

# St Paul's Church, Slough

## Advance Notices #36

**IMPORTANT :**  
**SERVICE STARTS**  
**AT 10am**  
Please arrive early  
to be seated

**Sunday Services will now be held at  
10.00am in the Church or join us LIVE on  
You Tube, online [click here](#)**

**AT CHURCH SERVICES PLEASE WEAR A FACE COVERING AND  
READ THE SERVICE GUIDELINES - SEE INSIDE**

### SUNDAY 6th September: 1st Sunday

<b>Theme</b>	The Great Banquet, Luke 14:15-24
<b>Preacher</b>	Lyn Masterson - a recorded talk from Pakistan
<b>Leaders</b>	Johnson, Hinna and family
<b>Prayers</b>	All Age Team

**Our Sunday service is available from 2pm on any of the following**

Website at <https://stpaulsslough.org.uk/> and follow the link.

YouTube Account at: <https://www.youtube.com/user/StPaulsChurch1906>

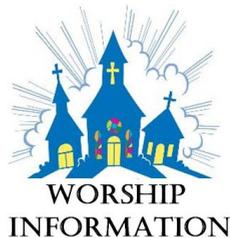
Facebook account at: <https://en-gb.facebook.com/stpaulsslough/>

#### **Can we politely remind you**

We can only listen to recorded songs, **no singing is allowed** during worship  
in the church

After the service please **do not stay chatting** in the church or car park.

# ARRANGEMENTS FOR CHURCH SERVICES



We have drawn up the following arrangements for holding services in the church. We are following the guidelines issued by the Government and the Church of England so it is important we ALL follow them.

- **2 metre social distancing** is mandatory so only **up to 60 people** can attend a service.
- There will be **a one-way system** in, around and out of church to help us follow this rule.
- The service must **start promptly at 10.00am** with everyone seated so please **arrive early**, it may be difficult to get in if you are late.
- **Walk to church if you can**, don't use the car park unless you have to and the gate will be closed when it is full.
- **Please wear a face covering**, this is now compulsory in enclosed spaces.
- **Hand sanitiser will be available** and must be used on entering.
- We can only listen to recorded songs, **no singing is allowed**.
- There will be **no refreshments**.
- After the service please **do not stay chatting** in the church or car park.
- Online recordings of the services will be available after 2pm. See cover for internet links.
- If you are ill in any way at all, please stay at home. Certain groups of people may be at increased risk from COVID-19, including people who are aged 70 or older, regardless of medical conditions. Individuals who fall within this group are advised to stay at home as much as possible and, if they do go out, to take particular care to minimise contact with others outside of their household. If you are in this category a decision to attend the service is yours alone.

## CAMPAIGNERS RE-STARTS NEXT WEEK

We are part of a National Christian Organisation (The Campaigners England & Wales) where our main aim is to lead the children & young people to a faith in Jesus Christ.

We have 4 age groups that meet during school term time only in the Gilliat Hall on the following days:

<b>STARTING MONDAY 14 SEPT</b> <b>Mondays 7.00 - 8.00pm</b> <b>Crosstrax</b> <b>School years 6 - 8</b> <b>Delta</b> <b>School years 9 - 13</b>	<b>STARTING THURS 17 SEPT</b> <b>Thursdays 6.15 - 7.15pm</b> <b>Eagles</b> <b>Age 4-end of School Year 1</b> <b>Junos</b> <b>School years 2 - 5</b>
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Both groups will only meet for an hour and social distancing arrangement will be in place.

We have lots of activities relevant to the particular age group.

You are welcome to take your child to the relevant age group.

If you want any more information please ring Maureen Cottrell on 01753 512243 or 07901 710204.

### A MESSAGE FROM WAYNE DIXON...

...for anyone interested in reaching out to the 95 - that's the 95% of children and young people who have no contact whatsoever with church.

...You are invited to: "REVEALING JESUS"

- Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2020
- 7.30pm
- Online & Free

**" We're launching a brand new mission framework to help the church connect and journey with the 95 "**

Details: [www.su.org.uk/revealingjesusevent](http://www.su.org.uk/revealingjesusevent)

## THIS WEEK'S - VICAR UPDATE

Our new Vicar Rt Revd Timothy Wambunya and his son David arrived at the Vicarage last Saturday and, as previously advised, he will be in quarantine for 14 days.

For this reason during this time he will not be available for meetings.

Further information will follow in due course about his availability and when he will start to take services. The Archdeacon of Buckingham will licence Tim on Zoom on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September and we hope that a recording of this will be available for you to see on the church website sometime after then.

## VICAR HOMEMAKER APPEAL

*Thank you to everyone who helped get the Vicarage ready. Tim and David arrived with just their suitcases so everything else they needed had to be ready in the Vicarage. Their personal effects will follow in a few weeks' time by sea freight.*



*Thank you to those that donated furniture and contributed to the Appeal Fund and to all the volunteers who helped with cleaning, gardening, furniture moving, buying utensils and food and more...It was a great team effort with a really good outcome.*

**The Appeal Fund is still open** if you would like to contribute to the cost of equipping the Vicarage. Also the Vicarage has been redecorated with new carpets, and

## VICAR HOMEMAKER APPEAL

although the Oxford Diocese is paying for some of this, we will need to pay the difference.

