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GROUP THAT IS LOOKING AT THE GOSPEL OF ST MARK**

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Dear Friends

My highpoint of July at St Paul's has to be the visit of Bishop Augusto Domingos. He was interviewed during the Eucharist, joined us for coffee in the church hall, and had lunch with members of the PCC and Racial Justice Group at the Vicarage. In these encounters we learnt so much about the Church in Angola, and our link parish of St Michael and All Angels, Negage. I am really excited to see how this link can be renewed, reinvigorated and developed over the coming months and years.

Perhaps the most valuable part of his visit was the visceral sense he gave of being connected to the global Church. It is very easy in church life to become introspective; we fall into the trap of thinking that 'the Church' is our experience of it. In other words, it can be too easy to forget that the Church exists outside the four walls of St Paul's, or beyond the boundaries of our parish, deanery or diocese. It was so encouraging to hear how the Church in Angola is flourishing and growing. And there was challenge here too: What might the Church in Winchmore Hill look like if we had some of the same charisms as our Angolan brothers and sisters?

When I asked Bishop Augusto what we could do for the Church in Negage his instinctive response was to request our prayers. The London Diocesan Cycle of Prayer includes parishes from Angola and Mozambique every Wednesday. From now on, we are going to pray specifically for our link parish of Negage every Wednesday at Morning Prayer. I invite you, wherever you are on a Wednesday, to join in that prayer. May the Church, here and in Negage, grow in faith, hope and love, and may our bonds be strengthened as we rejoice in our common identity in Jesus Christ.

With my love and prayers

Fr Daniel

Services in August 2026



Morning Prayer is said publically at **9.10am** and Evening Prayer at **5pm** Monday-Thursday. **ST PAUL'S CHURCH**

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The church is open for visitors and private prayer every day from 9am to 5pm

Day	Date	Observance	Time	Services	Prayer Intention
S	1				<i>Farming and agriculture</i>
S	2	THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	8am 9.15am 10.30am	Said Eucharist Joyful Noise Eucharist Sung Eucharist	<i>Our parish and its people</i>
M	3		11am	Memorial Service	<i>Peace in the Middle East</i>
T	4		7.30pm	Bible Study	<i>Faithful departed</i>
W	5	St Oswald	12.30pm	Eucharist	<i>Local councillors</i>
T	6	Transfiguration of Our Lord	12.30pm	Eucharist	<i>The glory of the Lord</i>
F	7				<i>Carers</i>
S	8	St Dominic	10am	Eucharist and pilgrimage	<i>The Order of St Dominic</i>
S	9	THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	8am 9.15am 10.30am 12pm	Said Eucharist Joyful Noise Eucharist Sung Eucharist Holy Baptism	<i>Our parish and its people</i>
M	10	St Laurence			<i>The persecuted church</i>
T	11	St Clare of Assisi	7.30pm	Bible Study	<i>Religious life</i>
W	12		12.30pm	Eucharist	<i>St Michael, Negage</i>
T	13				<i>Carers</i>
F	14				<i>The environment</i>
S	15	ASSUMPTION OF THE BVM	12.30pm	Eucharist	<i>Devotion to Our Lady</i>
S	16	THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	8am 9.15am 10.30am	Said Eucharist Joyful Noise Eucharist Sung Eucharist	<i>Our parish and its people</i>
M	17				<i>The medical profession</i>
T	18		7.30pm	Bible Study	<i>The NHS</i>
W	19		12.30pm	Eucharist	<i>HM Government</i>
T	20	St Bernard of Clairvaux			<i>The media</i>
F	21				<i>Vocations</i>
S	22				<i>Racial justice</i>
S	23	THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	8am 9.15am 10.30am	Said Eucharist Joyful Noise Eucharist Sung Eucharist	<i>Our parish and its people</i>
M	24	St Bartholomew	12.30pm	Eucharist	<i>Anderson, Bishop of Edmonton</i>
T	25		7.30pm	Bible Study	<i>Appointment of the next Bishop of London</i>
W	26		12.30pm	Eucharist	<i>HM Armed Forces</i>
T	27	St Monica			<i>Mothers</i>
F	28	St Augustine of Hippo			<i>Theologians</i>
S	29	Beheading of St John the Baptist			<i>Emergency services</i>
S	30	THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	8am 9.15am 10.30am	Said Eucharist Joyful Noise Eucharist Sung Eucharist	<i>Our parish and its people</i>
M	31	St Aidan			<i>Missionaries</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)



