



St Paul's

FAMILY NEWS Sunday 20th 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 & Christmas Services

- We return to the building THIS Sunday morning.
- We will continue on zoom as well.
- There is no service Sunday 27th.
- If you are planning to come to the service on Christmas day in the building - would you please email Sarah to let us know. ([congregation@](mailto:congregation@stpauls.org))

Thank you

Michael Beckett

A message from the PCC Chair, Martin Evans

The minutes of the PCC meeting on Wednesday 9th December are attached to this Family News. There are a lot of new initiatives in the coming year so please give the minutes a good read.

The one thing I wanted to highlight is that financially we have broken even this year. This is nothing short of a miracle. The centre was closed throughout lockdown and only recently opened for Bodyworks and a few other safe activities. Huge thanks to Jonathan Salter, our accountant and Jenny Cavallo, Centre manager for great diligence and creativity in saving money and winning grants. I am told that we are one of the few churches in the diocese that has broken even this year. Quite remarkable.

Traidcraft

There will be no Christmas card / gift stall this year. However, you can buy on-line:
<https://www.traidcraftshop.co.uk/christmas>.

Carol Singing 2020

It is permitted for groups of 6 socially distanced singers to go carol singing. Helen Robbins is co-ordinating this on Sunday 20th, Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd December, from 5.30-6.30pm. If you're interested in taking part, can you complete Doodle poll below so we can allocate groups of 6 singers to specific areas of the parish. Please email Helen with any questions. ([helen@](mailto:helen@stpauls.org))

https://doodle.com/poll/2cx3t2tfzusrw7x?utm_source=poll&utm_medium=link

Alison Hornsbury has sent details of singing at Lammas Land as follows:

The coffee hut and St Mark's Newnham are organising a carol singing event at 3pm on Sunday 20th Dec at 3pm. There is plenty of space for people to socially distance from each other and they are on hand with risk assessments etc. There will be coffee, mince pies etc. They are keen to invite people from St Paul's and Newtown to join them.

There is also an opportunity via the BBC to sing carols on your doorstep on Wednesday 16th December suggesting people gather outside their own gate, door at 6pm, with BBC radio in earphone and download of words and all singalong via this link:

<https://www.doorstepcarols.co.uk/is-your-area-involved-cambridgeshire>

Finally, Helen Robbins has put together a Spotify playlist of many of the pieces that the community choir has sung over the last 16 years to enjoy as you make your Christmas preparations. Here's the link:

<https://open.spotify.com/playlist/6Sj6KKuHNeBnGZr56uO7Hw?si=OYMYzrcST4GxYkZyD798zQ>

Helen Robbins

Men's Breakfast

Sadly, we will not be able to hold our usual Christmas gathering at the Earl of Derby, but hope to resume soon. In the meantime, at this time of year when we particularly think about Peace on Earth, we encourage members to reflect on questions of war and peace prior to a future discussion. Thanks.

Michael Bloy

Eco Church

24 tips on how to have a Green Christmas are on the [Arocha website](https://www.arochoa.org).

A reminder that the **Zoom seminar** has been rescheduled for Monday 18th January 2021 and further details will follow.

The Faraday Institute

This academic year Faraday Institute Research Seminars will be online. All seminars will be held at 1pm GMT - please visit
<https://www.faraday.cam.ac.uk/events/seminars>.

The Faraday programme currently is as follows:

26th January - Dr Stuart Mathieson [Dublin City University] 'An Evangelical Philosophy of Science? From Bacon and Paley to Stokes'

9th February - Prof. Robert Joons [University of Texas] 'How the Quantum Revolution Vindicates Aristotle's Metaphysics'

23rd February - Dr Bethany Sollereeder [Oxford University] 'Theology Past the Tipping Point: God's Goodness in a World of Rapid Change'

9th March - Dr Mirjam Schilling [Oxford University] 'From Biology to Theology: How Viruses Challenge Our Perception of Good and Evil'

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 5th January to [congregation@](mailto:congregation@stpaulscambridge.org.uk). Thank you



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