

WELCOME TO ST PAUL'S CHURCH

27 APRIL 2025
SECOND SUNDAY
OF EASTER



THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday 27 April

10.15am Festival Sung Eucharist

With prayer ministry in the Trinity Chapel

President: Fr Roger Stokes

Preacher: The Revd Canon Michael Bradley

Tuesday 29 April

1.00pm Lunchtime Recital

Wednesday 30 April

11.00am Coffee & Chat

12noon Eucharist

Saturday 3 May

1.30pm Eucharist

Sunday 4 May

Third Sunday of Easter

10.15am Parish Eucharist

11.45am Serbian Service

5.30pm Stations of the Resurrection

NEW TO ST PAUL'S ?

Do introduce yourself to the clergy and fill in one of our 'Keep in Touch' forms, at the back of church.

Communion If you receive Communion in your own church, please share with us today. If you would prefer a blessing, please come forward holding an order of service. Gluten free wafers are available; please ask a welcomer to help.



Accessibility To use our loop system, set hearing aids to 'T'.

The directions for posture in the liturgy are for guidance. If standing is difficult, please feel free to remain seated.

Toilets including an accessible toilet with changing table are through the glass doors at the back of church.

Children are always welcome at our services.

There is a table at the back left hand side with books and toys.

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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Hymn 159 The strife is oe'r, the
battle done

GREETING AND OPENING PRAYER

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

GLORIA

THE COLLECT:

Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Acts 5: 27-32

When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, 'We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us.' But Peter and the apostles answered,

'We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour, so that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.'

Hymn 174 Breathe on me breath of God

Revelation I: 4-8

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen.

'I am the Alpha and the Omega', says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.



John 20: 19-end

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples

told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them.

Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

THE PEACE

Hymn 141 Christ the Lord is risen again

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER AND GIVING OF COMMUNION

Hymn 150 Love's Redeeming work is done

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

NOTICES

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Hymn 160 Thine be the glory

'Peace be with you.
As the Father has sent me,
so I send
you.'

John 20: 21



Weekly notices

Electoral Roll 2025 is now complete and the certificate and the roll can be viewed on the Narthex board. Corrections to the roll should be notified to Linda Byer, Electoral Roll Officer.

An Invitation to a Coffee Morning

Each Wednesday at 11.00am in the Nave before the 12 noon Eucharist service.

Tuesday Lunchtime Recital 29 April

1.00pm. We welcome David Mikic who will be giving a piano recital. Please collect your copy of the new summer programme from the back of church and sign up to receive our weekly emails if you have not done so already.

The funeral of Anne Wakeling will take place on Tuesday 6 May 2025 at 2.00pm at Elstow Abbey Church. Reverend Anthony Davis will be the minister conducting the service. Please keep Anne and her family in your prayers at this time.

NOTICE OF Annual Parochial Church Meeting including the Meeting for the Election of Churchwardens will take place on Sunday 11 May at 11.45am. Please see the notices with information on the Narthex board.

VE Day 80th Anniversary Service at

St Paul's Sunday 11 May at 3.00pm.

Richard, Bishop of Bedford will be preaching and all are invited to attend..

Service to dedicate the St Etheldreda Memorial Sunday 15 June at 4.00pm.

Details to follow, but please put the date of this service in your diaries.



Scan the QR code to go to our website where you can find details of what's on and a link to donate to St Pauls' Church.

Weekly Prayers for the Parish

- 27 Kingsbrook Road and Rope Walk
- 28 St John's Street and Kingsway
- 29 Melbourne Street and Ampthill Street
- 30 Cauldwell Street and Cauldwell Place
- 1 May Ashburnham Road, The Finches and Bishopstone Court
- 2 Bromham Road, Woburn Road and Braemar Court
- 3 Alexandra Road, Alexandra Place and The Avenue

For your prayers

Daily: Pat Tolman
Derek Jones
John Uncles
Dermot Brennan

Mon: Robin James

Tue: David Price

Wed: Timothy Robb

Thurs: Bernard Clare

Fri: Olenka Kinsella

Sat: Joe Kinsella
Brian Taylor

RIP

Anne Wakeling
Peter Good

Year's mind:

Rita Hartup 27
Brigadier H E Collett-White 29

Morning Prayer

9.00am Monday to Saturday, via Zoom
Meeting ID 98213650148
Password 3GQ8s7