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Dear Friends

I write this a few days since the President of the USA and His Holiness the Pope have publicly come to blows over the conflict in Iran, including the President posting on social media an AI-generated picture in which he (appears to) depict himself as Jesus. In all of this the Vice President – himself a Roman Catholic – has lectured the Pope about St Augustine’s just war theory, while the Pope – an Augustinian – happened to be praying in Hippo, Augustine’s birthplace, in modern day Algeria.

There is so much here which is deeply concerning. Nonetheless, I have been thankful for the way in which a relatively new Pope has entered the public discourse with such a calm fidelity to the gospel. I’ve seen comments on social media from Catholics, Christians of other traditions, members of other faiths, and those of no faith at all, supporting and standing with Pope Leo. In a way, he has spoken up for all people of goodwill, for all people who, like the psalmist, want to ‘Turn from evil and do good; [to] seek peace and ensue it.’ (Psalm 34)

And, in a roundabout sort of way, it’s got people talking about theology. Professor Anna Rowlands, speaking on Radio 4’s *Sunday*, said, ‘This is the way in which theology breaks through into the mainstream...

We are in a moment when theology is becoming a mainstream currency of ideas again.’ Perhaps, at a time when global politics are so febrile and fragile, there is a fresh opportunity for the Church to speak confidently and cogently about the God who ‘through [Jesus]... was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross’. (Colossians 1.20)

Our own Archbishop of Canterbury has lent her support to Pope Leo. In her statement she wrote, ‘It is the calling of every Christian – and of all people of faith and goodwill – to work and pray for peace. We must also urge all those entrusted with political authority to pursue every possible peaceful and just means of resolving conflict.’ In this Easter-tide, may that be our prayer for a troubled and divided world.

With my love and prayers

Fr Daniel

Services in May 2026



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

WINCHMORE HILL

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

Day	Date	Observance	Time	Services	Prayer Intention
F	1	St Philip and St James			London College of Bishops
S	2	St Athanasius			Theologians
S	3	FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	8am 9.15am 10.30am	Said Eucharist Joyful Noise Eucharist Sung Eucharist	Our parish and its people
M	4	English Saints and Martyrs of the Reformation			Ecumenism
T	5		1.30pm	Funeral	Peace in the Middle East
W	6		12.30pm 2.30pm 4pm 6pm	Eucharist School Annual Service Memorial Service School Annual Service	St Paul's School
T	7				Local councillors
F	8	Julian of Norwich			Our spiritual lives
S	9				Interfaith dialogue
S	10	SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	8am 9.15am 10.30am	Said Eucharist Joyful Noise Sung Eucharist	Our parish and its people
M	11				Our PCC
T	12				Carers
W	13		12.30pm	Eucharist	St Michael, Negage
T	14	ASCENSION DAY	8pm	Sung Eucharist	Seeking the things of heaven
F	15	St Matthias			Missionaries
S	16				Racial justice
S	17	SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	8am 9.15am 10.30am	Said Eucharist Joyful Noise Eucharist Sung Eucharist	Our parish and its people
M	18				Creation care
T	19	St Dunstan			Appointment of the Bishop of London
W	20	St Alcuin of York	12.30pm	Eucharist	Project 200
T	21				The homeless
F	22				London's Jewish community
S	23				Victims of slavery
S	24	PENTECOST	8am 9.15am 10.30am	Said Eucharist Joyful Noise Sung Eucharist	Our parish and its people
M	25	The Venerable Bede			Those sitting exams
T	26	St Augustine of Canterbury			The Archbishop of Canterbury
W	27		12.30pm	Eucharist	Parish staff and volunteers
T	28				Our friends and families
F	29				The elderly
S	30				Our clergy
S	31	TRINITY SUNDAY	8am 9.15am 10.30am	Said Eucharist Joyful Noise Eucharist Sung Eucharist	Our parish and its people

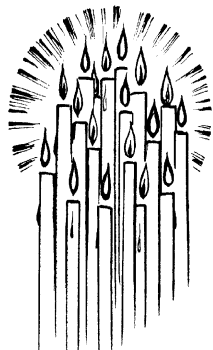
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PRAYER

As Spring advances and we see further shoots
of new life in nature,
we thank you for the beauty of the natural world;
for the fresh green leaf shoots, for the tree blossom,
for bluebells, for new-born birds and animals.
And we thank you for the new life found in the risen Jesus.

