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Dear Friends

January – not known for being the cheeriest month of the year – provides us with a good opportunity to look back at the past year, and to celebrate and give thanks for all the blessings God has bestowed on us.

While many are the perils of social media, I find the church Instagram account a useful means of doing this. As I scroll through its posts I am often surprised by how much wonderful work we pack in! 2024 highlights for me included a powerful Lent and Holy Week, the joyful licensing of Alison Perera as an LLM, and a particularly joyous Harvest Festival celebration. But there's also the weekly round of worship, fellowship and building up the body of Christ, all of which makes parish ministry such a joy. I'm also conscious that I was absent for a whole quarter of the year, and I remain thankful for my period of sabbatical and the ways it has refreshed me for ministry.

I began by saying that January is not a very cheery month. However... Our parish rejoices in the heavenly patronage of a saint who is celebrated in January, giving us something to look forward to! I am delighted that this year we are welcoming the Rt Revd Dr Jane Steen as our visiting preacher. Bishop Jane is the Bishop of Lynn in the Diocese of Norwich, but is no stranger to the capital, having spent all of her ministry in the Diocese of Southwark before her consecration. This celebration takes place on Sunday 26th January, and it is one of the Sundays when we worship 'All-Together' at 10am. Make sure that date is firmly in your new diaries!

With my love and prayers

Fr Daniel

Services in January 2025



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
W	1	The Naming and Circumcision of Jesus		No Eucharist today	God's blessing on the New Year
T	2	St Basil and St Gregory			Teachers of the faith
F	3				Local services
S	4				The performing arts
S	5	THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD	8am 9.15am 10.30am	Said Eucharist Joyful Noise Eucharist Sung Eucharist	Our parish and its people
M	6				The leaders of the nations
T	7				The appointment of the next Archbishop of Canterbury
W	8		12.30pm	Eucharist	Peace in the Middle East
T	9				Our friends and families
F	10				Racial justice
S	11				The homeless
S	12	THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST	8am 9.15am 10.30am 12pm	Said Eucharist Joyful Noise Sung Eucharist Holy Baptism	Our parish and its people
M	13	St Hilary of Poitiers			Our PCC
T	14				Vocations to the priesthood
W	15		12.30pm	Eucharist	St Michael, Negage, Angola
T	16				Our committees
F	17	St Antony of Egypt			Our spiritual lives
S	18	Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins			The unity of Christ's Church
S	19	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	8am 9.15am 10.30am 6pm	Said Eucharist Joyful Noise Eucharist Sung Eucharist Churches Together Songs of Praise	Our parish and its people
M	20				Leaders of the churches
T	21	St Agnes			Children and young people
W	22		9am 12.30pm	Whole School Service Eucharist	St Paul's School
T	23				Local hospitals
F	24	St Francis de Sales			Parish staff
S	25	The Conversion of St Paul	12.30pm	Eucharist	Our cathedral and diocese
S	26	PATRONAL FESTIVAL SUNDAY	8am 10am	Said Eucharist All-Together Eucharist	Our parish and its people
M	27				The environment
T	28	St Thomas Aquinas			Theologians
W	29		12.30pm	Eucharist	The judiciary
T	30	Charles, King and Martyr			HM The King
F	31				The elderly

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)

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Sunday 19 January 2025 - 6pm

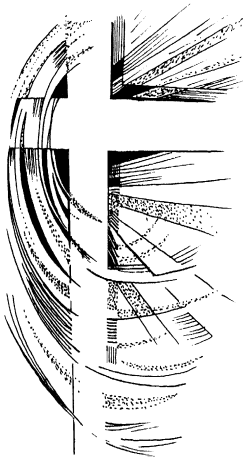
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17th November Bonnie Machray
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24th November Skylar Abraham
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 Cameron Naish
 Marnie Naish

FUNERAL

7th November Ian Williams

Sunday 26 January 2025

PATRONAL FESTIVAL



celebrating the
Conversion of St Paul

10am

All-Together Eucharist
followed by coffee and croissants

Preacher
The Rt Revd Dr Jane Steen
Bishop of Lynn



*8am Said Eucharist as normal. 10am All-Together
Eucharist replaces the usual 9.15am and 10.30am services*

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SS TIMOTHY AND TITUS (26TH JANUARY)



Timothy and Titus were companions of our parish's patron, St Paul.

