



# St Paul's Church



## **SERVICES**

### **SUNDAY 12 APRIL – Easter 2**

9.15 am for 9.30 am - Bubble Church

10.30 am – All-Age Worship – Rev Claude

### **SUNDAY 19 APRIL – Easter 3**

10.30 am – Morning Worship – Gwyn

### **SUNDAY 26 APRIL – Easter 4**

10.30 am – Holy Communion – Rev Claude

### **SUNDAY 3 MAY – Easter 5**

10.30 am – Café Worship - Gwyn

## **EVENTS**

### **FRIDAY 10 APRIL @ 9.30 am**

Baby & Toddler Group

### **THURSDAY 16 APRIL @ 2.30 pm**

Fellowship: Living with Blindness Alison May

### **FRIDAY 24 APRIL @ 7 pm**

Church Crafts

### **SATURDAY 25 APRIL @ 5.30 pm**

Quiz & Ploughman's

### **FRIDAY 6 MAY @ 9.30 am**

Baby & Toddler Group

### **FRIDAY 14 MAY @ 9.30 am**

Mothers' Union: Hosting a Bishop - Edna

### **THURSDAY 21 MAY @ 10.30 pm**

Fellowship Outing: Merriments Gardens

### **FRIDAY 27 MAY @ 7 pm**

Church Crafts

### **THURSDAY 11 JUNE @ 2.30 pm**

Mothers' Union: Bring & Buy

### **THURSDAY 18 JUNE @ 2.30 pm**

Fellowship: Growing Hope – Lorraine Ackroyd

### **THURSDAY 9 JULY @ 2.30 pm**

Mothers' Union: Cream Tea

### **THURSDAY 16 JULY @ 2.30 pm**

Fellowship: Beetle Drive

### **THURSDAY 20 August @ 2.30 pm**

Fellowship: The Leprosy Mission - Wendy Piccinini

## **REVISION OF CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL**

Notice is hereby given that the Church Electoral Roll of the Parish of St Paul Maidstone will be revised by the Parochial Church Council, beginning on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2026 and ending on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2026.

Under Church representation rules any lay persons are entitled to have their names entered on the roll if the person

- a. is baptised,
- b. is aged 16 or over, and
- c. has made one of the three declarations on the application form and duly applied for enrolment.

Application forms will be available at the back of church. If you have any problems with the application form I am happy to help.

*Jenny Turner*  
*Electoral Roll Officer*

## **PRAYER RESOURCE**

**week beginning Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

*'Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.'* (1 Thessalonians 5: 16-18)

This week we give thanks:

- That we can draw near to God in prayer and worship, and that through Him, we can experience the fullness of life He so longs to give us.
- The beauty and bounty of God's creation, and pray that we all take better care of these natural resources we have been given.

Please pray for:

- The seemingly impossible situations in our lives and in our world, and may we take heart from the Easter miracles of stone rolled slowly away and death turned to limitless life.
- Peace for all those whose livelihoods are affected by the fear and devastation of war, of global price rises and of economic uncertainty.
- A connection with God through His gift of creation: for our gardens and outside spaces and for the hope of enjoying them during this Spring and Summer.
- The schools in our Parish – Northborough, St Paul's and Sandling – that their relationship with our Church may blossom and grow.
- Our Church family, especially all who are struggling; and for Edith, Alice, Jill, Sandra, Brenda, Elizabeth, Carol, Di, Ray, Percy and Paul; and for Meaghan, Alison and Frances.
- All of us as we walk familiar and unfamiliar paths; keep us mindful of those we walk with, showing God's love and care.

Please remember our sister Jan Spencer and her family in your prayers. She has been diagnosed with inoperable cancer. Her consultant is trying her on a medication for 10 weeks and will carry out further tests then. Jan misses being able to come to church we are in her thoughts and prayers.

**You may like to use this prayer during the week:**

***Loving Father, wherever I go and whatever I do, grant me the knowledge of your presence, the reassurance of your guiding hand and the security of your loving grip.  
Amen.***

# FOOD BANK

The next delivery will be on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May

## **Overwhlem Tour - Wed 13 May (7.30pm) at St. Luke's**

The other event is on the same day but in the evening and is part of a national tour with Patrick Reagan looking at burnout in our culture. It is open to absolutely everyone in your churches. Patrick is a veev well known author and Spring Harvest speaker.

### **The Overwhelm Tour is a magazine-style event featuring:**

- Live music from Caitlyn Kelly
- Honest conversations about mental health
- Interviews with people making a difference locally
- Down-to-earth teaching from Patrick Regan, rooted in vulnerability, faith and hope

### **At the centre of The Overwhelm Tour is one simple message:**

*"It's okay not to be okay — and none of us should face challenges alone."*

The evening encourages open and honest conversation about mental health, celebrates local charities and initiatives making a difference, and offers practical next steps for building connection and resilience as we support one another in everyday life.

### **This evening is for you if:**

- You care about mental health and wellbeing
- You work with or support people under pressure
- You want to be part of a healthier, kinder community
- You're feeling overwhelmed, anxious or burned out
- You're curious about hope, purpose and resilience



The poster for the Overwhelm Tour features the S&L logo, a book titled 'small steps for big change' by Patrick Regan OBE, and a photo of Patrick Regan OBE speaking into a microphone. The text reads: 'Overwhelm Tour - An evening of hope and support for anyone feeling overwhelmed by modern life WITH PATRICK REGAN OBE St Luke's Maidstone, ME14 5AR 13th May 2026, 7:30pm'. It also mentions 'Music from Caitlyn Kelly'.

The Overwhelm Tour - Finding Peace in a Pressured World (13-May-2026)

[stlukesmaidstone.churchsuite.com](http://stlukesmaidstone.churchsuite.com)

## Quiz night

2<sup>nd</sup> May 2026



Weaving Village Hall  
Behind the Fox and Goose  
Weaving Street

7 pm for 7.30 start

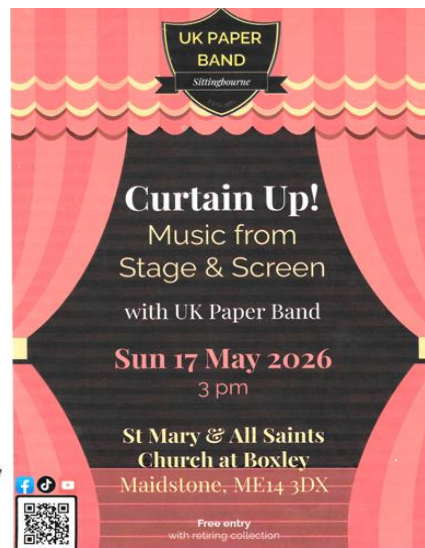
Tickets £5 per head  
Bring your own  
food and drink



For more information please contact  
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All proceeds to St Mary and All Saints Church, Boxley

Thank you for your support



The poster for 'Curtain Up!' features a red and black striped curtain background. It includes the UK Paper Band logo, the text 'Curtain Up! Music from Stage & Screen with UK Paper Band', the date 'Sun 17 May 2026 3 pm', and the location 'St Mary & All Saints Church at Boxley Maidstone, ME14 3DX'. It also mentions 'Free entry with retiring collection' and includes a QR code.