

## Notices and News

Sunday 21st September

### 10:30 am Holy Communion

Visiting Preacher the Rev'd Devin McLachlan  
*with Sunday Club*

*Conversation with Emma (after the service) about their visit to the West Bank. All welcome in the Chapel.*

A Trip to Whipsnade Tree Cathedral to Pray for Peace

Departure from Cambs 1pm, Arrival at site 2.30pm, Depart site 4pm. Arrive back at Cambridge c. 5.30pm. See more below

Taizé Service 6pm



St Paul's

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## We are hiring!

### **Assistant Centre Manager: Bookings, Marketing & Administration Lead**

Place of Work: St Paul's Church, Hills Road

Full time: 37.5 hours per week, Monday- Friday with capacity to work occasional evenings and a maximum of 2 Saturdays out of 4 each month, if needed. Time off in lieu applied.

Flexible working is possible on a case by case basis.

Salary: £30,000

This role has two clear functions. Firstly to take the lead in room hire and bookings for the church. It is vital in this role for the business to be run with professionalism and skill, maximising the income for the church. The post-holder will develop a clear business strategy with support from the Centre Manager and commercial trustees. The business strategy should be mindful of the wider mission of the church and its community interests. An element of the position is event coordination, to help plan and run events, weddings, and to support external hirers with logistics and setup.

The second function of the role is marketing and communications. The post-holder will be responsible for helping to promote not just the commercial side of the business, but St Paul's Church and Community Centre as a whole. This means developing an approach across social media, the physical building, the website, and other avenues to communicate the wider vision of St Paul's.

This is very much a hands-on role and will be suited to a candidate with sales, marketing and administration experience. This role is a significant and essential one for St Paul's Church and Community Centre.

Please follow this [LINK](#) to find out more and to apply. If you have any questions, please email the Centre Manager on: [Jon@stpaulscambridge.org.uk](mailto:Jon@stpaulscambridge.org.uk)

## PCC Updates






The latest approved minutes are now on the church website under governance.

Headlines from the last meeting - the Children and Family Worker post is finishing at the end of the year. The PCC was able to fund this 2-year post from legacies but has not been able to commit further funds for its extension. Anna will be saying goodbye at the end of the year: we are enormously grateful for all that she has done for our children and families.

The PCC is creating two new, small posts- please look out for information about a Community Musician Post and a Sunday Club Leader post.

## Audio-Visual Consultation

Sincere thanks to all who responded to the consultation about the proposed new AV projector system. 56 people responded online or on paper, which is a high response rate. There was strong support for the proposal, with 41 either strongly agreeing or agreeing, and many useful comments offered. [see table]. A fuller analysis is available on request. PCC has considered the proposal in light of these results and also reflected on the pros and cons. In view of financial constraints and a number of urgent building costs, it was not able to commit funds immediately to initiate the work. In addition, introduction of large TV screens into the building will require a Faculty application; it may be that the PCC will need to show that they have considered other options. The PCC will keep you posted.

Scale	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Count of Number	Response
-2		3 Strongly disagree
-1		6 Disagree
0		6 Neither agree nor disagree
1		17 Agree
2		24 Strongly agree
Grand Total	56	

# A year of John's Gospel

The PCC and Ministry team are delighted to announce that from Advent 2025 we will be launching a Year of John's Gospel.

Professor David Ford will be with us on the evening of Advent Sunday (30th November) launching his new short guide to the Gospel. We will also hear from Rev'd Karin about how the Year of John impacted St Andrew's Cherry Hinton. Our Sunday readings will be following a new lectionary for the year focusing on John's account of the life and death of Jesus. Midweek groups will be provided with resources to read John with all our different communities. We will also be encouraging creative responses to John's Gospel. As part of that Tim Boniface will be performing his Eight Last Words - a jazz suite based on the eight sayings of Jesus in the Passion according to St John - Saturday 28 March in the evening.

We will have many small books of John's Gospel to take away, and a reading guide to read it every day over 3 months

## Cambridge Climate Café Listening Circle

Climate Cafés offer a supportive space for people to express what they feel and think about climate issues, reflect together and listen to one another. The cafes are led by facilitators, so you can be sure there will be space for you to speak if you wish to. All welcome.

