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Dear Friends

For those whose lives are governed by the academic year, September feels much more like a new start than January does. That is particularly true for a parish, like ours, which has a flourishing ministry among children and young families, and a close relationship with a school.

In this vein, I am delighted that Ella Perera takes up the new role of Children's Ministry Coordinator this September. Ella has been part of our church family all her life, and therefore is a product of our ministry with children and young people. She has already been assisting with our Sunday children's groups as a volunteer, and last year joined the PCC. Please pray for Ella, and lend her your support and encouragement, as she takes on this role leading our Sunday children's ministry.

And Emily Jarosch, who has been Office Manager and Vicar's PA since June 2024, is now Parish Administrator and Vicar's PA, taking on additional responsibilities for management of hall bookings and coordinating general maintenance.

This September we are very pleased to welcome Rosi Bartlett on a three-week placement ahead of her starting her second of three years training for the priesthood at St Stephen's House, Oxford. Please give her a very warm Winchmore Hill welcome! One of the great joys of life at St Paul's is the way in which, by God's grace, we have been able to nurture and support vocations to ministry in various different ways.

If this September brings a new start or a different rhythm for you, I pray that you may be aware not only of God's presence at this moment of transition or new beginning, but also of his call to love and serve him. May we as a parish know God's providence and faithfulness in the academic year ahead.

With my love and prayers

Fr Daniel

Services in September 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
T	1				Carers
W	2		12.30pm	Eucharist	The media
T	3	St Gregory the Great			Church leaders
F	4				Faithful departed
S	5				Peace in the Middle East
S	6	CHRIST IN CREATION	8am 9.15am 10.30am	Said Eucharist Joyful Noise Eucharist Sung Eucharist	Our parish and its people
M	7				Those starting a new term
T	8	Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary			Devotion to Our Lady
W	9		12.30pm	Eucharist	St Michael, Negage
T	10				The persecuted church
F	11				Religious life
S	12				The medical profession
S	13	FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	8am 9.15am 10.30am 12pm	Said Eucharist Joyful Noise Sung Eucharist Holy Baptism	Our parish and its people
M	14	Holy Cross	12.30pm	Eucharist	Devotion to the Cross
T	15				The environment
W	16	St Ninian	9am 12.30pm	Whole School Service Eucharist	St Paul's School
T	17	St Hildegard of Bingen			Church musicians
F	18				The NHS
S	19				HM Government
S	20	SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	8am 9.15am 10.30am	Said Eucharist Joyful Noise Eucharist Sung Eucharist	Our parish and its people
M	21	St Matthew	12.30pm	Eucharist	The spread of the gospel
T	22				Racial justice
W	23				Anderson, Bishop of Edmonton
T	24	Our Lady of Walsingham			The Shrine at Walsingham
F	25				Appointment of the next Bishop of London
S	26				HM Armed Forces
S	27	SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	8am 9.15am 10.30am 12pm	Said Eucharist Joyful Noise Sung Eucharist Holy Baptism	Our parish and its people
M	28				Licensed Lay Ministers
T	29	St Michael and All Angels	9am	School Eucharist	The aid of the angels
W	30				Emergency services

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

JULY 2026

BAPTISMS

12 th July	Ruben Goodchild Dhilan and Kiran Thenabalan
26 th July	Jamie Shedden

SEPTEMBER 2026 FLOWER ROTA

5 th September	Adele Houldsworth
12 th September	Sally Shearman
19 th September	Sally Shearman
26 th September	Adele Houldsworth

We welcome Jill Antoniades to the flower arranging group. Adele Houldsworth (our Flower Arranging Organiser) 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 her on 020 8360 3676.

PRAYER

Lord, we pray for all students
at the beginning of this academic year.
Give them minds that are eager to learn,
courage to ask good questions,
confidence to take risks,
the discipline to focus and study
and the formation of good friendships.

This month we begin a new series of Ministry team Articles
'My Favourite Hymn'

'Abide With Me'.

