



St Paul's Church



Dear all

Loving Jesus a little Longer

Loving Jesus is an experience that is both uncomplicated and challenging. It is reminiscent of the first time you fell in love—those moments when your emotions were heightened, and even the simplest thoughts became entwined with the person you adored.

Do you recall the physical and emotional responses: perhaps your palms became clammy with anticipation, and the thought of that person was the first thing to greet you in the morning and the last at night. Even if you woke in the middle of the night, they lingered in your mind.

Do you recall writing letters to your beloved—a practice familiar to a particular generation—and treasured their replies, keeping them safe in a shoebox as cherished memories.

Above all, there was a simple wish to be with that person as often as possible, their company bringing you comfort and joy.

I wonder if like me you want to keep your relationship with Jesus like that. I wonder if you long to maintain your relationship with Jesus in that pure and heartfelt way—where He is the first thought on your mind every morning. Instead of reaching for your phone, turning on the radio, or switching on the television to discover what troubles the world, because in doing so, it distracts you from what troubles you.

Recently, I came across a couple of songs that I have been singing for years. However, last week, the lyrics resonated with me in a new and profound way, particularly as I reflected upon the question of why Yeshua Jesus Christ found it necessary to 'teach' the Jews how to pray—especially the Pharisees, as referenced in Luke 18.

As I pondered this, I arrived at one clear conclusion. The realisation struck me that there was an essential reason behind Jesus' teaching: it was not simply about the act of praying itself, but about understanding the heart and purpose of prayer. The words of these familiar songs prompted me to consider the deeper significance of prayer and the need for guidance, even among those who were well-versed in religious practices.

Intimacy. God wants intimacy with us. So, before you add to your rhythm of life (if you have created one and have stuck to it) bear these words in mind.

"You, you don't have to do a thing
Simply be with Me and let those things go
They can wait another minute
Wait, wait just this moment is too sweet
Please stay here with me
And love on Me a little longer."

Take some time to imagine Jesus saying these words to you, each and every day. These words come from, A Little Longer, by Jenn Johnson. Attached is the link if you would like to listen fully.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0uUwliBaStE&list=RD0uUwliBaStE&start_radio=1

For something more quiet check out Matt Redman from the 1990's [04 Intimacy Matt Redman](#)

Rev Claude

SERVICES

SATURDAY 1 NOVEMBER @ 3 - 4 pm

A Time to Remember @ St Nic's

SUNDAY 2 NOVEMBER @ 4 – 5 pm

A Time to Remember @ St Paul's

SUNDAY 2 NOVEMBER - All Saints' Day

10.30 am - Café Church – Café Church Team

SUNDAY 9 NOVEMBER - Remembrance Sunday

10.30 am – Remembrance Sunday – Rev Claude

SUNDAY 16 NOVEMBER - Second Sunday before Advent

9.15 am for 9.30 am - Bubble Church

10.30 am – Morning Worship – Gwyn

SUNDAY 23 NOVEMBER – Christ the King

10.30 am - Holy Communion – Rev Claude

SUNDAY 30 NOVEMBER – Advent 1

10.30 am - Holy Communion – Rev Claude

EVENTS

FRIDAY 7 NOVEMBER @ 9.30 am

Baby & Toddler Group

MONDAY 10 NOVEMBER @ 7-8 pm

Prayer Meeting

THURSDAY 13 NOVEMBER @ 2 pm

Mothers' Union: Quiz

THURSDAY 20 NOVEMBER @ 2.30 pm

Fellowship: Craft Afternoon

SATURDAY 29 NOVEMBER @ 2.30 - 4.30 pm

Craft & Plant Sale

FRIDAY 5 DECEMBER @ 9.30 am

Baby & Toddler Group

THURSDAY 11 DECEMBER @ 2 pm

Mothers' Union: Advent

THURSDAY 18 DECEMBER @ 12 Noon

Fellowship: Christmas Lunch – Toby Carvery, Langley

FOOD BANK

The next collection will be on 28 November.

PRAYER RESOURCE

week beginning Sunday, 2nd November 2025

'Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.' (Romans 12: 12)

This week we give thanks for:

- Modern technology which enables us to hear and see our families and friends and to keep in touch even when separated by great distances.
- Our homes and our loved ones, and pray for all families where relationships are breaking down or life has become difficult.

Please pray for:

- All in the path of Hurricane Melissa that hit Jamaica and has travelled on to Cuba, The Bahamas and Bermuda; pray for the rescue teams enroute to the affected areas with critical life-saving supplies.
- Areas around the world experiencing war, violence and terrorist attacks, especially praying for the suffering people of Gaza, Sudan and Ukraine.
- Tolerance, constraint and a greater understanding between races, nations and communities.
- The special people who have led us in the way of Christ through their words and deeds; may we, too, be a witness in our generation to the love and faithfulness of God.
- The preservation of the marvellous diversity of creation around the world, and for courage to lift our voices in the cause of climate justice.
- Our Church family, especially all who are struggling; for Edith, Pat, Alice, Jill, Sandra, Brenda, Elizabeth, Carol, Di, Ray, Percy, Paul and Brian W; and for Meaghan, Alison and Simon.
- All whose livelihoods have been rebuilt as a result of faithful prayer, campaigning and giving.

You may like to use this prayer during the week:

Living God, encourage me, through all who have gone before me, so that I, in turn, may encourage those who travel after me, along the way of Christ. Amen.



Time to Remember

We would like to invite you to an opportunity to remember before God those who have died and those who have been bereaved.

Sunday 2nd November
4-5 pm

Please email:
admin@stpaulsmaidstone.org



St Paul's Church

Boxley Road

Craft and Plant

Sale

Saturday

29th November

2:30pm to 4:30pm