### Upcoming dates

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September, 3pm

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October, 3pm

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November, 3pm

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December, 3pm

Please  
book in  
advance

**Venue:** Mill Road Community Centre, 6 Hazell St, Cambridge, CB1 2GN. (Citibus 2 or 10 minute walk from station)

**Cost:** Free but donations welcome to cover costs

**Booking:** Via Eventbrite: [www.eventbrite.com/o/104016587731](https://www.eventbrite.com/o/104016587731)

Cambridge Climate Therapists is a group of qualified therapists and psychological practitioners concerned with climate issues. We offer our time voluntarily to the community. For more information, please visit [www.cambridgeclimatetherapists.org](http://www.cambridgeclimatetherapists.org)

## Study the Bible Together

Sian would like to meet with others to read and chat about the Bible, in an open and inclusive group. Anyone interested, speak to her, or email on:

[Cowell.sian@yahoo.com](mailto:Cowell.sian@yahoo.com)



# **New Door, Fire and Emergency Response policies approved by PCC**

New policies covering door security, fire safety and emergency response policies have been approved by PCC, after a lengthy and careful process of review. They were prompted by three factors:

- some recent disturbing incidents requiring a rethink of how we use our doors
- the discovery that our fire safety needed a major upgrade (you'll see new wall-mounted alarms already)
- a larger process already under way of bringing a whole range of our policies into line with diocesan requirements.

Staff, relevant volunteers and others will be informed of the new policies, and they are also available to anyone who wants to see them, via the office. Policies apply to our whole community, including external hirers.

The overall goal of the policies is to strike the best balance between keeping St Paul's as open and welcoming a place as possible for all, while ensuring that it is also as safe a space as possible for all.

You may over time notice various changes to how the Centre and Church operate. For example, some doors will be kept closed or locked more frequently than they were, new fire doors will be installed (some with an automatic release mechanism), access to the side door will be somewhat restricted, and the list of those with keys or access codes will be reviewed. These changes may take a bit of adjustment, so we'd ask for your patience and support as the new arrangements roll out. You are always free to make a suggestion or raise a concern to staff, warden or PCC members.

Thank you very much for your understanding as we seek to keep St Paul's as an inviting, welcoming space for all.

Jonathan Chaplin, Church Warden  
On behalf of the Parish Church Council

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## **COMMUNITY PROGRAMME**

<https://www.stpaulscambridge.org.uk/hospitality>

## **MIDWEEK GROUPS and PRAYER**

**Worship Programme up to Christmas now live!**

<https://www.stpaulscambridge.org.uk/sunday-services>

**TUESDAY CUPPA** meets in the chapel at 11am on 7th October for a celebration of Harvest : all are welcome to join to give thanks for all the blessings we receive.

**MEN'S BREAKFAST** takes place every third Saturday at the Earl of Derby in Hills Road at 8.30 - so, this week 20th Sept. All welcome.

# **Outdoor Church: TODAY! Sunday 21st**

A Trip to Whipsnade Tree Cathedral to Pray for Peace

Sunday 21st September 1-5.30pm. Departure from Cam 1pm, Arrival at site 2.30pm, Depart site 4pm.  
Arrive back at Cambridge c. 5.30pm

This incredible tree cathedral, made from trees, shrubs and plants, was created after the First World War in the spirit of 'faith, hope and reconciliation' and is the Whipsnade Tree Cathedral that you see today. This trip will include acts of prayer in the tree cathedral for peace. Friends of the Holy Land are calling on churches across Britain to pray for peace on Sunday 21st September, coinciding with UN World Peace Day and the global call to prayer from the World Council of Churches.

Transport: car sharing, please advise if you need a lift or can give a lift.  
Access: this trip involves walking around the tree cathedral. Cost: free entry.  
RSVP: [vicar@stpaulscambridge.org.uk](mailto:vicar@stpaulscambridge.org.uk)

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## **Harvest Festival with Lunch**

Sunday 5th October - GIFT DAY

10.30am Service with crafts for all children and youth with Anna.  
Followed by a Harvest Lunch.

This will also be our annual gift day - more details to follow.

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### **Giving to St Pauls:**

Regular, weekly or monthly donations are so essential to our church's finances. From £5 per week to £100 a month. We really need your donation. Join our Parish Giving scheme with this link or scan the QR code.

<https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/cambridge-st-paul-cambridge/>

