

NEXT SUNDAY - 28th MAY 2017

10am Open Door All Age Worship service on the Ascension
(no children's or young people's groups)

THIS WEEK

Mon	8pm	Clergy and Churchwardens' 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
	8pm	Ascension Day Holy Communion Service
Fri	9.30am	St Paul's Toddler group
	4.45pm	Adventure Time for those in Years 7-9

FUTURE DATES

Sunday 4th June 10am Open Door - Pentecost Praise with Holy Communion

SCIENCE CAFÉ COMES to the ST PAUL'S CENTRE

On Saturday 24th June and Saturday 22 July (10.30am to Noon) children and young people in Years 3 to 9 are invited to come with an adult to explore and enjoy science with biblical links. For more information and to register contact Mavis Crispin.

QUOTATION to CONSIDER

"If Jesus rose from the dead, then you have to accept all that he said; if he didn't rise from the dead, then why worry about any of what he said? The issue on which everything hangs is not whether or not you like his teaching but whether or not he rose from the dead." Tim Keller - Christian apologist, author, speaker, and the founding pastor of Redeemer Presbyterian Church in New York.

CONTACTS:

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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 service with children/young people's groups
Theme: The apostle Peter's testimony about the resurrection
Bible readings: Acts 2:22-32, 37-41 (page 1093)
Preacher: Constantin Husti-Radulet

Prayer for today (6th Sunday of Easter) *Risen Christ, by the lakeside you renewed our call to your disciples: help your Church to obey your command and draw the nations to the fire of your love, to the glory of God the Father. 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'".

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

THIS WEEK'S PRAYER TOPICS

- The Lord to have his hand on the process of recruiting a Children's & Families' Community Worker and Intern as interviews take place this weekend.
- That the demands of these weeks of election campaigning may bring out the best in our politicians and that those who win may take up office in a spirit of humility and service.
- Peace to be restored in the Ivory Coast (the world's largest producer of cocoa beans) which has been destabilised by 5 days of military mutiny over pay in the 2 largest cities.
- "Come Holy Spirit, in power, grace, and holiness – I open myself to you. Use me, prepare your church and change this nation. Amen."

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 Acts 2:14-39 into the search option on the homepage.

GENERAL ELECTION PRAYER

Lord, we give thanks for the privileges and responsibilities of living in a democratic society. Give us wisdom to play our part at election time, that, through the exercise of each vote, your Kingdom may come closer. Protect us from the sins of despair and cynicism, guard us against the idols of false utopias and strengthen us to make politics a noble calling that serves the common good of all. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.

MESSY CATHEDRAL

Messy Cathedral 2017 in on Bank Holiday Monday 29th May. The theme is *Sharing the Good News*. There will be free family-friendly activities from 10.30-12.20, including crafts, story-telling and contemplative/prayer stations and an all-age Messy Holy Communion from 12.20 to 13.00. Places are still available via www.eventbrite.co.uk

INSPECTION of GAS COOKER and VENTILATION SYSTEM

The annual inspection of the cooker and its ventilation in the church centre kitchen took place recently. Everything passed and no repairs were needed. The cost was £180.

CELEBRATING THE ASCENSION

Being 40 days after Easter and 10 days before Pentecost, Ascension is often overlooked as a Christian festival. Yet it marks the transition between the earthly life of Christ with his resurrection appearances and the beginning of the work of the Holy Spirit in God's people. Christ's ascension is referred to in the Bible as an important reference point for the faith of Christians. Ascension Day falls on Thursday (25th May) and we are marking it by having:

- a special Holy Communion service in St Paul's at 8pm on Thursday to which we have invited the members of Christ Church North Finchley; and
- it is the theme of our All Age Worship service on 28th May.

OPEN DOOR CENTRE in HIGH BARNET OPENS its DOORS

The Bishop of Stepney, has formally opened and dedicated the Open Door Centre at Christ Church, Barnet. The new centre provides a daily drop-in facility, a café and lunches, as well as rooms for hire. The church raised £1.1 million over 7 years to 'buy back' and renovate the building that once served as the church's original place of worship and school.

THIS MONTH'S WORLD MISSION FOCUS: THE STOKER FAMILY

Dave was a member of St Paul's until 2004 when he went to serve as a CMS UK mission-partner with the Anglican Church of Peru. He married Kay, a teacher, in 2008 and they've two children - Joshua and Emily. In February 2013 they went to work as LatinLink mission partners with the Evangelical Church of Peru. They're based in Cusco where Dave is engaged in youth-work and teaching on the use of technology in Christian mission and Kay is working with children and families. We've pledged to support them through prayer and by giving them at least £2,000 a year. For more information, please contact Mavis Crispin.

EASTER OFFERING for CMJ

£240.38 (including gift aid) was given in the Easter offerings for the Church's Ministry among Jewish People, a Church of England mission agency started in 1809 by visionaries such as the Revd Charles Simeon and William Wilberforce MP. CMJ now has a worldwide ministry to share with Jewish people the belief that not only is Jesus (Yeshua) the Saviour of the World, but He is the Jewish Messiah. See www.cmj.org.uk for more details.

SAFETY of CHILDREN and YOUNG PEOPLE on SUNDAYS

While children and young people are in their Sunday groups they're the responsibility of the group leaders. Once the service in the church has ended, parents resume responsibility for the safety and welfare of their children on church premises and in the vicarage garden. Parents of children in *Splash!* and *Xstream* should collect them from their group straight after the service. Older children and young people can find their parents on their own.

REMEMBERING THOSE WHO DIED in the FIRST WORLD WAR

Quartermaster Sergeant Edward **WOODLEY**, aged 24, Royal Fusiliers 4th Battalion (died 11/5/1917). He died of wounds and is buried in Etaples Military Cemetery, south of Boulogne, France. The area had an immense concentrations of Commonwealth hospitals, that could deal with 22,000 wounded or sick. The cemetery is the largest Commonwealth War Graves Commission cemetery in France. His sister lived at 1, Simla Villas, East End Road.

Private Charles **HARVEY**, aged 41, 123rd Company Labour Corps (died 16/5/1917). Charles was born in Gloucestershire and had one brother. He lived in Finchley at various addresses in College Terrace and Lichfield Grove, and found employment as a gardener. He married Bessie Fry in 1905 and they had a son, Harold, in 1913. He served in the Labour Corps, which was manned by those who had been medically rated below the "A1" condition needed for front line service. He was killed in action in France by a shell explosion. He is buried in Wanquetin Communal Cemetery Extension, some 12 kms west of Arras.

2nd Lieutenant Frederick **GOODYEAR**, aged 30, Essex Regiment 2nd Battalion, (died 23/5/1917). Frederick was born in North Finchley and educated at Christ's College, Finchley and University College School, Hampstead, and was a classics scholar at Brasenose College, Oxford. He won many prizes and was highly gifted in languages. His Oxford tutors acknowledged him as the ablest man to enter the college in their time. He worked as a writer and journalist. Before gaining a commission with the Essex Regiment, he served in the Meteorological Section of the Royal Engineers. He died from the effects of shock following the amputation of both his legs. A 200 page biography of his life and writings was published in 1920. He is buried in Aubigny Communal Cemetery Extension, near Arras, France.