



St Paul's

FAMILY NEWS Sunday 6th December

Sunday Services

Will continue to be streamed live at 10.30am every Sunday via Zoom. An invite will be emailed with details each week.

Monday Simple Supper Service

Will be streamed live at 7pm every Monday via the St Paul's Facebook page. Please follow the link on the website.

Wednesday Morning Prayer

Continues weekly at 7.30am via Zoom. Details can be found in the services email.

Church Opening Update

Thanks to the efforts of some special people in our midst, I am pleased to be able to announce that for those that wish, we shall be returning to the building for both meals and services later this month.

The first meal will be on Friday 18th December and will be a Christmas meal, followed by another meal on Christmas day. It would help to let us know if you plan to come to either meal by phoning the office and speaking to Jenny or Dianne or leaving a message.

There will be a service in the building as well as on zoom on Sunday 20th December and again on Christmas day.

We will revert to the Monday and Friday pattern for meals starting Monday 4th January.

There will be no service in the building on Sunday 27th December following a letter received from the Bishop of Ely, dispensing of canonical obligation to provide public worship on this day.

There will be no meals in the building again until Monday 4th January.
Michael Beckett

Friday Mailing from the Bishops' Offices

Please find attached the Diocese of Ely Budget Summary: 2020 and 2021 which has been sent out to all parishes.

Global Day of Action – Gender Violence

Also attached from the Bishops' Offices is information from the Mothers' Union regarding their first ever Global Day of Action against gender violence on Saturday 5th December.

News from St George's Court

A new lifestyle coordinator, Lindsey, has been appointed, who worked for St Phillips till recently. While no church can visit to lead worship, she leads regular services with prayers and favourite hymns. She is now planning for Christmas:

1. To assemble a great display of Christmas cards sent to 'the residents and staff'. If you have a spare card and stamp please add them to your list. The address is St George's Court Care Home, Russell Street, Cambridge CB2 1HT. Signing yourself "[name](from St Paul's Church)" will let them know we haven't forgotten them.

2. To organise a Christmas lights display with a switching on ceremony on 3rd December. If you have spare lights or decorations which light up, please give her a ring 01223 712135. Thank you.

Christina Barry

Ladies Drinks and Nibbles

Sarah Rose and Caroline Bone are hosting a Christmas drinks and Nibbles evening on Friday 11th December from 7-8pm via zoom. All ladies welcome! Zoom link to follow.

Meanwhile if you would like to make a donation to the breast screening programme at Al Ahli hospital in Gaza that we talked about last time please follow this link - <https://app.donorfy.com/donate/M1Z13YVCZ8/alahlihospital>.

Another way to support work among families and young people in Gaza is to support Amos Trust's Christmas appeal which, if you donate between 1st and 8th December, doubles your donation - <https://www.amostrust.org/give/christmas-appeal-2020/>.
Caroline Bone and Sarah Rose

Eco Church Update

See Eco Church's **new poster** attached reminding us of steps we can all take to care for the environment. Print and display on your fridge! See the [Eco Church website](#) for further actions.

24 tips on how to have a Green Christmas are on the [Arocha website](#). Something for everyone.

Unfortunately the **Zoom seminar** had to be deferred. It's been rescheduled for Monday 18th January 2021 (TBC). Further info to follow.

Jonathan Chaplin's recent sermon on Psalm 72 is [here](#).
Jonathan Chaplin

A message from Ruth Hatch

Thank you all for your messages and cards wishing me a speedy recovery following my recent operation. I am making progress slowly and just feel very thankful to have been able to have my surgery in these restricted times.

Traidcraft

Sadly, there will be no Christmas card / gift stall this year. However, you can buy on-line by following the link below -

<https://www.traidcraftshop.co.uk/christmas>.

Rotary Club Christmas Concert

The Cambridge Rotary Club is organising an online version of their annual Christmas Concert, with Cambridge schools including pupils from St Paul's participating from Monday 7th December.

To book a ticket, go to the Event Brite website [here](#). Family tickets cost £10 and will raise money for two charities - Centre 33, the youth counselling and support charity, and the Cambridge Churches Homeless Project.

Cambridge Money Advice Centre

Cambridge MAC have the opportunity to raise funds through an Aviva £250,000 community fund. By making donations now, supporters can raise the profile of MAC with Aviva employees, who will nominate (in December) which charities get a share of their funds.

<https://www.avivacommunityfund.co.uk/provision-of-free-debt-advice-in-cambridgeshire>.

Frances Harris

Spirit, Power, and Transformation: Nigerian Pentecostalism and Development - CCCW Webinar

On Tuesday 8th December at 4.30pm. The speaker is Dr Richard Burgess, University of Roehampton – please follow the link below to register for this event.

<https://www.cccw.cam.ac.uk/events>.

Church Bank Details

For confidential giving our church bank details are: -

Sort code: 40-52-40

A/C No: 00015142

A/C Name: PCC of St Paul's Cambridge

Prayer Streets for December 2020

Please pray for residents and businesses in -
Gonville Place, Gresham Road, Fenner's Lawn, Hills Road and Brookgate. Thank you.

Please send all articles for the next Family News by 5pm on Tuesday to congregation@stpaulscambridge.org.uk. Thank you

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<https://ecochurchchair.wixsite.com/stpaulsecochurch>