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Dear Friends

What do a penalty at a World Cup match, a beautiful sunset, and a race at a school sports day have in common? They are all things I've recently noticed people experience through the screen of their phone. In each case, the person is present in the moment, but somehow *not* present.

It has become an instinctive reaction for many people to reach for their phone and to begin recording. I know I do it! The reasons are often genuine: a wish to record a moment for posterity, or to share it with someone who cannot be there, or as essential evidence when a person is acting unjustly. Sometimes people's motives are less laudable: the insatiable desire for notoriety, or to embarrass another person.

My biggest concern about this is that we fail to see things through our own eyes, and therefore, in a way, to fail to see things as they truly are. We fail too to appreciate the moment. A child's achievement, or a stunning scene of nature, is only ever viewed as a memory, rather than a precious gift of a moment.

And I wonder, then, if we fail to see the hand of God at work. We are too busy reaching for our phones, finding the camera function, and pressing 'record', that we are unable to appreciate God at work in human endeavour, or the beauty of his creation. After the first England goal in their opening match against Croatia, I noticed a supporter glued to her phone – presumably messaging the footage of Harry Kane's penalty – rather than celebrating. How sad.

This summer I encourage you to see things with your eyes. Revel in the wonder of the world, and thank God for it!

With my love and prayers
Fr Daniel

Services in July 2026



Morning Prayer is said publicly 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
W	1		12.30pm	Eucharist	Enfield Deanery
T	2	St Thomas the Apostle			Anderson, Bishop of Edmonton
F	3				Peace in the Middle East
S	4				Faithful departed
S	5	THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	8am 10am	Said Eucharist All-Together Eucharist	Our parish and its people
M	6				St Paul's School
T	7				Carers
W	8		12.30pm	Eucharist	Our Ministry Team
T	9				Mothers' Union
F	10				Family life
S	11	St Benedict			Order of St Benedict
S	12	THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	8am 9.15am 10.30am 12pm	Said Eucharist Joyful Noise Sung Eucharist Holy Baptism	Our parish and its people
M	13				General Synod
T	14				The environment
W	15		12.30pm 6pm	Eucharist St Paul's School Leavers' Service	St Michael, Negage
T	16				Our churchwardens
F	17				The medical profession
S	18				Province of Angola and Mozambique
S	19	THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	8am 9.15am 10.30am	Said Eucharist Joyful Noise Eucharist Sung Eucharist	Our parish and its people
M	20				The media
T	21				Vocations
W	22	St Mary Magdalene	12.30pm	Eucharist	Racial justice
T	23				The housebound
F	24				HM Armed Forces
S	25	St James the Apostle			Appointment of the next Bishop of London
S	26	THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	8am 9.15am 10.30am 12pm	Said Eucharist Joyful Noise Sung Eucharist Holy Baptism	Our parish and its people
M	27				Emergency services
T	28				Climate justice
W	29	Mary, Martha and Lazarus	12.30pm	Eucharist	Our friends and families
T	30				Victims of slavery
F	31				Prisoners

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)

PRAYER

Lord,

We're so thankful for the gift of life, the gift of creation and your tender care in every aspects of our lives, every day.

You have lovingly organised the heavens, the earth and all they contain in order to generously fulfil our needs and provide safety to your creation;

May you fill us with humility, wisdom and strength to administer our needs and wants so that, as heirs of the gift of life together with the whole of your creation, the privilege you have granted us to enjoy the offerings of your work stands in agreement with the responsibility you have given us to care for it, in accordance to your divine order.

Amen

CAFOD Prayer
for the environment



FROM THE REGISTERS

MAY 2026

BAPTISM

24th May Sofia & Leonardo Tesio

FUNERAL

5th May Nigel Motley

St Paul's Life and Journeys: From Caesarea to Rome – and Beyond?

In Chapter 14 we discover that Paul has been shipwrecked three times and appears to be taking charge of his circumstances. Wright is giving us an insight into the voyage which Paul undertook from Caesarea to Rome. He is not alone; whilst he travels as a prisoner he is, according to the author, amongst friends. The emphasis of this chapter focusses first on Paul's journey upon the seas - where he reaches Malta and then Sicily and continues to Rome.

The journey described by Wright illustrates that Paul's letters (sent two years ahead of his voyage) reached 'Christian groups in Pompeii'. The fact that the gospel had also reached Puteoli was a great encouragement for Paul. This was AD 60 and Wright highlights that by this point, 'he was seen as an honoured and respected guest' in Rome. Although it must not be forgotten that Paul was still under guard, although not a convicted criminal. The chapter gains pace once Paul and his colleagues arrive. Allowed to lodge privately in the city, Wright specifies the location to be between the Forum and Pantheon, according to archaeological records.

