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Dear Friends

Happy New Year! 2022 will, no doubt, bring with it new challenges, as well as – I hope – many joys.

One of the challenges we will face at St Paul's is that we will not be receiving a curate at Petertide, as I had hoped. The Diocese has fewer stipends available for curates than it once did, and so a parish like St Paul's, which is accustomed to receiving a curate every three years, can't always expect a new curate when the previous one has left. Nonetheless, this is disappointing, especially at a time when we are seeing growth in so many areas of church life.

The Bishop and I are exploring other ways in which the parish can be resourced until – God willing – we receive a curate in June 2023. Meanwhile, I'm conscious that many people will – indeed, already have begun to – step up, and help ministry here to flourish. I'm very grateful to and for them.

As I write – just before Christmas – we are once again in an uncertain place with the spread of the new variant of Covid-19. I have to keep reminding myself that we are in a better place than we were this time last year, and I hope and pray we will find ourselves in yet a better place in another 12 months.

One of the many things the pandemic has taught is that we can have little certainty about the future. In many ways, that's a very scary thing, particularly for those of us who don't like surprises. But, as Christians, I hope it gives us a greater reliance in the things about which we can be sure.

Julian of Norwich, the medieval mystic who lived through a time of epic uncertainty, wrote of the hazelnut she held in her hand: "In this little thing I saw three properties. The first is that God made it. The second that God loves it. And the third, that God keeps it." If these properties are true of a humble hazelnut, they are true of us too. God made us. God loves us. God keeps us.

May these truths, whatever the uncertainties and challenges of our time, give us confidence and hope as we begin the new year.

With my love and prayers

Fr Daniel

## Services in January 2022

Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer are said publically Monday-Thursday at 9am and 5pm



The church is open for private prayer Monday-Thursday from 9am to 5.15pm

Day	Date	Observance	Time	Services	Prayer Intention
S	1	Naming and Circumcision of Jesus			<i>Our resolution to follow Jesus throughout this New Year</i>
S	2	<b>THE SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS</b>	8am 9.15am 10.30am	Said Eucharist Joyful Noise Eucharist Sung Eucharist	<i>Our parish and its people</i>
M	3				<i>The homeless</i>
T	4				<i>The aged and infirm</i>
W	5		11am	Holy Communion	<i>Racial justice</i>
T	6	<b>THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD</b>	6pm	Eucharist for all ages	<i>The revelation of Christ to the nations</i>
F	7				<i>Our Pastoral Care Team</i>
S	8				<i>Prisoners of conscience</i>
S	9	<b>THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST</b>	8am 9.15am 10.30am 12noon	Said Eucharist Joyful Noise Sung Eucharist Holy Baptism	<i>Our parish and its people</i>
M	10				<i>Victims of natural disaster</i>
T	11				<i>Our children and young people</i>
W	12	St Aelred of Hexham	11am	Holy Communion	<i>Religious</i>
T	13	St Hilary of Poitiers			<i>The Mothers' Union</i>
F	14				<i>Those who work in healthcare</i>
S	15				<i>Peace in the Middle East</i>
S	16	<b>THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY</b>	8am 9.15am 10.30am	Said Eucharist Joyful Noise Eucharist Sung Eucharist	<i>Our parish and its people</i>
M	17	St Antony of Egypt			<i>The spiritual life</i>
T	18	Beginning of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity			<i>The unity of Christ's Church</i>
W	19	St Wulfstan	11am	Holy Communion	<i>The Roman Catholic Church</i>
T	20				<i>The Orthodox Churches</i>
F	21	St Agnes			<i>The Free Churches</i>
S	22				<i>Churches Together groups</i>
S	23	<b>PATRONAL FESTIVAL</b>	8am <u>10am</u>	Said Eucharist All-Together Eucharist	<i>Our parish and its people</i>
M	24	St Francis de Sales			<i>Journalists</i>
T	25	<b>CONVERSION OF ST PAUL</b> End of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity	8.30am 9am 10.30am	Eucharist Morning Prayer with Churches Together Whole School Service	<i>All churches and institutions under the patronage of St Paul</i>
W	26	Ss Timothy and Titus	11am	Holy Communion	<i>Our friends</i>
T	27				<i>The environment</i>
F	28	St Thomas Aquinas			<i>Theologians</i>
S	29				<i>Family life</i>
S	30	<b>THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY</b>	8am 9.15am 10.30am	Said Eucharist Joyful Noise Eucharist Sung Eucharist	<i>Our parish and its people</i>
M	31				<i>Prisoners</i>

Services times are subject to change. Please contact the Parish Office for details.

