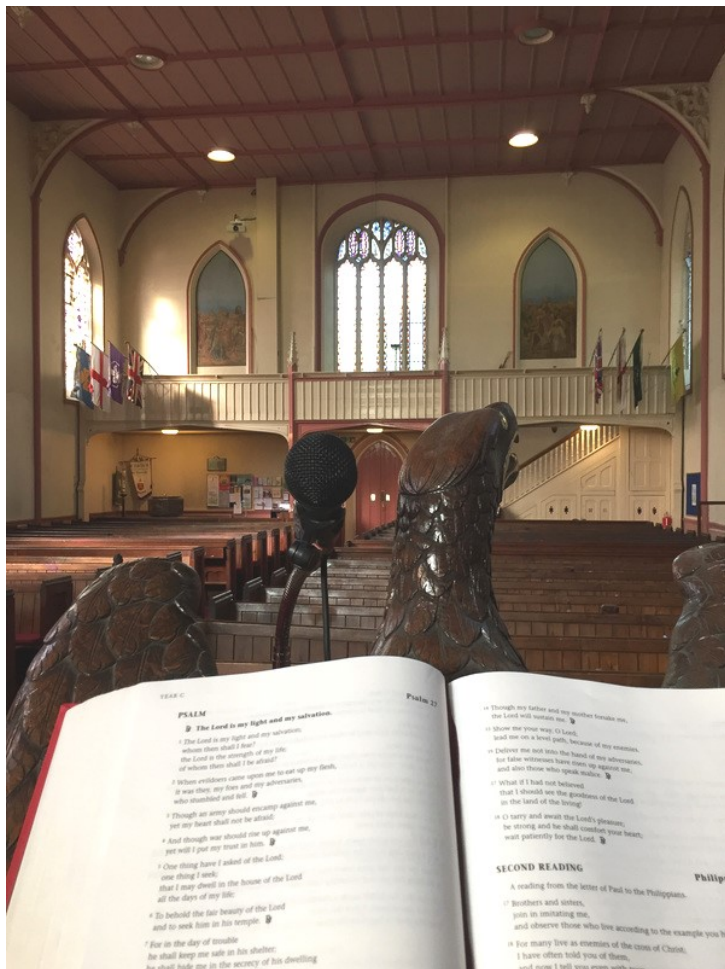




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Dear Friends

Each month in this magazine is published a calendar of services. In this calendar, on the right hand side, is a list of prayer intentions for each day. You may have noticed that the intention is the same every Sunday: 'Our parish and its people.'

This is not me being unimaginative! Rather, it's a lovely tradition which I've borrowed from our Roman Catholic brothers and sisters, whereby the priest is required to offer the Sunday Mass *pro populo* – for the people of the parish. As the Lord's people gather to celebrate the Lord's Supper on the Lord's Day, so that Eucharistic offering is made for the good of their souls. As the *Prayer for the Church Militant* in the Book of Common Prayer prays:

*And to all thy people grant thy heavenly grace; and especially to this congregation here present; that with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear, and receive thy holy Word; truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all of the days of their life.*

But 'people' in this context does not just refer to those who congregate in our church, or who are part of our worshipping community. Deep in our Anglican DNA is the idea that the people of the *parish* are all those who live within the parish's bounds. So the Sunday Eucharist is offered as much for the 8,000 souls who live in our patch of Winchmore Hill – from Wynchgate to Waitrose, and from Oakwood Park to Woodland Way – regardless of their religious affiliation, as it is for the people of God who meet here for worship.

I invite you, therefore, to join me in praying for our parish: for the spiritual and temporal good of all those who live here, and for our church family as we seek to grow faith in Winchmore Hill, proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ, and the wonder of his love.

With my love and prayers  
Fr Daniel

## Services in October 2025



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	Care of creation
T	2				Enfield Deanery
F	3				The homeless
S	4	St Francis of Assisi			Franciscans
S	5	<b>HARVEST FESTIVAL</b>	8am 10am	Said Eucharist All-Together Eucharist	Our parish and its people
M	6				Farming and agriculture
T	7				The media
W	8		12.30pm	Eucharist	St Michael, Negage
T	9	St Paulinus			Missionaries
F	10				Foodbanks
S	11				North London Hospice
S	12	<b>SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY</b>	8am 9.15am 10.30am 12pm	Said Eucharist Joyful Noise Sung Eucharist Holy Baptism	Our parish and its people
M	13	St Edward the Confessor			HM The King
T	14		2.30pm	Reception Welcome Service	St Paul's School
W	15	St Teresa of Avila	12.30pm	Eucharist	Our spiritual lives
T	16				The next Archbishop of Canterbury
F	17	St Ignatius of Antioch			The persecuted church
S	18	<b>St Luke the Evangelist</b>	12.30pm	Eucharist	Our preaching of the gospel
S	19	<b>EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY</b>	8am 9.15am 10.30am 6pm	Said Eucharist Joyful Noise Eucharist Sung Eucharist Choral Evensong	Our parish and its people
M	20				Our musicians
T	21		9am	School Eucharist	The unemployed
W	22		12.30pm	Eucharist	Racial justice
T	23				Carers
F	24				The Bishop of Edmonton
S	25				The faithful departed
S	26	<b>LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY</b>	8am 9.15am 10.30am	Said Eucharist Joyful Noise Sung Eucharist	Our parish and its people
M	27				The sick and suffering
T	28	<b>St Simon and St Jude</b>	12.30pm	Eucharist	Clergy
W	29		12.30pm	Eucharist	Our friends and families
T	30				Children and young people
F	31				Business and commerce