FROM THE REGISTERS

JUNE 2026

BAPTISM

7th June Olivia Wake

AUGUST 2026 FLOWER ROTA

1 st August	Adele Houldsworth
8 th August	Adele Houldsworth
15 th August	Jill Antonaides
22 nd August	Sally Shearman
29 th August	Sally Shearman

This month we welcome Jill to the Flower Arrangers. Adele would be delighted to hear from anyone else who would like to join the flower arranging team. Both those who are experienced flower arrangers and those who would like to develop their skills would be most welcome. To contact Adele ring 020 8360 3676.

WALKING PILGRIMAGE

You are invited to join a group from St Paul's Church for a 7 mile walking pilgrimage on Saturday 8th August. This will start and end at Hertford North Station. The day will begin at 10am with a Eucharist in church before catching the 10.46 am train from Winchmore Hill. The aim is to return by 5.45 pm. Please let Fr Daniel know if you would like to join: the group: vicar@spwh.org.



St Paul's Life and Journeys: Chapter 15

This month, we come to chapter 15, the final chapter of the book *Paul: A Biography*. In this chapter Tom Wright moves from historical narrative to look at what Paul was ultimately trying to achieve. Wright challenges readers to look past centuries of theological debates and see Paul as he truly was: a first-century Jewish missionary captivated by a world-changing vision to grow not just a new religion, but a new kind of humanity.

This mission faced immense opposition from the Roman Empire. Paul was fuelled by his unwavering conviction that Jesus, not Caesar, is the true Lord of the world. This announcement was not a private, safely guarded religious opinion; it was a public declaration that ultimate allegiance belonged to Jesus alone.

Wright also explores the urgent note in Paul's eschatology, explaining that his letters were written with the expectation that Jesus could return at any moment. Understanding that God had, in Jesus, taken upon himself the horror of the old world and launched something new in its place, Paul understood himself to be writing in the last days. Simultaneously, he recognised that he was living in the first days—the opening scenes of a new drama of world history. Heaven and earth were now held together not by the temple and the Torah, but by Jesus and the Spirit, pointing forward to a time when divine glory would fill and transform the whole world.

To bring about this new world, Paul had to be a compelling leader. Wright describes him as a formidable debater—someone deeply determined, fiercely protective of his mission, and capable of driving a vision forward, even if his intense focus occasionally alienated gentler souls. Crucially, he never hid his vulnerable side, which is why people loved him deeply. They wanted to work with him, and they wept when he left. Paul never asked anyone to face a hardship he hadn't faced himself. He modelled what he taught, and what he taught was the complete, self-giving love of the Messiah. This mutual bond of love and loyalty between Paul and his followers is precisely how his movement succeeded.

Through his letters, Paul advocated for a completely new way of living. Wright comments that letter after letter, Paul emphasised the family of believers, prioritising unity, holiness, and the assembly he termed the *ekklesia* - or what we know today as the church. In time, these outward-looking communities transformed society. Following the path Paul had laid down, Christians began setting up hospitals, teaching people to read, and caring for the poor within their reach. Nobody had dreamed of living with such public charity before.

Ultimately, this legacy reminds us that the challenge of Paul is a challenge to live with a dual citizenship. We live in the ordinary world, but our true loyalty is to the risen Christ. By embracing Paul's model and building unified, outward looking, loving parish communities, we begin to echo the first days of God's new creation right here in our local neighbourhoods.

Alison Perera

PRAYER

Gracious God, how marvellous are your gifts.

Thank you, dear Lord, for the gifts you have
showered upon us this summer.

Thank you for the blessings of holidays and rest.

Thank you for the challenges and joys of my work.

Thank you for the people who fill my life . . . for friends old and
new, for my colleagues at work, for those who
encourage me with their kind words and deeds,
for those who teach me and pray for me.

