING - 5th FEBRUARY

When it meets tomorrow evening the PCC, the leadership body of St Paul's, will:

- reflect on a Bible passage and pray together;
- receive and discuss a presentation on the Diocese of London's *Capital Vision* objective of increasing the number of ordinands by 50% between 2013 and 2020;
- note the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) to 31st Dec and income comparison data;
- note the contents of a new Financial Risk Assessment and review our Health & Safety policy;
- note the outcomes of the Quinquennial Inspection on the Church in November 2017;
- note the content of the Safeguarding Disclosure and Barring Service register;
- receive an update on the church's rainwater goods project; and
- note the introduction of the General Data Protection Regulations and our response.

CALLING LONDON

On 3 March the Diocese will be hosting an event at St Mellitus College for women considering various types of licensed ministry, lay and ordained. This event follows on from the great success of Calling London late. For more information visit <http://londoncallings.uk/>

QUINQUENNIAL INSPECTION of the CHURCH CENTRE

On Tuesday 23rd Jan our architect did the once-every-five years inspection of the church centre to see what condition it's in and what repairs are needed. The Diocese paid for the inspection that was done on the church last November but we have to pay for the one on the centre.

HAVING a HOUSE BLESSING

Many people 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 property. Blessing a house is taking authority over it, dedicating it to the Lord and inviting the Holy Spirit to come and everything else to leave. If you'd like a house blessing, please contact our clergy.

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.

THIS MONTH'S WORLD MISSION FOCUS: Christian Care Trust

The trust runs a residential home, 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 onto www.christiancaretrust.org

VICAR'S ABSENCE

Following an occupational health assessment, Nicholas, our vicar, is off duty from 27th January to 3rd March inclusive so that he can rest. Please pray for his well-being and that of Amy and their children. May the Lord bring healing of body, mind and spirit to Nicholas and protect and provide for us as a church at this time. Please do not contact Nicholas while he is off duty. General enquiries should be made to Irene Mburu, our administrator. Pastoral enquiries should be made to Mavis, our associate vicar, and Karen and Maggie, our churchwardens.

INVITATION to SUPPORT DAVI'S MISSION TRIP

Please respond generously to the invitation to give to cover the £1,500 cost of Davi, our intern's mission trip to South Sudan. This covers return flights, travel within South Sudan, food and gifts for hosts, injections, malaria tablets and travel insurance. Donations can be made **EITHER** by internet or telephone banking using the following details: Account Name: St Paul Finchley PCC; Sort Code: 30-93-80; Account No: 01866006; Reference: South Sudan **OR** by putting cash or a cheque (payable to St Paul's Finchley PCC) in one of our white giving envelopes, writing South Sudan on the front and, if you are a taxpayer, filling in the Gift Aid declaration. Any amount in excess of £1,500 will be given through Church Mission Society UK to support the Diocese of Maridi who are hosting the trip.

SERVICING OF FIRE ALARM and SMOKE DETECTORS

The bi-annual testing of the fire alarm and smoke-detectors in the Church Centre took place on Thursday 25th Jan. All the equipment was found to be in full working order.

REMEMBERING THOSE WHO DIED in the FIRST WORLD WAR

Private Dennis **CHALKLEY**, aged 24, 2nd Australian Infantry Battalion (02/02/1917). Dennis was born in Finchley and lived in Long Lane and later in Squires Lane. He was baptised in St Paul's in 1893 and had four siblings. He emigrated to Australia aged 20 and joined up in January 1916, declaring his occupation as 'seaman'. He served in Egypt from May 1916 and moved to the Western Front in September, where he served in Belgium and France. He died of wounds at a casualty clearing station and is buried in Dernancourt Court Cemetery in the Somme.

Driver William **LAWRENCE**, aged 30, Royal Field Artillery 30th Battery (9/2/1917). William was born in Willesden, London. In 1901 he and his family lived at 12 Manor Cottages, East Finchley, and he was employed as an errand boy. Before the war, he was in the Territorial Army, married and living in Stanwell, London, where he worked as a pipe-layer. At the time of his death, William's parents were living at 45 Crescent Way, North Finchley. He is buried in Bray Military Cemetery, 9 kilometres from Albert, France.

QUOTE

"Hope is hearing the melody of the future and faith is to dance to it" Ruben Avez