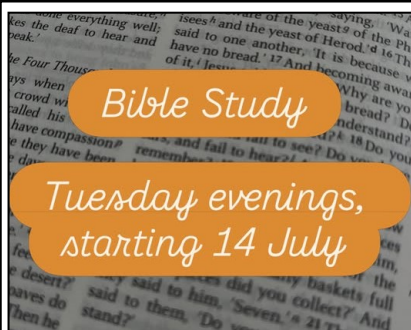
Wright's key source for his perspectives on Paul is Luke's testimony in the Acts of the Apostles. By focusing on Acts he evaluates how 'Paul was perceived in Jerusalem and upon the charges that were brought against him in relation to undermining the Torah and defiling the Temple.' Paul addresses the issue upon arrival in Rome and Wright explains that Caesar was presented with a Roman Citizen (who happened to be Jewish). Without wanting to provoke controversy, Paul was aware of this and eager to keep the peace. Paul finds himself insisting to the Jewish elders in Rome, as he had in Jerusalem and Caesarea, that he was a loyal Jew, and that his mission was for "the hope of Israel". Paul expressed his beliefs in Galatians, I Corinthians, Philippians, and Romans, emphasizing their historical context. Wright supports this perspective by noting that "the hope of Israel" might also mean an "inheritance". For Paul, "the king of Israel would

be king of the world". For him, following Jesus was the only way by which this ancient national aspiration would be achieved.

After two years of house arrest waiting for his case to come before the emperor, Paul had welcomed guests to his home and pronounced the 'good news' to all who would listen. Wright's chapter begins to consider Paul's death and why Acts finishes when it does.

Wright believes that Luke 'knew the result of the trial but didn't want to draw attention to it'. A few possibilities are feasible, yet Wright, after considering Luke's motives, finds himself searching for more information. First, he predicts that Paul was killed in the persecution of the Christians that followed the great fire of Rome in AD 64. But he then turns to the testimony of Clement, an early bishop of Rome who suggests in his writing that after giving his 'statement to the rulers, he departed from this world and went to the holy place'. Not satisfied with this, it seems that Wright is determined to find some proof of Paul's death by examining where he travelled in his own works. Near the end of this chapter, to resolve his unanswered questions, he states that if 2 Timothy is a genuine source, it reflects a complex journey that was a return to Rome "of which we know nothing else". Wright does not leave this alone and in the next article we read how Paul approaches the end of his life.

Mthr Lyanne



NEW BIBLE STUDY GROUP

Following on from the Lent Course, St Paul's Church will be introducing a Bible Study Group that will begin by looking at the Gospel according to Mark.

The group will meet in church on Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm, beginning

on 14th July. The sessions will continue for a further five weeks on 21st July and 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th August. You can dip in and out as you please and only need to bring a bible with you! If you are interested, please speak to Mthr Lyanne.

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A huge thank you to everyone who has pledged, donated, volunteered and supported events. The May Fair raised £3,273 (thanks Martyn and team), the Wednesday Lunch Club raised £300 (thanks Deloris and Colin), and the Trust Quiz raffle raised £405 (thanks Andy and Madeleine).

Together we can make this happen



Let's keep going, here's how you can help. We have created a

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This a fun and lasting way to support the campaign, pictured here, on the right.

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St Paul's Church Hall - Project 200

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Support Project 200, donate today and put your brick on our digital wall

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Donations of £50 or £100 per brick are suggested, please add gift aid if you can. Larger donations would be very much appreciated, as always though every gift of any size is very welcome.

Together, one brick at a time, we can make this happen.

Thank you for your continued support.

Lindsay Kennelly

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On Sunday, 14th June, Bishop Anderson was at St Paul's Church to preside at a service of Confirmation and Reception into the Church of England. After the service, two of those who were confirmed on that day reflected on their experiences:

A good part of my preparation was spent with Sarah, meeting online for an hour every other week to work through *Meeting God in John*. I came to look forward to those conversations. We took a chapter each session, with a fortnight in between to reflect on questions before the next meeting.

The confirmation service itself was deeply spiritual and moving for me - more so than I had expected. It's one thing to prepare and reflect over weeks, and another to arrive at the moment itself and feel the weight and quiet joy of it.

I'm grateful to Sarah for her time and patience, and to everyone who made the preparation and the service what they were.

Hugh

I am grateful for the support I had to prepare for confirmation and found the whole experience very transformative. I felt like I could openly ask questions, be curious and deepen my faith.

I loved discussing the book 'Meeting God in John' and it helped me understand how deeply love and compassion are embedded in Jesus' teachings. The discussions helped me situate my own life and identity in relation to my faith.

