

Church Notices

ST PAULINUS CHURCH, CRAYFORD

Due to a funeral being held please note that Private Prayer on 12th April is cancelled.

Family Worship – Sunday 25th April

If any of the children would like to read for the family worship on 25th April please let Ros Cooper or the church office know.

Count your blessings collection

For all those who have been saving your count your blessings can you please return them to the church office in an envelope marked Lent Offerings within the next couple of days.

Cash or cheques to Smile Train.

Plea from the foodbank For those churches who kindly regularly donate to us, our current shortages are:- House cleaning items, strong carrier bags, Nappies (5, 6 & 7), Long life milk, Long life fruit juice, Sugar, Tinned fruit, Tinned Rice pudding & custard, squash, Shampoo & washing up liquid & washing powder
Please contact Marilyn Downs

Bishopscourt Open Garden as part of the National Garden Scheme, Saturday April 17th 11.00 – 15.00. Tickets £5.00, children free. May be bought in advance via the NGS website www.ngs.org.uk or at the gate on the day. There will be tea and cake and a plant stall. All will be done according to Covid guidelines. Bishopscourt, 24 St Margaret's Street, Rochester, ME1 1TS. Any enquiries Bridget Langstaff: 07816 828439 bridget.langstaff@btinternet.com

Step out of lockdown & into Spring

Follow a trail around town, visiting some of Crayford's great historical locations, while viewing some beautiful local springtime crafts. Free trail sheets are available from the church office.

For the smiley face craft instructions please follow the link onto our Easter page on the website [Smiley faces craft instructions](#)



Sunday 11th April 2021 – 2nd of Easter
Low Sunday

Our common values are:

Openness, Compassion, Love, Tolerance & Growth

All visits will be subject to social distancing rules and the wearing of face masks. Posters will give guidance on procedures.

8am Low Mass (No Sermon)

Celebrant: Revd Amanda Spence

10am Parish Mass (No Sermon)

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11.15am APCM

Please follow us on twitter or Instagram and our website www.stpaulinus.co.uk

Tuesday morning prayer is available each week on our website, please follow the link below.

<http://stpaulinus.co.uk/daily-prayers/>

The church will be open as follows from Monday 12th April:

Monday: CLOSED

Wednesday: 9.30am Low Mass

Friday: 9.15am Mass

Sunday: 8 am Parish Mass

10am Parish Mass

Please book 10AM Sunday services with the office. Please remember to wear your masks when entering church and complete a track and trace form.

During this current lockdown period the parish office will be closed. Please contact the office via email: office@stpaulinus.co.uk or telephone 01322 557532 Thank you

FIRST READING Acts 4.32–35

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

32 The whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. 33 With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. 34 There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. 35 They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

Psalms 133

R How good and pleasant it is to live together in unity.

1 O how good and pleasant it is, when a family lives together in unity!
2 It is like fine oil upon the head that runs down upon the beard,
3 Upon the beard of Aaron, and runs down upon the collar of his robe. **R**
4 It is like the dew of Hermon that falls upon the hills of Zion.
5 For there the Lord has ordained the blessing: life for evermore. **R**

SECOND READING 1 John 1.1 – 2.2

A reading from the first letter of John.

1 We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life – 2 this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us – 3 we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. 4 We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. 5 This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. 6 If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; 7 but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.
8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we say that

we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. 1 My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; 2 and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

GOSPEL John 20.19–31

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

19 It was evening on the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' 20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. 21 Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' 22 When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.' 24 But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came.
25 So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.' 26 A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' 27 Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' 28 Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' 29 Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.' 30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. 31 But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.