AMEN

FROM THE REGISTERS - MARCH 2026



BAPTISM

1st March Zion Malonga
22nd March Xavier Hurst

WEDDING

14th March Diane Moore and Murray Orr

FLOWER ROTA MAY 2026

9th May Sally Shearman
23rd May Adele Houldsworth

The flower arrangers would welcome new members to the group - both those who are experienced flower arrangers and those who would like to develop their skills. To find out more, please contact Adele Houldsworth on 020 8360 3676.

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Join the fun this Christian Aid Week, 10-16 May, and put **hope into action.**



Fridah, with grandson Quilian, joined a Christian Aid funded urban farming project in Nairobi, Kenya.

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there will be retiring collections at
the end of services on Sundays May
10th and 17th. Gift Aid envelopes
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ST PAUL'S CHURCH WINCHMORE HILL



May Fair

Saturday 16th May

11 am to 2 pm

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the refreshments

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our exciting plans for the church hall

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St Paul's Life and Journeys: Corinth II

As we continue our journey through Tom Wright's *Biography of St Paul*, this month's chapter takes us again to Corinth.

The chapter opens during a volatile season of Paul's ministry, defined by his fractured, emotionally raw relationship with the Corinthian church. The focus rests on the fallout of his "painful visit" and the resulting correspondence - specifically 2 Corinthians.

Wright interprets 2 Corinthians not as a single, tidy letter, but as the culmination of a 'stormy' exchange, where Paul is forced to defend his integrity following a disastrous 'painful visit' and a stern, now-lost letter that had left both the apostle and the church in deep distress.

Wright integrates 2 Corinthians into Paul's broader saga by tracing the apostle's journey from prison to Ephesus, where he bore the physical and emotional scars of torture. Though Paul sought refuge in Philemon's guestroom in Colossae, his ultimate focus remained on Corinth. Marrying trauma with mission, Paul pushed toward a reunion with Titus, anxious to gauge the reception awaiting him.

Unaware of whether the 'painful letter' has caused trouble or if the Corinthians have abandoned their hostility towards him, Paul hopes for reconciliation. Once Titus delivers the breakthrough - news that the Corinthians are falling over themselves to apologise - Wright turns to the Jerusalem collection.

Wright compares Paul's awkwardness in asking people for money to the awkwardness that we still feel in our churches today around money and fundraising. In the 39 verses that deal with the Jerusalem collection, the word "money" is not mentioned once! Instead, Paul talks of "the grace" and "the deed", "the service", "your service in this ministry" and of course "partnership". It seems that some things never change!

The underlying theme of 2 Corinthians is Paul's own apostolic ministry. Having had his own ministry challenged, Paul addresses head on

the question of what an apostle is and does. In doing so, Paul demonstrates, as he has done previously, the way in which he is modelled upon the "servant" of Isaiah. Paul understands his ministry to simply be the extended ministry of the crucified and exalted Lord himself. One point that stands out to Wright of particular interest is that Paul still expects the return of Jesus. However, whereas in I Corinthians Paul had assumed that he would be among those still alive at the time, he is now facing the prospect that he may well die before it happens. Whilst Paul's view of God's future has not changed, his view of where he might fit into that future has.

In the second part of Chapter 12, Wright shifts his focus to the letter to the Romans, which he presents not as a dry theological handbook, but as a dynamic "travel letter" written from Corinth. Wright argues that Paul wrote Romans specifically to secure the Roman church as a "staging ground" for his future mission to Spain. He needed this diverse community to understand his gospel fully so they could support his expansion into the far west.

Central to this section is Wright's view that the "righteousness of God" in Romans refers to God's covenant faithfulness. Paul is retelling Israel's story to show how God's promises to Abraham have reached their climax in the Messiah, creating a single, multi-ethnic family.

Wright highlights the final sections of Romans, chapters 12-16 as a call for a new kind of humanity. Paul urges believers to learn to worship the true God with their whole selves and to that end to learn to think as people who live in the new world; to be transformed by the renewing of their minds so that they can work out what God's will is.

Wright concludes the chapter by highlighting the central theme of Romans' final section: Paul's urgent appeal for unity among Rome's scattered churches. Paul calls these communities to respect one another despite their differences, reminding them that they embody the Messiah's own pattern. Ultimately, this unity fuels a life of Spirit-led praise that joins Jesus with God the Father.