The confirmation service felt very spiritual and made me feel very held. I felt very welcomed into the community of St Paul's and am excited that I have taken this step in my spiritual life. Being confirmed has given me a sense of serenity within, a light I now carry in me.

Poppy

Photos on front cover.



The life of a much loved member of our congregation, Bryan Howell, was celebrated at his funeral on 2nd June.

Bryan and his wife Mary met when they both worked for The Commercial Union Assurance Company and they were married in 1956. Shortly after their marriage, they moved to Winchmore Hill and

became very active members of St Paul's Church. They had two children, Susan and Simon.

In 2024, a year before she died, Bryan's wife Mary wrote a short tribute to him saying how proud she was of all that he had achieved since contracting polio in 1957, very soon after their marriage. Mary wrote: 'Unfortunately, Bryan is paralyzed again after having had polio 67 years ago. He could have found himself in a wheelchair for over 60 years but instead he has been able to lead a rewarding life, taking on active roles in Scouting and holding the Chief Scout's highest award. He has also taken on many active roles at St Paul's Church in the past by helping with the Youth Clubs, helping Doug Richardson with the church accounts, and until very recently being responsible for the lovely calligraphy in keeping the Book of Remembrance up-to-date. Sadly his hands are no longer able to hold a pen well enough to continue doing this.'

His faith was central to his life, and it was Bryan who introduced the idea of a meditation group to St Paul's Church and led it very successfully for many years. Many of us in the congregation will remember Bryan as being very happy and friendly, always interested in other people's news and enthusiastically joining in social activities. During his last few years when he was bedbound, Bryan's eyes continued to light up whenever visitors arrived and conversations began.

Bryan and Mary never missed an opportunity to enjoy themselves and they would always dress up to celebrate the Last Night of the Proms and any royal occasions. It was therefore very fitting that Elgar's Pomp and Circumstance March (known to many as 'Land of Hope and Glory') was played as the exit music at his funeral.



MOTHERS' UNION'S 150TH CELEBRATORY SERVICE



On the evening of 10th June, hundreds upon hundreds of members/friends/family, made their way to St Paul's Cathedral to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the Mothers' Union (MU). They came from all over the world as well as

more locally, as a lady from Tottenham, wearing her M.U. African sari, proudly told me on the bus from Moorgate.

On entry to the Cathedral, we were each given a Commemorative Programme, each page listing a Message from our Royal Patron HRH The Duchess of Edinburgh GCVO, our Patron the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dame Sarah Mullally, Rt Revd Anthony Poggo, Secretary General of the Anglican Communion, continuing with the Worldwide President Kathleen Snow and the Dean of St Paul's, Revd Andrew Tremlett, and lastly Pauline McCalla, President for the Diocese of London. Thereafter followed an MU 'Timeline' commencing in 1876 when our Founder, Mary Sumner, the wife of a young clergyman, started a group for young mothers to support them and understand their responsibility to 'train up a child in the way he should go' (Proverbs 22.6) Something very similar to our modern day Sunday school, but so advanced for the 1800's! Her vision grew and expanded worldwide, gathering a global network of millions, empowering women, strengthening families and transforming communities. It would not be an exaggeration to say that the hand that rocks the cradle continues to shape the world.

It was very impressive watching the procession of the Banners from far and wide, the many visiting clergy followed by the Archbishop of Canterbury and her Chaplain. Unfortunately, we were seated very far back and were only able to imagine the beautiful service as it unfolded in front of the Chancel steps. However, the acoustics were excellent, as we started the service with that wonderful hymn 'Lord, for the years, your love has kept and guided'

A typical Communion Service followed, with some inserts that made it more personal and pertinent. Kathleen Snow, Worldwide President gave



a Testimony on Psalm 107 'O Give thanks to the Lord for He is good, for his steadfast love endures for ever.'

The Sermon, based on Salt and Light, given by the Archbishop of Canterbury, referred to Paul's encouraging letter to the community at Ephesus. She acknowledged that the Mothers' Union reveals places in the world where injustice exists and works to transform lives so that violence and inequality have no place.

She gave thanks for the Mothers' Union presence across 84 countries reaching four million members whose lives are transformed by the Anglican Communion.

The giving of Communion followed – a mammoth task for so many people, but very smooth to the extent that you could even request a gluten free communion wafer if you were gluten intolerant.

The Mary Sumner prayer followed and the Hymn 'Brother, sister, let me serve you' brought the Service to a close.

We went out into the evening sunshine, happy and proud to be part of this unique movement that has grown from one woman's vision and changed lives for better across the world.

Sue Laurie



Members of our Mothers' Union at the Anniversary Service in St Paul's Cathedral

MOTHERS' UNION DIARY JULY 2026

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