I first encountered the hymn *Abide with Me* in my home church in 2018. I was avidly attending Morning and Evening Prayer and learning about traditional hymns. Not only was I curious about church music, but I was also beginning to find out more about hymns of the high church tradition. After a year of serving at the altar, I was asked to assist at funerals with the incense and holy water. The one thing I had noticed was the ritual in the preparation for the liturgies. A white cloth was always used before any Eucharistic service to prepare the elements for communion, and in the case of funerals, a purple pall was carefully taken out of the bottom drawer of the vestment chest to be placed upon the coffin when it arrived. The reception of the body would sometimes take place the day before and I would help with the placing of the pall, before putting a cross and a bible on the coffin. This was a sort of *lying in state* where the family could visit the deceased for a service of prayer and blessing before the funeral the following day. *Abide with Me* is a prayer for God: "I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless". A victory song and one of lament, it is said that *Abide with Me* was the favourite hymn of King George V and his wife Queen Mary of Teck.

The hymn was written in 1847 by the Anglican priest Henry Francis Lyte. Shortly after preaching his final sermon, he took a holiday to Italy where he wrote the hymn in just one hour. It is a solemn hymn that is often heard on Remembrance Sunday. Considered to be a devotional prayer about mortality, Lyte also wrote a poem that inspired *Abide in Me*. It reads similarly to the hymn as follows: "Some simple straw, some spirit-moving lay, some sparkles of the soul that

might live when I was passed to clay... O thou! Whose touch can lend life to the dead, thy quickening grace supply, and grant me, swanlike, my last breath to spend in song that may not die.” Lyte’s reference to the soul that passes from this life to the next is ever present. However, an essence of the hymn is about life before death and not losing one’s hope whilst others die. The second verse encourages us to appreciate each day and give thanks to God for his blessings upon our lives. Lyte wrote:

“Swift to its close ebbs out life’s little day,
Earth’s joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
Change and decay in all around I see:
O thou who changest not, abide with me.”

I am sure many of us cannot imagine this hymn without its music. So let us remember that wonderful tune by William Henry Monk entitled “Eventide” that accompanies these beautiful words and, perhaps, you will be reminded of your own favourite hymn.

Mthr Lyanne

OPEN HOUSE FESTIVAL 2026



**OPEN HOUSE
FESTIVAL**

This year our church is to take part in London’s Open House Festival during the weekend of 19th to 20th September.

There will be a small exhibition of the church’s history and also guided tours of the church.

To book up for one of the tours, go to

<https://programme.openhouse.org.uk/listings/13662>.

Just a reminder that St Paul’s Church is open every day from 9am to 5pm throughout the year.

It is traditional to bring gifts to Church at Harvest Festival. These gifts remind us of how generously God provides for us and allows us to share our good fortune with others in our community who are less well-off.

All of the gifts donated at our Harvest Festival Service on Sunday 4th October will be given to

The North Enfield Food Bank.

Items urgently needed by the food bank include:

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- Jam
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PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY ON 4TH OCTOBER

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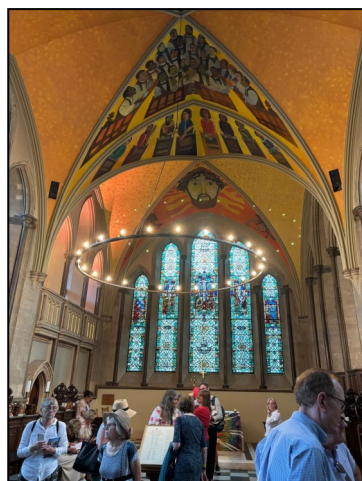


VISIT TO LAMBETH PALACE

On 31st July, a group of ten Mothers' Union members and friends from St Paul's visited Lambeth Palace, for a Heritage Open Palace Experience (HOPE) Day, organised by the Mothers' Union from the Dioceses of London and Southwark to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the founding of the Mothers' Union.