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 AUGUST 2025



### BAPTISM

3<sup>rd</sup> August      Thomas Graham

### FUNERAL

5<sup>th</sup> August      John Childs

### OCTOBER 2025 FLOWER ROTA

3<sup>rd</sup> October      Group meeting at 11am to decorate the church for Harvest Festival. Refreshments will be available. **Everyone invited to help.**

11<sup>th</sup> October      Sally Shearman

18<sup>th</sup> October      Adele Houldsworth

25<sup>th</sup> October      Sharon Saunders

Adele would be delighted to welcome anyone free to help with the Harvest Festival flowers at 11am on 3<sup>rd</sup> October. Both those who are experienced flower arrangers and newcomers will be welcome. For more information ring Adele on 020 8360 3676.

### PRAYER BOARD

The Earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof

The sea and the stars all display who you are

The air that I breathe and the ground I stand on

With all that you give, I will honour you Lord

Everything is yours

With this life I live, I will honour you Lord

Amen

## CELEBRATIONS TO MARK MTHR LYANNE'S CALLING TO THE PRIESTHOOD



On Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September, the Bishop of Edmonton presided at our Sung Eucharist, during which he ordained our curate, Mthr Lyanne, into the priesthood.

It was a wonderful service witnessed by both our congregation and many of our curate's friends, including fellow

priests and a large contingent from her sending church of St Clement's Leigh-on-Sea.

Following the service there was a reception in the Hall during which Mthr Lyanne cut a celebration cake and she was toasted with fizz.

A buffet lunch was provided for her friends from Leigh-on-Sea so they had a chance to talk with her before boarding their coach back to the Essex coast.

The following day, Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September, the celebrations continued as Mthr Lyanne celebrated her first Mass and once again our congregation was joined by many of her friends.



The celebrations continued after the service in the hall where there was a buffet supper that was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.



We are truly blessed at St Paul's to have two long-term members of our congregation ready to follow God's call to serve Him.

Kirsten Lazarus was licensed as an LLM (Licensed Lay Minister) by the Bishop of London on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September at St John's Church in Notting Hill.

The following Sunday she was the preacher at our Sung Eucharist.



Alison Perera, one of our LLMs and our former Children and Families Worker, has begun ordination training at St Mellitus College in London. During the two years of training Alison's time will be split between attending the college and on-the-ground training here at St Paul's.

### **NORTH ENFIELD FOODBANK**

Although we make a special appeal for donations for our local foodbank every year at Harvest Festival, the need is there throughout the year. This is why we have a collection point in our church porch. Items that are particularly need at the moment include:

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|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| Long life milk            | Fruit juices            |
| Rice and noodles          | Tinned vegetarian meals |
| Tinned meat and fish      | Long life ready meals   |
| Biscuits and sweet snacks | Jam and spreads         |
| Sugar                     | Cooking oil             |
| Hot chocolate             | Washing powder          |
| Cleaning products         | Toiletries              |

**St Paul's Life and Journeys: Part 6**

As we continue the second phase of Wright's book '*Paul A Biography*' which Mthr. Lyanne introduced us to last month, this next instalment presents to us an interesting contrast, from a cultural and religious acceptance point of view, from where we start in Antioch to where we end up back in in Jerusalem on Paul's journey.

Central to this chapter is how much more difficult it is to get the hardliners in the capital, Jerusalem, to move towards a greater acceptance of the non-Jews (Gentiles) into the faith of the believers. The key conduit for this is the notion of circumcision, that outwardly obvious physical manifestation of Jewish faith.

As we read on we see that, even in the peripheries, Paul's messages had started to upend the achieved acceptance and stability, albeit strained, between imperial Roman forces and local freedom to worship according to the Jewish faith. Until now this had appeared somewhat manageable despite perhaps a false sense of security; in a period of Roman rule, and hence pagan rule, over the people of God, this was just achievable.

This started to change with the Good News of the fulfilment of the prophecies in the arrival of Jesus. Even in this relatively safe haven Paul's methods and means were challenged. Paul, having been converted at the hand of the Lord, practiced in a world where all were welcome on equal terms; he fraternised with the enemy!

However this particular balance was even harder in Jerusalem where it had already been difficult to be ruled by Rome and pursue the Jewish faith. Wright explains to us the complication when people from Jerusalem arrived in the peripheries and brought with them harder beliefs such as not sharing a meal with those who were uncircumcised. In doing so they were in effect establishing a two-tier system.



