



St Paul's

Notices and News

Sunday 26th April, Easter 4

10:30am Holy Communion

Followed by our Spring Clean (materials and lunch provided)

6:00pm Taize service

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Sabeel-Kairos
Taking Action for Palestine

EXHIBITION OF ART, STORY AND SONG

On display all afternoon:

- quilts: *An Inch for Each of the Dead* by Sydney Shadeck-Triola
- personal sleep testimonies from Gaza, the West Bank, East Jerusalem
- pieces on loss, grief, and sleep by local artists

Song recital 4:45pm Classical art song of lullaby and lament:
Vaughan Williams, Britten, Gurney & others

Free entry, fundraising for projects
in the West Bank and Gaza

2-6PM
SAT 2 MAY
ST PAUL'S CHURCH, CB2 1JP

Updates from Fairbite

Egg boxes needed! Local cafe Maison Clement has generously agreed to supply eggs to us through their wholesaler. The eggs are delivered in bulk on big cardboard sheets, so we need small boxes to put them in. Can you save your 6-pack egg boxes for us and bring them to the office?

Cakes for the cafe: we are looking for people to bake cakes or biscuits for the community cafe. Please get in touch with the office or speak to Emma if you could bake for us once a month.



Congratulations to Rev'd Becky Warner



Many of you will know that Becky is curate with us at St Paul's as a 'Self-Supporting Ordained Minister' meaning she was originally ordained with Assistant Priest (non-stipendiary) status. She currently works full time as a musician and academic alongside her curacy. Becky's sense of calling to parish ministry has grown and developed during her time at St Paul's and so recently she spent several months going through the process of applying to the national panel to be considered for Incumbent (stipendiary) status. She is delighted that following panel interview she has been recommended for Incumbent status. As she enters the final stages of her curacy at St Paul's, later on this year she will begin the process of looking for a full-time stipendiary vicar role. She will continue with her work as a musician part-time alongside her future ministry. Thank you to all at St Paul's for helping her ministry to develop in this way.

Art Raffle Prize



In conjunction with our Art Exhibition last weekend, we are offering you all the opportunity to own this wonderful artwork, Cambridge Students, donated to us by PoppetPics.

We are selling raffle tickets at £2 each and will announce the winner on 17th May. This is an amazing opportunity to own some beautiful art for only £2 a ticket! Purchases can be made in the office from Monday to Friday, 09:00 - 17:00. PoppetPics is an Illustration company founded by Lucy Jones.

Lucy studied Design and Media at University in London with a year out at Art College in Granada University, Spain specialising in Photography, Sculpture and Drawing. She has a background in Television production with Reuters, GMTV, Showbiz Weekly, and Sky Television. Lucy is an accredited member of the British Academy of Interior Designers (BAID), focusing on Interior styling.

Currently, she integrates her expertise in Photography, Drawing and Interiors to produce digital illustrations of daily life's exterior and interior aesthetics.

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Safeguarding Notice - Please read

Do you work with or are you thinking of volunteering with children's work, youth work or work with any vulnerable adults at St Paul's, or joining the PCC? If so, then formal safeguarding and domestic violence training is required for your role. However please don't switch off if you're not involved in these roles, as safeguarding applies to the wider church family, because **safeguarding is everyone's business**.

Historically the church of England has a truly abysmal record with regards to protecting children and vulnerable adults. Multiple enquiries have shown that the church has missed and mishandled hundreds of cases of abuse because of a defensive, self protecting culture which prioritized reputation over victim safety, handling things internally, having a culture of 'not being curious' and minimising complaints, a culture of making assumptions, misusing the gospel of forgiveness - all not helped by the complex and fragmented organisational structure of the church.

Safeguarding in the C of E is undergoing significant structural reform, to create greater independent scrutiny, and simpler, more transparent processes. In our church Rachel Hutchinson is our safeguarding officer, and she is supported by a local diocesan safeguarding officer (DSO).

At the heart of safeguarding is creating a safe and welcoming environment, where everyone is respected and valued. It's about making sure our church is run in a way that actively prevents harm, harassment, bullying, abuse and neglect. It's also about being ready to respond safely and well if there is a problem. So safeguarding is fundamentally linked to the church's role in demonstrating God's love and creating a space where people can flourish.

In terms of **training**, safeguarding and domestic violence training is mandatory before working with children and vulnerable adults, not optional. The training - depends on your role but should only take a few hours every 3 years, and is online not face to face.

If you work in health, education or social care you will have already had training as part of your job requirement, and the church's training will have similarities but also a number of differences as it is tailored to church roles and scenarios, and addresses the historical issues and links the role of safeguarding to scripture.

We want to reduce barriers to completing the training, so please let Rachel, Imogen or myself know if there is anything we can do to help. If you find using computer based training difficult - technical reasons, dyslexia, access to computers - Vicky Green is happy to meet you and share my laptop, or support you in accessing the materials (with a cuppa). However for some people, the issues covered around abuse, neglect and domestic violence are triggering and traumatising due to past experiences, and if this is the case for you, and is what is stopping you from completing training, or from volunteering as you would need to do the training, please speak with Imogen or Rachel. The church has both adapted materials, and also a system of discrete passes at the discretion of the Diocesan safeguarding officer, to avoid harming someone who is willing, wise and wishes to volunteer but would be re-traumatised by completing the training.

Contact: Safeguarding@stpaulscambridge.org.uk

Updated Parish Contact Book: Please fill in this quick and easy online form so that the office can compile an up-to-date parish contact list.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe5ROFoBWJAICi83vZ5K2YyeULrTXy2yJZHnZtS2kQOzlw3Fg/viewform?usp=header>

Parish Annual Meeting (APCM): Sunday 17th May after the 10.30am Service
Please make sure you are on the electoral roll and get this date in your diary!

Wednesday morning service will be happening in person in the chapel at 7.30 am on the first Wednesday of the month from next Wednesday 1st April. We will combine this with meeting on zoom. On the other Wednesdays in the month we will just be on zoom.

TUESDAY CUPPA meets in the chapel at 11am on 5th May, when the focus will be on Christian Aid ...

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK runs from 10th to 16th May: please see their website for more details. The ecumenical service to mark the end of the week will be at St Andrew's, Cherry Hinton at 4pm on Sunday 17th May & will be a great opportunity to find out about their work (and to make a donation!).

John's weekly Street Child United blogs:

<https://streetchildunited.org/50-days-to-go-until-the-street-child-world-cup-2026/>

<https://streetchildunited.org/reflections-from-the-road-to-scwc-2026/>

Sign up for our weekly notices

Be part of the community - find out what's going on every week, with the Sunday service, notices, and weekly reflection delivered to your email. Use the QR code to sign-up. Unsubscribe at any time.



Giving to St Paul's

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.



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