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Dear Friends

It's common now to observe a 'Dry January' - a month of abstaining from booze as part of a post-festive detox. I am wholly opposed to this idea. January can be depressing enough; why make it worse?

Seriously, 'Dry January' is a symptom of an increasingly post-Christian society. In the church year Christians are called to abstain from things *in preparation* for festivals, not as a means to recover from them. We have Lent as a time to give something up. And Christian abstinence has an outward focus. Rather than being focussed on our own self-improvement, it calls us to improve the world.

Enough about Lent – that's next month. And, as it happens, I quite enjoy January. We're only just half way through the twelve days of Christmas when it begins. There's the Epiphany to look forward to, and I am delighted that once again this year we'll be keeping the feast on 6th January – not transferring it to the nearest Sunday – with a 6pm Eucharist. And, here at St Paul's, the month concludes with our Patronal Festival, celebrating the conversion of St Paul. This year we look forward to welcoming the Bishop of Lewes, Will Hazlewood, as our preacher at a 10am All-Together Eucharist.

I hope and pray that we all may have a happy New Year. And may that start with a *happy* January. Let us rejoice in the revelation of Jesus Christ, which we celebrate at Epiphany, and celebrate with great joy the conversion of St Paul, in whose honour this parish is dedicated.

With my love and prayers

Fr Daniel

Services in January 2023



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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	SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS	10am	Sung Eucharist	Our parish and its people
M	2	The Naming and Circumcision of Jesus		No public services today	Children and young people
T	3				The Mothers' Union
W	4		12.30pm	Eucharist	Refugees
T	5				Our volunteers
F	6	THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	6pm	Eucharist for All Ages	The revelation of Christ to the world
S	7				Those to be baptised
S	8	THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST	8am 9.15am 10.30am	Said Eucharist Joyful Noise Sung Eucharist	Our parish and its people
M	9				Uniformed organisations
T	10				Developing nations
W	11		12.30pm	Eucharist	Peace makers
T	12	St Aelred of Hexham			Those in fuel poverty
F	13	St Hilary of Poitiers			Members of Parliament
S	14				The homeless
S	15	THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY	8am 9.15am 10.30am	Said Eucharist Joyful Noise Eucharist Sung Eucharist	Our parish and its people
M	16				Enfield Foodbank
T	17	St Antony of Egypt			Our prayer lives
W	18	Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins	12.30pm	Eucharist	The unity of Christ's church
T	19	St Wulfstan			Bishops
F	20				Prisoners of conscience
S	21	St Agnes			Suffering children
S	22	THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY	8am 9.15am 10.30am	Said Eucharist Joyful Noise Sung Eucharist	Our parish and its people
M	23				Peace in Ukraine
T	24	St Francis de Sales			Parish clergy
W	25	THE CONVERSION OF ST PAUL	9.30pm 12.30pm	Morning Prayer attended by Churches Together Eucharist	Our parish and its people
T	26	Ss Timothy and Titus	9am	Whole School Service	Missionaries
F	27				The leaders of the nations
S	28	St Thomas Aquinas			Theologians
S	29	PATRONAL FESTIVAL	8am 10am	Said Eucharist All-Together Eucharist	Our parish and its people
M	30	Charles, King and Martyr			HM The King
T	31				Our care of creation

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)

Friday 6 January 2022, 6pm

Epiphany Eucharist for all ages

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



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PATRONAL FESTIVAL

celebrating the Conversion of St Paul

Sunday 29 January 2023

10am All-Together Eucharist

Preacher
The Rt Revd Will Hazlewood
Bishop of Lewes



8am Said Eucharist as normal
10am All-Together Eucharist
replaces the usual 9.15am and
10.30am services

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INTRODUCING OUR NEW SERIES OF MINISTRY TEAM ARTICLES

Any questions?

Every year the Ministry Team scratches its heads thinking of a theme for a series of magazine articles. And this time, we've decided to put the ball in your court!

Most churchgoers are sitting on questions they've never had the temerity to ask. 'Why did Jesus have to die?' and 'Why does God permit suffering?' are two of many theological questions people grapple with. Then there are questions about what we do in church. 'Why do the clergy wear special robes?' 'Why does the date of Easter change?' And yet more questions about the ordering of the church. 'What is the Anglican Communion?' or 'What's the difference between a priest and a vicar?' (I think this last question is the one I have been asked the most in 13 years of ordained ministry!)

From January we're going to have a little box in church, as well as a dedicated email address (questions@spwh.org), for you to ask your questions. Members of the Ministry Team will then do their best to answer them. We'll use the pages of the Parish Magazine to tackle some of the questions which need a lengthier answer. Some questions will be answered using social media or the weekly e-newsletter, and others will be weaved into sermons. Feel free to ask anonymously, although if you put your name to your question we can make sure you know how it'll be answered.

