

NEXT SUNDAY - 4th March 2018

10am **Open Door** with children's and young people's groups
and All Age Holy Communion

THIS WEEK

Tues 9.15am Staff prayers and meeting
7.30pm Connect group with Vera
Fri 9.30am St Paul's Toddler group

REVISION OF THE CHURCH'S ELECTORAL ROLL

The Roll consists of adults who are baptised and consider themselves members of St Paul's. It entitles them to vote in any elections that take place at the Annual Meeting on 29th April and receive a 20% discount off the standard prices for hiring our facilities. If you are already on the roll you do not need to do anything. If you are not and would like to join, please contact Irene Mburu, our Electoral Roll officer (office@stpaulsfinchley.org.uk).

QUOTE to CONSIDER

"Justice in international trade is of the outmost importance if there is to be equality of opportunity for all countries. As Christians we cannot remain bystanders to an international trading system which has injustice enshrined within it. We should therefore welcome every attempt to draw attention to trade injustice in such a way that governments, multinational corporations and intergovernmental organisations feel they cannot ignore public opinion. As Christians we should support fair trade." Revd Dr John Stott (1921- 2011), Anglican clergyman and noted leader of the worldwide evangelical movement.

CONTACTS:

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

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Welcome to



25 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's and young people's groups
Bible reading: Matthew 21:33-46 (page 989)
Theme: The Journey to the Cross:
Holy Tuesday - Temple Debates
Preacher: Revd Mavis Crispin

Prayer for today (2nd Sunday of lent) *Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings, and by following in his Way come to share in his glory; 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 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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*Becoming a vibrant and diverse community that is
rooted in Jesus, growing together and overflowing with God's love.*

THIS WEEK'S PRAYER TOPICS

- As we consider the culture around us, let's pray for the Diocesan ambassadors in social work making their best efforts to create a safe and supportive culture. May they be moulders of Kingdom culture in London.
- Lent is a great time to start something new to bless others. Pray that the Lord will help us break free from the power of greed and selfishness so that we may willingly share what we have with others and bless them out of our blessings.
- The message of fairtrade to be heard widely during Fairtrade Fortnight, our willingness to change our own buying habits and the injustices of conventional trade to be eradicated.
- Due to government attacks on rebel positions, talks in Addis Ababa for the revitalisation of the peace agreement between the South Sudanese government and rebels have stalled - pray that all parties would negotiate with integrity and in good faith, and honour commitments made.
- Pray for Davi Guimaraes, our intern, and his fellow SOMA mission team members as they preach in local churches today and next Sunday in Maridi Diocese, South Sudan, and for the delegates coming to the youth leaders' conference the team is leading that starts tomorrow – for hearts to be receptive to all the Lord has to say and do this week.

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT 2018 – 26 February to 11 March

Fairtrade is about better prices, decent working conditions, local sustainability, and fair trade terms for farmers and workers in the developing world. By requiring companies to pay sustainable prices fairtrade addresses the injustices of conventional trade, which discriminates against the poorest producers. Please buy fairtrade products - tea, coffee, fresh fruit, biscuits, fruit juices, honey, rice, sugar, and even roses! As a fairtrade church we only use fair-trade communion wine, coffee and tea. See www.fairtrade.org.uk for details.

INSPIRING a FAITH THAT LASTS

Research indicates that just 50% of children growing up in Christian homes will keep their faith as adults. The Kitchen Table Project is a new initiative by *Care for the Family* to help parents change that statistic. It provides plenty of simple ideas to assist parents in nurturing a living Christian faith at home. See www.kitchentable.org.uk for details.

PROMOTED TO GLORY

“When you hear I have died, don't believe it; I will be more alive than ever; I just changed my address.” Dr Billy Graham, 1918-2018, a renowned worldwide evangelist died last Wednesday. “God's machine gun” is one of the headlines in the secular media. Many tributes have been given about his diverse and long lifetime ministry. He was a confidant and advisor to every US president as well as influencing many world leaders, including our Queen. People still remember his mid 20th century meetings in UK when it was said, “the whole country caught fire.” Many thousands came to Christ with life-changing implications. The UK Churches and Theological Colleges were also greatly impacted. Graham appeared on Gallup's list of the top 10 most-admired men in America longer than anyone else, a record-setting 61 years in a row. A humble man whose personal life was above reproach, his preaching was fiery and uncompromising. He preached in 185 countries and territories across the globe. His biggest meeting was in South Korea with a final word saying, “run the race, finish well, love one another.” We give thanks for such a man and his legacy. To God be the glory!

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.

DAY RETREAT OPPORTUNITY

Amy Boucher Pye is leading a retreat for women at Mulberry House, a Georgian home set within 22 acres of beautiful grounds in High Ongar, Essex, from 10am to 4pm on Tuesday 27 March. Sessions have a time of introduction and then space for prayer and quiet on your own with activities to choose from, as you wish, in gorgeous surroundings. A cracking good lunch too. Cost £22.50. Details at nationwidechristiantrust.com/events-and-training/retreat_days

COMPLETION of EARTHQUAKE RESISTANT HOUSES in NEPAL

Following the 2015 earthquake, which killed nearly 9,000 people, injured 22,000 and left millions homeless, Tearfund has been working with the most vulnerable to fix the damage done to homes, water supplies, toilet facilities and livelihoods. It's also been working on reducing the risk of another earthquake hitting people so hard. It's recently celebrated the completion of 108 model houses in Palung, in the Makwanpur region. Working with local authorities and partner organisations, the Tearfund-led project has included the design and distribution of blueprints for earthquake resistant housing, which can be replicated in other parts of Nepal. 150 government engineers have received training on earthquake resistant construction technology. 708 local masons have received hands-on training in the techniques needed to build these safer homes. And, as well as the model homes, 567 households have received grants to support the reconstruction of damaged houses with improved reinforcements. All this is possible through the support of UK Christians and Churches such as St Paul's. For details see: www.tearfund.org/en/media/press_releases/

REMEMBERING THOSE WHO DIED in the FIRST WORLD WAR

Private Edward SMALL, aged 40, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment) 7th Battalion (26/02/1917). Edward was born in Marylebone and had six siblings. In 1901 the family lived in Long Lane and our records show that they all contributed to a fund for the church's East End window, which suggests they belonged to St Paul's. By 1911, Edward was living with his mother in Highgate and employed as an insurance clerk. Thereafter he married Margaret Brown, with whom he had four children, and lived in Holmwood Gardens. He was killed in action while attending to the wounded and his name is on the Thiepval Memorial.