Thank you for the privilege of serving you, of living my life for
your purposes.

Thank you for teaching me how to live for you each day.

Thank you, most of all, for your love in Jesus Christ, the founda-
tion of my life.

Amen.

Project 200

'Celebrating 200 years — and Building for the next 200'

In July, St Paul's School ran a Crazy Hair and Non-Uniform Day and raised £768 for Project 200. There were some creative and colourful hairstyles!

We are very grateful to the School and all the families that supported the day.



Later in the Summer, Lindsay Kennelly will be daring to do a sponsored skydive (her first ever!) to raise £5,000 for Project 200 to create a community wellbeing 'café-style' space in the new foyer.

If you would like to join her on the skydive, please do get in touch at fundraising@spwh.org.

If you would like to sponsor her, here's the QR code:





As Fr Daniel writes in his letter on page 3, a highpoint in the life of St Paul's Church last month was the visit on Sunday 12th July



of Bishop Augusto Domingos,
Bishop of the Diocese of Cristo Rei, Uige, Angola.



Bishop Augusto took part in the Parish Eucharist and, in place a sermon, he was interviewed by Fr Daniel, with Tania Rotheram acting as English/Portuguese interpreter. During this interview we learnt about the church in Angola, and our Angolan link parish of Negage in particular.

After the service, Bishop Augusto met members of the congregation over coffee in the hall and then had lunch in the Vicarage garden with members of our Racial Justice Group and PCC.





Our annual 'Meal with Friends' took place on 30th June. Members and their invited guests enjoyed an evening meal at the Bush Hill Golf Club. The food was delicious, the company convivial and, on one of the hottest evenings of the summer, the restaurant's air conditioning was greatly appreciated.



On 9th July some of our MU members met in the Lady Chapel for the annual 'Wave of Prayer', when we pray for the MU branches around the world that are linked with the Diocese of London.



We were once again blessed with wonderful weather for our annual Garden Party on 16th July, hosted by Sue and Michael Laurie in their beautiful garden.



Everyone enjoyed the delicious afternoon tea and table quizzes. Just under £200 was raised for the MU 'Summer of Hope Appeal' to support families around the world.



BIBLE STUDY GROUP



The new Bible Study Group began meeting in July and will continue to meet on Tuesdays 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th August in St Paul's Lady Chapel at 7 30pm,. You can dip in and out as you please and only need to bring a bible with you.

The group is looking at the Gospel according to Mark. Please speak to Mthr Lyanne if you are interested in coming along.

ALL-TOGETHER SUNDAY

Sunday, 5th July, was an opportunity for the congregations from our weekly 9.15 Joyful Noise Service and our 10.30 Parish Eucharist to come together to worship at an All-Together Service at 10.00.

The service was followed by refreshments in the Vicarage Garden, which allowed the two congregations to meet and mingle.



PETER BEADLE CELEBRATES HIS 99TH BIRTHDAY!

There was a second celebration on Sunday 12th July, the day of Bishop Augusto's visit. During coffee in the hall after the Parish Eucharist, we celebrated Peter Beadle's 99th birthday by singing 'Happy Birthday' to him and giving him a card.

Peter is seen here with Bishop Augusto, Fr. Daniel and his daughter Claire..



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and/or
- ◆ performing a solo item (Singing or playing an instrument.
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If you would like to perform at this event, please send an email to me at suejeffreys@icloud.com and include:

- ⇒ your name and contact phone number
- ⇒ and your preference for being in the chorus or performing solo.

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The main Church Hall can be hired for weekend birthday parties.
 £52.50 per hour. 3 hour minimum for a party booking
 Discounts available for regular use. For more information contact
 the Parish Office (office@spwh.org or 020 8886 4290)

MÉDECINS SANS FRONTIÈRES (MSF)



At their meeting in July, the PCC chose Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) as St Paul's next annual charity.

MSF, also known as Doctors Without Borders, provides

emergency, life-saving healthcare and humanitarian assistance to people caught up in armed conflicts, epidemics, natural disasters, and in regions without access to proper medical care. It also runs long-term projects helping people caught up in complex healthcare emergencies. MSF works in over 70 countries.

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