Contact the clergy if you would like to speak to someone regarding your spiritual life, or to make use of the Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession)

Thursday 6 January 2022, 6pm

# Epiphany Eucharist for all ages

Children, please dressed as kings, camels, Mary and Joseph



  
ST PAUL'S CHURCH  
WINCHMORE HILL

## BURNS NIGHT

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A BURNS NIGHT CELEBRATION

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## PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

Heavenly Father,  
 you have called us in the Body of your Son Jesus Christ  
 to continue his work of reconciliation  
 and reveal you to the world.  
 Forgive us the sins which tear us apart;  
 give us the courage to overcome our fears  
 and to seek that unity which is your gift and your will;  
 through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
 who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
 one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**



LIVING  
 IN LOVE  
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You are invited to join the Living in Love and Faith course. This course aims to help us think more deeply about what it means to be human and about how to live in love and faith.

All around us we see changing understandings of human identity, changing patterns in relationships and families, changing sexual attitudes and activity. What does it mean for followers of Jesus to walk in love, faith and holiness today?

The course provides a structured and accessible way to engage in and reflect on the Church of England's major new exploration of Christian teaching and learning about identity, sexuality, relationships and marriage.

Each of the five sessions explores one key topic, with an opening reflection about learning together, followed by teaching, time for discussion and Bible study. The sessions end with an invitation to reflect on our learning, bringing it to God in prayer.

Thursday evenings from 13<sup>th</sup> January to 10<sup>th</sup> February 2022 from 7pm to 9pm, in the Church Hall. Email Sarah via [office@spwh.org](mailto:office@spwh.org) for more details or to sign up.



## **We Saw His Star In The East**

Churches Together in Palmers Green

Winchmore Hill and Grange Park

### **WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY**

**18 – 25 January 2022**

*During this week there will be the opportunity to pray together in each other's churches for about half an hour to forty minutes each morning.*

*All are very welcome to join us, either in church or, in solidarity, wherever you are.*

**TUESDAY 18<sup>th</sup> January at 9 am : St John's CoE Church**

**Palmers Green** *Parish Centre Bourne Hill Palmers Green N13 4DA*

**WEDNESDAY 19<sup>th</sup> January at 9 am : Winchmore Hill United**

**Reformed Church** *Compton Road (Hoppers Road end) N21 3NU*

**THURSDAY 20<sup>th</sup> January at 9am : St Peter's CoE Church**

**Grange Park** *Vera Avenue (Junction with Langham Gardens) N21 1DN*

**FRIDAY 21<sup>st</sup> January at 9am : Palmers Green United Reformed**

**Church** *Junction of Fox Lane & Burford Gardens, London N13 4A*

**SATURDAY 22nd January at 9am : Grange Park Methodist Church**

*Junction of Old Park Ridings and Park Drive, London N21 2EU*

**MONDAY 24<sup>th</sup> January at 9 am : Winchmore Hill Baptist Church**

*Compton Road (Green Lanes end), N21 3PD*

**TUESDAY 25th January at 9 am : St Paul's CoE Church**

**Winchmore Hill** *Church Hill N21 1JA (Patronal Festival)*





## **CHARITY COFFEE MORNING**

### **SATURDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2022 FROM 10.30 TO 12**

IN THE PAULIN ROOM (BACK HALL)

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## **JANUARY 2022 FLOWER ROTA**

1 <sup>st</sup> January	Adele Houldsworth
8 <sup>th</sup> January	Sharon Saunders
15 <sup>th</sup> January	Elaine Bunce
22 <sup>nd</sup> January	Adele Houldsworth
29 <sup>th</sup> January	Sally Shearman

We would like to thank our flower arrangers for decorating the church so beautifully for Christmas.

Our Flower Arranging Organizer, Adele Houldsworth, would be pleased to hear from anyone who would like to join the team. Both experienced flower arrangers and people who would like to develop their skills would be very welcome. Contact Adele on 020 8360 3676.

**FROM THE REGISTERS NOVEMBER 2021**

**BAPTISMS**

18<sup>th</sup> November      Seth Coldrey and Elliot Kafizas





Our Scout Group, the 3rd Southgate, held their annual Christmas Fair on Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> December. This raised £500 for the charity, 'All People All Places' which provides accommodation and support for people facing homelessness in the London, including those in our borough of Enfield.