The Palace has hosted many key moments in history: the Guard Room is said to be the place where Sir Thomas More, then Chancellor, was asked to take the Oath of Supremacy, acknowledging Henry VIII as supreme head of the English Church; a small study adjacent



to the Chapel is where Archbishop Thomas Cranmer is said to have written the prayer books that were later consolidated into the Book of Common Prayer; and, during WWII, Archbishop Temple invited local people to use the Crypt (the oldest part of the Palace) as an air raid shelter. But we also saw some of the more modern touches that more recent Archbishops have made, like the 1988 murals on the Chapel ceiling depicting



some of the key events in the history of the Archbishops of Canterbury and a small exhibition of paintings showing scenes from the life of Jesus, by present day Ethiopian artist, Nebiyu Assefa.

It was a very enjoyable visit, which (as is traditional!), was rounded off with a cup of tea and a cake from the pop-up café in the imposing surroundings of the Palace's Central Courtyard.

Theresa Davis
MU Leader



OTHER MU EVENTS IN THE LAST MONTH:



To celebrate Mary Sumner Day (Sunday 9th August) our branch banner was carried in the procession at the 10.30 Parish Eucharist.

(Mary Sumner was the founder of the Mothers' Union)

Over forty guests enjoyed the Summer MU Fellowship Lunch in the church hall on 5th August. Our thanks go to the cooks who prepared a delicious meal on one of the many hot days of this summer.



MOTHERS' UNION DIARY SEPTEMBER 2026

**PLANS FOR THE NEXT COUPLE OF MONTHS INCLUDE VISITS
TO THE ELSYNG PALACE EXHIBITION AT THE DUGDALE CENTRE
AND TO THE MUSEUM OF THE ORDER OF ST JOHN
(DETAILS TO FOLLOW).**

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO COME ALONG TO ALL MU EVENTS

Unconscious Bias Training 19 September

Unconscious bias training aims to help us understand how we might make assumptions about people based solely on what we see. Making assumptions is something we all do, probably without even realising. It is how we make sense of the world around us. Often, these assumptions are incorrect and can even be harmful, negatively impacting how people are addressed or the opportunities that they are given. As part of our commitment to maintaining an inclusive, welcoming church community, we are offering unconscious bias training to all who are interested in learning more.

The 2-hour session will be run by Joanna Brown and Lola Cawood, and will be held in the church hall on Saturday 19th September at 12pm. Please speak to or email Joanna at joannabtraining@pm.me if you would like to sign up or for more information.

HALL HIRE

The main Church Hall can be hired for weekend birthday parties.
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A lively group of sixteen St Paul's Pilgrims set off from Winchmore Hill on 8th August for a wonderful walk through the Hertfordshire countryside. After celebrating the Eucharist together at St Paul's to send us on our way, we caught the train to Hertford North and began our walk.



The sun was hot, but our spirits were high! Along the way, we stopped at St Michael and All Angels Church, which was open for us to explore. We were able to admire its beautiful stained-glass windows and mosaics, including work designed by William Morris and Edward Burne-Jones. Later, we stopped for our picnic lunch at St Mary the Virgin.

All in all, we walked around 10 km, enjoying the coolness as we followed the River Beane and taking in the beautiful Hertfordshire countryside.

One of the wonderful things about being on pilgrimage is the opportunity to spend time with people from the congregation you may not have met before, as well as those you have known for years but somehow discover something new about along the way. Walking, talking, eating and travelling together gave us plenty of opportunity for all of this.

At the end of the walk, some much-needed refreshments were enjoyed at a local establishment. A particularly hearty group even continued the refreshments at the King's Head after returning to Winchmore Hill!

Many of us are now looking forward to the St Paul's pilgrimage to Canterbury in October, and there is already talk of more walks being planned in the future. So, if you fancy joining us on the next adventure, look out for more information!

Joanna Brown

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