

NEXT SUNDAY - 7th MAY 2017

10am **Open Door** worship service with children/young people's groups
Visiting Preacher: Revd David Brown, Discipleship Pastor at
St Barnabas Woodside Park

THIS WEEK

Monday Bank Holiday - *Church office closed all day*
Tues 9.15am Staff prayers and meeting
7.30pm Connect group with Vera
Thurs 9.15am Staff prayers
8pm Children's & Families' Community Worker appointment
panel meeting
Fri Deadline for receiving tenders for Rainwater Goods Project
St Paul's Toddler group
9.30am
4.45pm *Adventure Time* cell group for those in Years 7-9

FUTURE DATES

Friday 12th May Part 1 Interview Process for Children's & Families'
Community Worker
Sat 13th - Sun 14th May Part 2 Interview process for Children's & Families'
Community Worker post
Sat 20th - Sun 21st May Interview weekend for Intern 2017/18 post
Thursday 25th May 8pm Ascension Day Holy Communion in the historic church
Sunday 4th June 10am Open Door - Pentecost Praise with Holy Communion
for all ages as we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit
Thursday 8th June All day - Church Centre in use as a polling station
for the General Election

CONTACTS:

Vicar: Revd Nicholas Pye (Day off Saturday)

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

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Karen Fox

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Welcome to



30 APRIL 2017

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 groups)
Theme: Resurrection Appearances - BBQ on the beach
Bible readings: John 21:1-19 (Page 1090)
Preacher: Revd Mavis Crispin

Prayer for today (3rd Sunday of Easter) *Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace, 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”.

G R A P E V I N E

*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 give wisdom and a desire for peace to the leaders of North Korea, South Korea, U.S.A., China and Russia so that they operate diplomatic and military hotlines among themselves for the good of the Korean peninsula and the Kingdom of God.
- The clergy and churchwardens to be sustained and strengthened in their Christian faith and to know the Lord's blessing in their overall leadership of St Paul's.
- The Lord to have his hand on the process of recruiting a Children's & Families' Community Worker and Intern so that we will be able to make good appointments.
- the risen Christ to open our eyes, through the Scriptures and his death on the cross, to his work of transformation in and around us as we walk with him day by day.

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 John 21:1-19 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 is on Bank Holiday Monday 29th May. The theme this year 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. Then there is an all-age Messy Holy Communion from 12.20 to 13.00 under the dome. Places are limited so book soon to avoid disappointment via www.eventbrite.co.uk - see www.london.anglican.org/event/2017/05/29/messy-cathedral-st-pauls-thy-kingdom-come-2017/ for details.

NEW PCC MEMBERS and OFFICERS

The membership and officers of the newly elected Parochial Church Council (the church's leadership body) are: Jan Appleyard, Maggie Barnes (Churchwarden and Vice-Chair), Jim Bradley, Liz Cohen, Mavis Crispin, Karen Fox, (Churchwarden), Kathy Gilbert, Constantin Husti-Radulet (PCC Secretary), Paul Ilori, Nicholas Pye (Chair), Punita Shah (Deanery Synod representative), Ian Stewartson (Treasurer) and Margaret Whitlock (Deanery Synod representative). The standing committee, which acts for the PCC between meetings, consists of Constantin, Karen, Maggie, Mavis, Margaret and Nicholas (chair).

QUOTE to CONSIDER

"The New Testament writers speak as if Christ's achievement in rising from the dead was the first event of its kind in the whole history of the universe. He is the 'first fruits,' the pioneer of life,' He has forced open a door that has been locked since the death of the first man. He has met, fought, and beaten the King of Death. Everything is different because He has done so..." C S Lewis (1898-1963) British novelist, poet, academic, medievalist, literary critic, essayist, lay theologian, broadcaster, lecturer and Christian apologist.

THIS MONTH'S WORLD MISSION FOCUS: Rob Reeve

Rob became a Christian at St Paul's in 1982. He lives in France with his wife, Sylvianne, with whom he has four children. He mentors churches and partners in the "global south" nations and leads a pioneering church plant in the small town of Wavrin, southwest of Lille. You can follow him on twitter @ robertreevephd In 2016 we gave him £2,400.

'THY KINGDOM COME' at ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL

'Thy Kingdom Come' is an evening of worship and prayer with Liz Adekunle (Archdeacon of Hackney), Matt Redman (Worship Leader and Songwriter) Tolu Agbelusi (Poet and Playwright) and others. It is on Saturday 3rd June. Doors open at 6.30pm. The service starts at 7.30pm and will last approximately 90 minutes. Tickets are limited to 2,000. For more details and link to Eventbrite booking website, go to www.london.anglican.org/event/2017/06/03/thy-kingdom-come-beacon-event/

THE GOD WHO SPEAKS: the BIBLE and the HOLY SPIRIT TODAY

From 6.30pm to 8pm on Tuesday 6th June, St Paul's Cathedral is hosting an event exploring the identity of the Holy Spirit and what his presence in us as Christians means for our faith, our risk-taking, our take on change in our own lives and in the church. The two speakers are: the Revd Dr Kate Coleman a Baptist Minister and an adult convert to Christianity when she was training to be a scientist and Dr Paula Gooder, Director of Mission Learning and Development, Diocese of Birmingham, and one of the best-known biblical scholars and teachers at work today. For details and booking see www.stpauls.co.uk/holyspirit

JONNY VAUGHAN to be a VICAR

Jonny, who was our intern from 2006 to 2008, will be inducted and installed as Vicar of Wolvey, Copston Magna and Witherby (Diocese of Coventry) at a special service at 7.30pm on 11th June. Anyone from St Paul's who wishes to should notify Irene Mburu in the church office so we can let the church know how many of us are going to attend.

REMEMBERING THOSE WHO DIED in the FIRST WORLD WAR

Second Lieutenant Horace **MUIR**, aged 33, Bedfordshire Regiment 4th Battalion (24/4/1917). Horace was born in South Norwood, Croydon, and educated at Aldenham School in Herts. He was employed in the South African Constabulary from 1901 to 1906. Thereafter, he emigrated to Canada and worked as a rancher. He served with the Royal Canadian Dragoons from Nov 1914 to Oct 1915 and then with the Bedfordshires. He was killed in the Second Battle of the Scarpe, in which some 300 of his regiment were casualties. His connection to Finchley was through his sister, who lived at 7, Holly Park.

Second Lieutenant Cyril **NEWMAN**, aged 24, North Staffordshire Regiment 9th Battalion (28/4/1917). Cyril was born in Finchley and his family successively lived in Lichfield Grove, Hendon Lane and Long Lane. He and his two brothers were baptised at St Paul's. His father, a stockbroker, was a churchwarden of St Paul's and died in office in 1913, Cyril was employed as a bank clerk. On the outbreak of war, he enlisted with the Queen's Westminster Rifles. He was invalided home after the Battle of Hooze in July 1915, He returned to active service and fought in the Battle of the Somme. He married Ragnhild Torp (1892-1976) a month or so before he died of wounds at Gavrelle, during the Battle of Arras.