The St Paul's Trust held its AGM on Advent Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> December. The afternoon began with a fascinating talk given by Fr Richard Bolton, Priest in Charge at our neighbouring church of Holy Trinity. Fr Richard has been a Priest-in-Ordinary to the Queen based at St James Palace since 1996 and he spoke about the Chapel Royal and the Queen's Ecclesiastical Household.



The talk was followed with a delicious afternoon tea in the church hall and then the AGM.

For those who do not know about the St Paul's Trust, a charity founded in 1982, it provide funds



to develop and maintain the fabric and amenities of St Paul's Church, the Garden of Rest and other Church buildings. Since 1982 the Trust has made grants of over £190,000 to help to maintain the fabric of our church and to support its work. There are leaflets at the back of church giving more details and information on how to join the Trust.

There were two evening Carol Services in December. The first (right) was held immediately after the St Paul's Trust AGM and it reflected themes of Advent. The second (below) on 19<sup>th</sup> December, was the traditional candlelit service of Nine Lessons and Carols.



Two Christingle services were held in church in December. The Key Stage 1 children from St Paul's School celebrated on the afternoon of the 9<sup>th</sup> and the Key Stage 2 children on the evening of the 14<sup>th</sup>. The church was packed on both occasions to celebrate the coming of the Light of The World.







The support for Carols on The Green on 22<sup>nd</sup> December was tremendous! Over 500 people came along to celebrate with Christmas Carols, food and drinks.

Just over £3000 was raised for CRISIS on the night, and £860 beforehand to support the work of our local Night Shelter. A truly wonderful community event.



On Christmas Eve the Crib Services were very popular with families with young children who enjoyed seeing the crib characters gradually revealed.



Our thanks go to Fr Daniel, and all those who assisted him, for making our journey through Advent so varied and thoughtful.

Our Children and Families Worker, Alison Perera, arranged a series of wonderful children's activities during Advent. Here are a few of them.

On December 15<sup>th</sup> she managed to persuade Father Christmas, during his busiest month of the year, to find time to visit our Toddler's Group, much to the delight of the children.



Two days later Alison organised a Living Nativity, which was sold out days before the event.



There were 400 excited visitors in the carpark on 16<sup>th</sup> December to see Mary, Joseph and baby Jesus, surrounded by farm animals, and to enjoy many activities and delicious refreshments.

At the Parish Eucharist on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December, we enjoyed our traditional children's Nativity, produced by Alison and her Sunday School helpers.

A huge thank you is due to Alison for organising these special events for us and to everyone who helped her to make them such a success.





On 27<sup>th</sup> November, Fr Daniel and a large group from St Paul's Church travelled by car and coach to St Albans Cathedral to witness the installation of Calum, our former Curate, as Minor Canon and Youth Chaplain.

The installation took place during Solemn Evensong,

accompanied by beautiful music and an inspiring sermon by the Rt Revd David Stancliffe. In his sermon, the Bishop talked about different styles



of leadership, mentioning in particular the relationship between conductors and their orchestras, both he and Calum being talented musicians. He favoured those who led by encouraging individual players

to use their unique skills to enhance the performance of the orchestra as a whole, rather than dictating minutely how the music should be played. This struck a chord with some of us who had been encouraged by Calum during his time at St Paul's to identify our talents and to use them fully to serve the church.

We pray for God's blessing on Calum as he begins his new role at St Albans Cathedral.





Our branch of the MU had a very busy run-up to Christmas. During December, the MU hosted a delicious Christmas lunch for older members of our church congregation and local community. The following week there was an evening Christmas meal for our members, partners and friends.



There was also an afternoon meeting with Christmas music, and readings, music and refreshments.

In addition to these celebrations our branch sent gift cards to the value of £150 to Elf, a charitable venture that aims to keep prisoners in contact with their families at Christmas by giving them a gift card to give to each of their children so they can buy a present for themselves. In addition to this, one of our members, Anne Croxford, organised a fund raiser to buy a wonderful selection of new Usborne books and games for children in the parish of All Saints Edmonton and families using our local Foodbank.



## **MOTHERS' UNION DIARY JANUARY 2022**

**THURSDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY AT 2PM**

**MU NEW YEAR PARTY IN THE PAULIN ROOM**

**(SMALL HALL ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF THE HALL)**

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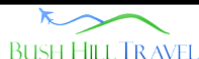
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