

St Paul's Church

Dear all,

Phew, it's hot!! Spare a thought for our daughter and her friends who are in Finsbury Park this Sunday for a George Ezra concert as temperatures are set to exceed 35 degrees. Seriously though, please do take care in these conditions. I have to say that church is a great place to be in hot weather as it tends to be quite cool.

I don't know about others, but I do find myself being more 'sluggish' in this weather but it's probably not a bad thing to not rush around getting hotter. With that thought of 'not rushing around' in mind it is interesting that the set bible reading for our church services this week is from Luke's gospel and involves Jesus visiting a couple of ladies called Mary & Martha – it goes like this;

As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!"

"Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."

What is it that distracts you from what is important?

Blessings,
Rev Chris

FORTHCOMING SERVICES

All services are in church, zoom is available for some services.

SUNDAY 17th JULY – TRINITY 5

10 am Experimental Sunday – Rev Anthea (Zoom)

SUNDAY 24th JULY – TRINITY 6

10 am Holy Communion – Rev Chris (Zoom)

SUNDAY 31st JULY – TRINITY 7

10 am Holy Communion – Rev Robin/Rev Anthea (Zoom)

SUNDAY 7th AUGUST – TRINITY 8

10 am Café Service – Gwyn

SUNDAY 14th AUGUST – TRINITY 9

10 am All Age Communion – Rev Chris

SUNDAY 21st AUGUST – TRINITY 10

10 am Experimental Sunday – Rev Anthea

EVENTS

THURSDAY 21st JULY

2.30 pm FELLOWSHIP – Education Team – Kent Fire and Rescue Service

FRIDAY 5th AUGUST

9.30 am BABY & TODDLER GROUP - (large hall)

SATURDAY 13th AUGUST

3.00 pm ST PAUL'S SOCIAL COMMITTEE - Traditional Cream Tea



BABY & TODDLER GROUP

FREE TO ATTEND!

Fridays
9.30am - 11.30am

DATES
10th June
1st July
5th August

More details - Sarah Lavender
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The poster features a colorful rainbow background. At the top, it says 'BABY & TODDLER GROUP' in bold black letters. Below that, there's a small rainbow icon and the text 'FREE TO ATTEND!' in a red circle. The days and times are listed as 'Fridays 9.30am - 11.30am'. In the center, there's a white box with the word 'DATES' in bold, followed by the dates '10th June', '1st July', and '5th August'. At the bottom, there's contact information for Sarah Lavender and the church's address.

PRAYER RESOURCE

week beginning Sunday, 17th July 2022

'Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path' (Psalm 119:105)

This week we give thanks for:

- The end of the school year and holiday-time: for places where we can relax and enjoy the beauty of the earth and reflect on the work of God's hands; pray for those, for whatever reason, are unable to rest.

Please pray for:

- People fleeing violence around the world and ask God to protect them and for safe routes and shelter as well as welcome and support at the end of their journey.
- Those affected by our heatwave, and that everyone will heed safety advice when swimming, playing in water or sunbathing.
- The sustainable use of biodiversity in order to stem its loss; for the world to address the challenges of reducing the extinction risk threatening more than one million species; protecting 30% of land and sea; eliminating environmentally-damaging government subsidies; and restoring degraded ecosystems.
- Our Church family, especially all who are struggling; and for Joan, Gilly, Hazel, Edith, Peter, Pat, Alice, Jill, Trevor, Tony, Maureen, Carol and Margaret; and in our wider church for Ruth, Joan, Helen and Meaghan.
- Comfort for those who are grieving, and for God to be close to the broken-hearted.

You may like to use this prayer during the week:

Lord, help me to trust that whatever the future may hold, you will walk with me always. Through good or ill, sorrow or joy, I am never alone. May I listen to your word and follow your way, even when I think I know better. Amen.



Ukraine Refugee Fundraiser

Monday 18th July 3.00 -9.00 pm

6 hrs of continuous modern worship performed by church worship singers.

Money raised goes to Christian Aid for Ukraine appeal.

Just drop into church at your convenience and sing or listen to the music.

Donation box and card reader available in church during the event or donate by bank transfer:

Holy Cross Bearsted PCC.

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Account number: 00020328.

Your reference: Ukraine.

Venue: Holy Cross Church, Church Lane, Bearsted, Maidstone, Kent ME14 4EE