You can help by contributing to our Vicar Appeal Fund for all this. Ways to contribute are:

- **Bank Transfer** using the church bank details in Advance and stating 'Vicar Appeal' as the payment reference.
- **By Cheque:** made out to 'St Paul's Parish' and put it in an envelope marked 'Vicar Appeal' and either put in the collection on Sunday or post to the Parish Administrator, St.Paul's Church, 130 Stoke Road, Slough, SL2 3AS
- **By Cash:** Put in an envelope in the collection on Sunday or post it by hand through Nadeem's letterbox at 132 Stoke Road – PLEASE DO NOT SEND CASH THROUGH THE POST. Write "Vicar Appeal" on the front of the envelope.

If you are a taxpayer please Gift Aid your donation, write 'Gift Aid' on the envelope with your name or email [parishadmin@stpaulsslough.org.uk](mailto:parishadmin@stpaulsslough.org.uk) saying you wish for your donation to be Gift Aided and say how much you donated and when.

Any money left from the Appeal after purchasing all the items that are needed, will be put towards the cost of other Vicar related items and work.

*Thank you for your anticipated generous response.*

## Keeping in touch

Please keep in regular contact with church family members that you know and those in the groups you attend (home groups, music, prayer groups etc..) Ask whether they are well and whether they are all receiving the church Prayer Letter and Advance notices and have access to our online service. If you know anyone not accessing this information or who would like to be contacted please let the church office know.

## PRAYER EMAIL

Don't forget to use the prayer email on Tuesdays as part of your prayer focus as we all continue to pray for each other, our church, country and the world at this difficult time.

## PATHWAYS MAGAZINE

The latest edition of *Pathways* is out now. Issue 5 focusses on the climate emergency and it's a digital-only edition, [download the PDF](#) or [read the articles online here](#).

*Pathways* is published by the Oxford Diocese for its church members. If you are unable to read it online and would like one, please contact me in the office. 01753 531 022.



## Private prayer in church

You are welcome to come to the church for private individual prayer in the Prayer Room.

The church will be open on Wednesdays between 10 and 11. Nadeem will be here to welcome you.

If you prefer please contact him on Tel 07578 200784 or email [nazam05@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:nazam05@hotmail.co.uk)



# GIVING TO THE CHURCH

## A message from Ray

Firstly, thank you to all of you who continued with your giving whilst we could not hold services either by using online banking or the giving facility on the church website.

Although we are now able to attend church services again, I would encourage those who have used online banking to continue to do so – rather than reverting to cash or cheques placed in the collection at church. It reduces the administration and also saves money on our bank charges, because the fee the bank imposes is less than their handling cash or cheques! Even better, why not set up a Standing Order – just contact Judy in the church office and she will send you the form to use.

If you cannot use online banking and are unable to attend a Sunday service, then please do use the website facility rather than just saving up the cash to give at some future date. A regular flow of money into the church is important to keep things ticking over smoothly.

Handling cash & cheques presents both an administrative burden and H&S issues, particularly during the Covid crisis as it could aid passing on infection and also someone has to queue at the bank (who are operating limited hours and till positions) which exposes that person to further risk.

Having said that, should you have been saving up your giving, are unable to use online or the website and intend to come to church on Sunday, please do bring it with you as there will be a collection box in church which you can put it in. A cheque is preferable to cash (which could have been handled by many people).

As ever, if you need any help or advice please do speak to myself, Chris, Kevin, or Judy and we will do our best to assist you.

Ray Lewis  
Treasurer



ST. PAULS CHURCH  
SLOUGH



**ANNUAL PAROCHIAL MEETING 2020**  
**SUNDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER**

**PLEASE CHECK YOUR DETAILS**  
**ON THE LIST DISPLAYED IN THE CHURCH**

**IF YOU ARE NOT ABLE TO COME TO THE CHURCH,**  
**PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE TO CHECK**  
**OR TO ASK FOR AN APPLICATION FORM WHICH**  
**WE CAN SEND TO YOU.**

An updated list must be published by 20 September so please  
check or apply before then.

Thank you

Contact: Judy, 01753 531022 or  
[parishadmin@stpaulsslough.org.uk](mailto:parishadmin@stpaulsslough.org.uk)

## RESOURCES FOR PRAYER AND WORSHIP

In addition to our own online service on Sunday, the Advance Notices and the Prayer Email there are many other resources to help us worship and pray. Here are just a few.

[OXFORD DIOCESE](#) website has many resources to help us pray and worship in our homes. Please visit their website for the full list, Here are few of the ones available.

[OXFORD SUNDAY SERVICES](#) - to join the live streamed worship for the Diocese on Sundays .

Visit other churches in the Diocese that are streaming services, including ours at St Paul's [here](#).

Find online or other information from churches nearby (including St Paul's) at A Church Near You [here](#).

[DAILY PRAYER](#) from The Church of England.

[DAILY SERVICES](#) from The Church of England.

[BBC Radio 4](#) - Daily broadcast at 9.45am of Christian music and worship. (You will need to sign up for a BBC account)

[UCB Radio](#) - Music-based radio with news, current affairs, short talks, features and the latest Christian hits. A team of presenters also talk about faith in everyday life.

### **Bible Reading Resources**

There are many online resources, and these are the ones that Helen recommends

[Scripture Union](#)

[Bible Reading Fellowship](#)

[Crusade for World Revival](#)

[United Christian Broadcasters](#)