

Church Notices

**Don't forget to book your place at the Garden Party on
11th September**

Calling all Readers, Intercessors and sides people.

With the covid restrictions now being lifted we would like to welcome back all of those who used to read or did prayers at the 8am and 10am services.

Please contact Kelly in the church office if you would like to stay on the list or if you feel this is something you would like to do just contact the office and we can add you to our rota.

Thank you

ST PAULINUS CHURCH, CRAYFORD



Sunday 5th September 2021 – 14th after Trinity

Our common values are:

Openness, Compassion, Love, Tolerance & Growth

Please still think of others and remember to social distance and wear face masks if possible.

8am Low Mass & Homily

Celebrant & Preacher: Revd Amanda Spence

10am Parish Mass & Sermon

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Hymns: 451, 739, 810, 816

12.30pm Holy Baptism – Olivia, Isla & Mikayla

Morning Prayer will be available on our website at

www.stpaulinus.co.uk/daily-prayers

MU Notice

Harvest offering this year is for Tear Fund earmarked for the Twin Your Fridge appeal. A charity to help food poverty aggravated by covid.

Help for Church Teas

Is anyone available to help with the church teas after service on a Wednesday. If you are available to help please speak to Christine Stead. This will restart on 22nd September

We would also like to bring tea back on a Sunday after service. If you would be interested in helping please speak to Fr Paul.

Faith in Later Life Church Champions Conference on Zoom 18th September 2021, 9.45am to 3pm. Anyone is welcome to attend (with £5 entry for non Church Champions). The keynote speaker is Debbie Thrower, broadcaster and founder of Anna Chaplaincy for Older People, and she will be speaking on 'Valuing Age – maintaining meaning and purpose in our later years'. Booking form available via the office.

Spirituality: Praying with Icons

Tuesday 13 October: 10am-12.30pm at St Benedicts Centre, West Malling. I thoroughly enjoyed this when I previously attended. If you would like further information please speak to Rev Amanda 01322 310657. To book:

<https://bit.ly/3yaJaCK> or ask at the office 01322 557532.

Unconscious Bias – Sexuality

Wednesday 20 October: 09:30am -1pm at St Benedicts Centre, West Malling. Led by Diocesan Trainers. A session to consider the unconscious biases we carry with regard to sexuality. I have attended this before around gender and cultural bias and will be attending this further course. If you would like further information please speak to Rev Amanda 01322 310657. To book: <https://bit.ly/3mE8JtV> or ask at the office 01322 557532. Closing date: 13 October.

The church will be open as follows from Monday 6th September:

Monday: 4pm Bereavement Café (Quiet Prayer available during this time)

Wednesday: 9.30am Low Mass (Birth of BVM)

Friday: 9.15am Low Mass

Saturday: 10am Healing Service

Sunday: 8 am Low Mass (BCP)

10 am Family Worship

URGENT PLEA – THE FOOD BANK ARE IN DESPERATE NEED OF GOODS – EXCEPT WASHING POWDER. IF YOU CAN GIVE ANYTHING PLEASE LEAVE AT THE BACK OF CHURCH.

Toddlers Group

We are looking to start our toddler group again, with toddler praise followed by toddler time and tea.

If you would be interested in helping at the praise or toddler time please see Revd Amanda

FIRST READING Isaiah 35.4–7a

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah. 4 Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.' 5 Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; 6 then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; 7 the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water.

PSALM 146

R You open wide your hand, O Lord, and satisfy our needs.

1 Alleluia! Praise the Lord, O my soul! I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being. **R** 2 Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, for there is no help in them. 3 When they breathe their last, they return to earth, and in that day their thoughts perish. **R** 4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! whose hope is in the Lord their God; 5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; who keeps his promise for ever; 6 Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger. **R** 7 The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind; the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; 8 The Lord loves the righteous; the Lord cares for the stranger; he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked. **R** 9 The Lord shall reign for ever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Alleluia! **R**

SECOND READING James 2.1–10, (11–13), 14–17

A reading from the letter of James. 1 My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favouritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? 2 For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, 3 and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, 'Have a seat here, please,' while to the one who is poor you say, 'Stand there,' or, 'Sit at my feet,' 4 have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? 5 Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? 6 But you have dishonoured the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? 7 Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? 8 You do well if you really fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' 9 But if you show partiality, you

commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. 10 For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. [11 For the one who said, 'You shall not commit adultery,' also said, 'You shall not murder.' Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. 12 So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. 13 For judgement will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgement.] 14 What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? 15 If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, 16 and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,' and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? 17 So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

GOSPEL Mark 7.24–37

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark. 24 Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, 25 but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. 26 Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. 27 He said to her, 'Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' 28 But she answered him, 'Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.' 29 Then he said to her, 'For saying that, you may go – the demon has left your daughter.' 30 So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone. 31 Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. 32 They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. 33 He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. 34 Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, 'Ephphatha,' that is, 'Be opened.' 35 And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. 36 Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. 37 They were astounded beyond measure, saying, 'He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.'