

NEXT SUNDAY - 18th February 2018

10am **Open Door** with children's and young people's groups and Holy Communion for adults

THIS WEEK

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

Tues	9.15am	Staff prayers and meeting
	7.30pm	Connect group with Vera
Wed	8pm	Joint Ash Wednesday service at Christ Church North Finchley

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

Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return. Turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ. Our Church of England liturgy often couples the Old and New Testaments for good reason. We should always look at the Old Testament through New Testament eyes. In a school visit this week I took a magnifying lens to illustrate this. These sentences are an example of this. The first comes from Genesis 3:19 after ' the Fall' reflecting science as well as theology. The second speaks of the means of our salvation - Christ. The words we read and symbol we receive on Sunday remind us of this.

CONTACTS:

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

Associate Vicar: Revd Mavis Crispin
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Welcome to



11 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** All Age Worship
Bible reading: Matthew 4:1-11 (page 967)
Theme: Lent
Preacher: Revd Mavis Crispin

Prayer for today (Sunday next before lent) *Holy God, you know the disorder of our sinful lives: set straight our crooked hearts, and bend our wills to love your goodness and your glory 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

- pray for ourselves during this season of lent to connect with the true meaning and prepare for the season of Easter.
- 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.
- for the connect groups meeting regularly to grow in faith and build community.

PCC MEETING - 5th FEBRUARY

When it met on Monday evening the PCC, the leadership body of St Paul's:

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

GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATIONS (GDPR) TRAINING

Last Thursday a number of church members including Irene, our administrator, attended a Diocese of London training session on the GDPR, which take effect from 25 May 2018. The regulations affect all organisations that hold data about European citizens and ensure that organisations act responsibly with that information. Churches must comply with their requirements, just like any other charity or organisation. Irene will be responsible for working out what we need to do to ensure that we are compliant. One of the big changes is we may need to obtain consent from those, including church members whose data we store or use. Further information on our preparations for compliance will be available in due course.

#LIVELENT - LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE

#LiveLent - Let Your Light Shine takes you on a six week discipleship journey through the Gospel of John, exploring what it means to be a witness. For each day from Ash Wednesday (14th Feb) to Easter Day (1st Apr) there is a short reading, a pause for reflection and prayer, and an idea for a simple action that will enable the light of Jesus to shine through our everyday lives. Free copies of the material are available for teenagers and adults via St Paul's. Text Lent to 88802 and you'll get a text message with a daily reflection for free throughout Lent. To sign up for email daily reflections and/or to download the *#LiveLent* apps go to www.churchofengland.org/lent

HAND IN HAND CHILDREN'S MINISTRY CONFERENCE

As part of the national Children's Ministry Conference this weekend, Ruth, our Children's & Families' Community Worker, attended an all-day Forum on Friday. It covered a range of topics related to two themes: *Faith in the Home* and *the Big Story of the Bible*. We are committed to inspiring and equipping all those who are engaged in ministry among children and families and helping parents nurture the faith of their children. For details do chat to Ruth.

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.

THANK YOU from TEARFUND

We've received a letter of thanks from www.tearfund.org for the £1,430.80 we donated to their Christmas Appeal. The money will support their work in changing the lives of women in the Central African Republic and elsewhere who have suffered unimaginably due to conflict and poverty. You may recall that the government has agreed to double what is given to this appeal.

RIDING LIGHTS THEATRE CO & SCIENTISTS IN CONGREGATIONS

Are presenting a one-act play by Nigel Forde, 'Counting the Clouds'. This is an excellent exploration of science and faith, followed by discussion this evening at 5.30pm at All Saints, N20.

CALLING LONDON

On 3 March the Diocese will be hosting an event at St Mellitus College for women considering the various types of vocation in the church, be it licensed ministry, lay or ordained. It will be interactive, with a panel of speakers and an opportunity to explore different issues around female ministry through workshops, speakers and there will be spaces in the day to think, pray and chat with others. This event follows on from the great success of Calling London late. The Bishop-Elect of London, the Rt Revd Sarah Mullally, will be in attendance. For more information visit <http://londoncallings.uk/>

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.

REMEMBERING THOSE WHO DIED in the FIRST WORLD WAR

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.