Up until then, such practices had been acceptable in the diaspora. We see a lurching towards a view of purity, an intolerance of difference; a sort of “yes you can join us but you have to become us. You cannot be as one as yourselves.” This did not work for Paul who, borne out of experience, found himself in a new world. Out with the old, in with the new. Incidentally, this included conflict with Peter, where he asserts being part of the family is not observance of traditions, but faith in Christ Jesus. We are reminded that in leaving an old life behind, the labels of Jew and Gentile are no longer relevant.

Interestingly, Paul is accused of compromising and sympathising with the gentiles. Wright describes a growing sentiment that Jesus’ followers were not really loyal Jews. A picture emerges of a complex society in which Jews were persecuting Jews. This was all an upsetting backdrop for Saul / Paul. Where loyalty to God meant not cutting deals with the rulers and was different in the capital to the peripheries. A key symbol of this were the views on circumcision, although wider lifestyle choices are also discussed – Paul was a proponent of the view that circumcision was not necessary, with his focus on a person’s “inner reality” not rituals. The emphasis was on feelings rather than outwardly obvious things that were done.

The gentiles and Paul’s sympathy to them in the family of Christ were a threat to the moral order. Others were made to feel as if they were not, contrary to recent events, welcome in the kingdom of God, moreover they could be seen to be compromising the promised inheritance.

Kirsten Lazarus

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The Trustees of St Paul's Trust  
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to their AGM on

**SUNDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2025**

This year the arrangements are:

- + 4.30 pm Presentation in church by Fr Daniel and Tim Chilton, who will introduce and present plans for the Church Hall development
- + 5 pm Adjourn to the Church Hall for the St Paul's Winchmore Hill Trust AGM
- + 5.15 pm Afternoon tea will be served in the Hall
- + 6 pm Evensong in Church

Everyone is invited to come along to hear about the exciting plans for refurbishing and improving the Church Hall at this AGM and how they might support this project.

Andy Dodd (Chair of St Paul's Trust)

*The Trust was established under a deed of trust dated 22<sup>nd</sup> November 1982 and is a registered charity, number 285596. The objects of the Charity are to advance the Christian religion by such legally charitable means as the Trustees shall from time to time decide, in particular by promoting any charitable religious purpose in connection with St Paul's Church. Recent grants include £70,000 towards the cost of hall subsidence work, £5,000 for the Church AV system and £37,000 for other work on the Church Hall and the Lodge.*



## 12th to 18th October 2025

During Prisons Week each year we are asked to remember, and pray for, the needs of prisoners and their families, the victims of offenders, prisons staff and the judiciary. This initiative is supported by twenty five organisations including the Church of England and other Christian denominations, other faith communities, HM Prison and Probation service and also the Mothers' Union. This is a great example of many institutions coming together for the common good.

This year Prisons Week will celebrate its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary by remembering once again that, no matter what your circumstances, or the place in which you stand, God is there with you.

Prisons Week wants to see an end to the human suffering caused by crime and imprisonment for all those affected, including the victims of crime and the families of those in prison,

All of the faith communities involved believe that faith can move mountains, and that prayer moves God. When we pray in faith God often moves us to be the answer to those prayers.

### THE PRISONS WEEK PRAYER

Lord, you offer freedom to all people.

We pray for those in prison.

Break the bonds of fear and isolation that exist.

Support with your love prisoners and their families and friends,  
prison staff and all who care.

Heal those who have been wounded by the actions of others,  
especially the victims of crime.

Help us to forgive one another, to act justly, love mercy and walk  
humbly together with Christ in his strength and in his Spirit,  
now and every day. Amen

More information can be found at <https://www.prisonsworld.org>.



At the MU September meeting, Fr Daniel talked about his new role as Area Dean for Enfield and the responsibilities attached to it.

The Enfield Deanery is the largest in the Diocese of London and the most northerly. It encompasses twenty-three parishes, one conventional district and one Bishop's mission order. Within its boundaries there are two Church of England secondary schools, twelve primary schools and two hospitals, Chase Farm and North Middlesex. There are about thirty-five licenced clergy within this area and also ten

priests with permission to officiate at services in the area. (These are priests who have retired but are still licensed to conduct services.)

The Area Dean's most important role is to provide pastoral support for all the clergy within the area. Other duties include convening Deanery Chapter meetings for the clergy, Chairing the Deanery Synod (alongside the Lay Chair, currently Sue Johnson who is well known to MU members) and supporting parishes when there's a vacancy and helping to appoint a new incumbent.

In addition to this, the Area Dean has to ensure that the parishes under his care carry out their obligations: like keeping their electoral roll up to date, holding an annual meeting with parishioners and ensuring that the fabric of church buildings are maintained in good order.

In spite of these new responsibilities being in addition to his role as our Vicar, Daniel concluded by saying that he was thoroughly enjoying the new challenge at this stage in his priestly career.



## MOTHERS' UNION DIARY OCTOBER 2025

OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON THURSDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> OCTOBER AT 2PM  
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