So, get asking! Remember, there is no such thing as a stupid question. Indeed, quite the opposite. A faith which asks questions is a lively and engaged faith, and lively and engaged Christians make a lively and engaged church.

We look forward to reading and answering your questions!

Fr Daniel, on behalf of the Ministry Team

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Abraham was a pro at hospitality. He was a generous and gracious host. When he saw three men wondering through the desert he invited them into his home. And they turned out to be the angels that declared to him that he and Sarah would have a son!

We also want to show this same hospitality at St Paul's and that's why we have teamed up with Warm Welcome UK and hundreds of other churches and organisations across the country to offer a warm space for our community. If you google the Warm Welcome website on <https://www.warmwelcome.uk> you can find a map that shows where they all are and when they are open.

These warm spaces offer people the chance to turn off the heating at home and come somewhere cosy. They are also great places for people to have a chat and some warm refreshments. We also have board games at our space and some jigsaw puzzles on the way!

So if you or anyone you know would like to come and enjoy some warmth and hospitality in the St Paul's Church hall this winter then let them know that we're open every Tuesday in term time from 2-5pm!

Fr Pete



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ANTICIPATING CHRISTMAS



Even a week of snow and sub-zero temperatures in the middle of December did not stop the many celebrations that were planned in the run up to Christmas at St Paul's.

On 15th December, there was a wonderful Living Nativity, organised by Elouise Nell, our Children and Family Worker.

The Living Nativity was enjoyed by many children as they followed the Christmas story from the Annunciation in the church, then out into the very snowy car park with sheep and a donkey grazing round the manger in the stable, and then back into the church hall to meet the Shepherds and Wisemen. And alongside each point on the journey there were craft activities for the children.



Then, during the Parish Eucharist on 18th December, the Sunday School performed their annual Nativity Play much to the delight of the congregation.



On the evening of 18th December there was the beautiful service of Nine Lessons and Carols. This was very well attended despite it clashing with the World Cup final.

Our annual community event, Carols on The Green, was held on Tuesday 20th December.



Large crowds gathered to enjoy community Carol singing and also the refreshments.

As usual we were very grateful to all local businesses that support this event.

This event raised £3655 for CRISIS and £920 for our local Day Centre. Total raised £4575!.

FROM THE REGISTERS NOVEMBER 2022

BAPTISMS

13th November Eloise Kafizas

20th November Emmeline Perkins-Russell
Beatrice Sargent Biss



JANUARY 2023 FLOWER ROTA

7th January Elaine Bunce
14th January Sharon Saunders
21st January Sally Sheaman
28th January Adele Houldsworth

We would like to thank all of the ladies who helped with the beautiful Christmas decorations in church.

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. To contact Adele ring 020 8360 3676.

FOODBANK EMERGENCY APPEAL



For the first time ever, foodbanks are giving out more food than is being donated to them.

Thank you for the donations of Christmas foodstuffs given so generously in December.

During what threatens to be a very challenging winter, more people than ever will be forced to use foodbanks, so please keep bringing non-perishable food to our collection point in the porch.

Join us for
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Lord, we ask for your wisdom, for your strength and power to be constantly present within us. We pray you would make us strong and courageous for the road ahead. Give us ability beyond what we feel able, let your gifts flow freely through us, so that you would be honoured by our lives, and others would be drawn to you. Amen



Our monthly meeting in December was held online because of the challenging weather conditions in mid-December making pavements around the church like sheets of ice and also the car park was closed. Despite not being together in person, we had a very enjoyable Zoom meeting sharing Christmas stories and poems and listening to Carols sung by the choirs of Canterbury and St Albans Cathedrals.

Over forty guests enjoyed a delicious MU Christmas Fellowship lunch on 8th December and Father Christmas even found time to drop in to give each guest a gift. During the meal we were entertained by some of the Leapfrog Nursery children who sang some Christmas songs for us.



Our thanks to the wonderful team of cooks who prepare our Fellowship Lunches and also those who set up the Hall for the meals.

MOTHERS' UNION DIARY JANUARY 2023

THURSDAY 19TH JANUARY AT 2 PM IN THE HALL

MOTHERS' UNION NEW YEAR PARTY

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WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

18 – 25 January 2023

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.

WEDNESDAY 18th January at 9.30 am: St Peter's CoE Church
Grange Park Vera Avenue (Junction with Langham Gardens) N21 1DN

THURSDAY 19th January at 8.30am : Winchmore Hill United
Reformed Church Compton Road (Hoppers Road end) N21 3NU

FRIDAY 20th January at 9.30am : : St John's CoE Church
Palmers Green Parish Centre Bourne Hill Palmers Green N13 4DA

SATURDAY 21st January at 8.30am : St Monica's RC Church
Palmers Green : Stonard Road (Junction with Green Lanes) N13 4DJ

MONDAY 23rd January at 9.30am : Palmers Green United Reformed
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TUESDAY 24th January at 8.30am : Winchmore Hill Baptist Church
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