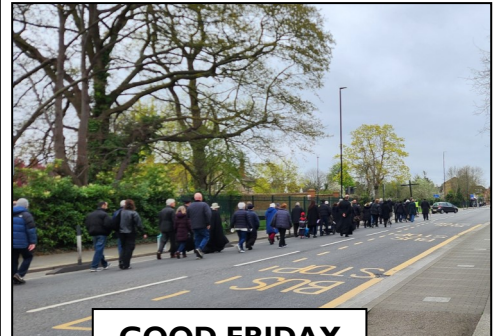
GLIMPSES OF HOLY WEEK AND EASTER



PALM SUNDAY



MAUNDY THURSDAY



GOOD FRIDAY



EASTER DAY



On Saturday 4th April, Easter Eve, during a live interview with the crew of Artemis II, NASA astronaut and pilot Victor Glover (seen here on the

right) was reminded that in 1968 the Apollo 8 crew shared a memorable Christmas Eve reading from Genesis. He was then asked, “Do you have a message that you would like to share from space about Easter Sunday?”

What followed was an amazing and completely unscripted witness of Victor Glover’s faith in which he focussed on God’s creation and the importance of unity. He said:

“You know I don’t have anything prepared but I’m glad you brought that up though. I think these observances are important as we are so far from earth and looking back at the beauty of creation, I think for me one of the really important personal perspectives that I have up here is that I can really see earth as one thing. And you know that when I read the bible and I look at all the amazing things that were done for us, we who were created, you have this amazing place, this spaceship.

You guys are talking to us because we are on a spaceship really far from earth but you are on a spaceship called Earth, that was created to give us a place to live in the universe, in the cosmos. Maybe the distance we are from you makes you think we are doing something special, but we are the same distance from you. Just trust me, you are special.

In all of this emptiness, this whole bunch of nothingness that we call the universe, you have this oasis, this beautiful place that we get to exist in together.

I think as we go into Easter Sunday thinking about all of the cultures all around the world, whether you celebrate it or not, whether you believe in God or not, this is an opportunity for us to remember where we are, who we are, and that we are the same thing and we have got to get through this together.”



To mark the National Year of Reading 2026, members gathered in the church hall on 23rd April to share book recommendations and hear about books with special significance for some individuals.

The books discussed ranged from unputdownable thrillers to collections of inspirational poems and covered such diverse topics as Auschwitz, Maya Angelou and horses. There was also a short quiz, and a Book Swap table, so a number of members went home with something new to read.

The meeting ended with tea, cake and fellowship.



MOTHERS' UNION DIARY MAY 2026

THURSDAY 21ST MAY AT 2 PM

Lynn Beecroft will be giving a talk about
'The History of the Order of St John'

MU members are asked to note a change of date for one of our events this year. The Edmonton Area Annual Meeting has been moved from 4th July to 3rd October and will be at St Paul's Church

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO COME ALONG TO ALL MU EVENTS



St Paul's Trust Quiz Night



Friday 5th June

**in the Church Hall at 8 p.m
(doors open 7.30 p.m.)**

Tickets - £10 each or £70 for a table of 8.

This year we will not be providing a ploughman's supper
but we invite you to bring your own snacks.

Drinks available from a licensed bar.

Please reserve tickets by 31st May by

- **completing an order form from the back of church,**
- **emailing Andy Dodd (trust@spwh.org),**
- **or speaking to a Trustee after Sunday services.**

May Fair Help Needed

Donations needed for the stalls at the May Fair on 16th May

★**Toys** ★**Games** ★**Bric-a-brac**

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These can be left at the back of church or brought to the Hall after 7pm on Friday 15th May .

★**Cakes and** ★**Plants** can be brought to the Hall after 7pm on Friday 15th May or on the day of the May Fair, 16th May.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

Once a year every Church of England church holds a parish meeting called 'The Annual Parochial Church Meeting' (APCM) to which all members of the congregation are invited. This is an important meeting during which reports are received from the Vicar and the Parochial Church Council (PCC) about the life of the church during the previous year. Those present can ask questions and find out more about our busy church. The PCC's annual accounts will also be presented and there will be elections for people wishing to serve on the PCC or as Deanery Synod members. (Nomination forms are available at the back of church for those who would like to stand for these positions.)

This year our APCM will be held in church at 12 noon on Sunday 10th May. You are invited to come along and hear about all that was achieved in 2025, and join in discussions about future plans.

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