We first meet Timothy in Acts 16, when Paul visits Lystra, in present-day Turkey. We learn that he was the child of a mixed marriage, his mother (Eunice) a Jew, and his father Greek.

He was well spoken of by the believers in Lystra and Iconium. Paul wanted Timothy to accompany him;

and he took him and had him circumcised because of the Jews who were in those places, for they all knew that his father was a Greek. As they went from town to town, they delivered to them for observance the decisions that had been reached by the apostles and elders who were in Jerusalem. So the churches were strengthened in the faith and increased in numbers daily. (Acts 16.2-5)

Timothy is mentioned in connection with Paul several times over the next few chapters of Acts. Paul includes Timothy in the introductions to his letters to the Romans, Corinthians, Philippians, Colossians, Thessalonians and Philemon, demonstrating Timothy's importance to his ministry. By tradition he was the first Bishop of Ephesus, and the apocryphal Acts of Timothy record his martyrdom by stones and clubs.

Titus is introduced to us in Paul's second letter to the Corinthians. He is Paul's 'partner and co-worker' in their service, and Paul repeatedly speaks highly of him. In Paul's letter to the Galatians we learn that he was Greek and, unlike Timothy, 'not compelled to be circumcised'.

As well as being referenced in Paul's letters, Timothy and Titus are the recipients of the three letters – 1 and 2 Timothy, and Titus – which make up what are known as Paul's 'Pastoral Epistles'. Although traditionally thought to have been written by Paul, modern scholars tend to agree that these letters were written in the Pauline tradition sometime after Paul's death. Their style is very different from Paul's other letters. They are 'pastoral' not in the sense that they offer spiritual counsel, but rather

that they are concerned instructions about the ordering of the church's affairs. So, for example, I Timothy contains both directions about who should and shouldn't be a bishop, and how bishops should behave.

In the letters to Timothy, Paul's 'loyal child in the faith', we get some insight into his personality and character, not least that he had a weak constitution! As a consequence, he is patron saint of people with stomach disorders.

Since the revision of the Roman Calendar in 1970, St Timothy and St Titus have been commemorated on 26th January, the day after the Church celebrates the Conversion of St Paul, as an expression of their closeness to the apostle Paul. The collect for the day enjoins believers today to have the same fellowship as they did:

Heavenly Father, who sent your apostle Paul to preach the gospel, and gave him Timothy and Titus to be his companions in faith: grant that our fellowship in the Holy Spirit may bear witness to the name of Jesus.

As well as the proximity of their feast days, there is something more historic and rather closer to home which signifies the intimacy of Timothy and Titus with St Paul. The Lady Chapel in St Paul's Church, to the south of the chancel, was first constructed in 1901 as a memorial to the Revd Arthur Drought. In 1928 both this chapel and the chancel were extended eastwards, as part of the church's centenary celebrations. At this stage, according to Edward Kelly's excellent guide to our church, the chapel was rededicated to St Timothy. (Although Christine Morton thinks it was dedicated to both Timothy *and* Titus.)

This explains why this chapel has a *red* sanctuary lamp, rather than the blue lamp one would normally associate with Our Lady. The photograph in Edward Kelly's book, presumably dating from the 1980s, also shows a red frontal – now sadly lost – which would also be considered unusual in a Lady Chapel.

Edward Kelly suggests that from as early as the 1930s, this chapel became known as 'the Lady Chapel'. Presumably this was because it was what people were used to calling a side chapel in other churches. It might also indicate a nascent development of Marian devotion even in parishes not considered to be Anglo-Catholic. Or it might simply be

because it was at this stage that someone put a Mothers' Union banner in this chapel, and an association with the Blessed Virgin began. (Limitations of time prevent me from further research in the archives. But if anyone wants to take over the role of Parish Archivist, vacant since Peter Hodge's death in 2020, let me know!) Whatever the reason, I am sure Timothy and Titus, who shared so much with St Paul, wouldn't mind sharing this chapel with Our Lord's own dear Mother, nor she with them.

This year, 26th January falls on a Sunday, which means St Timothy and St Titus are not celebrated. Again, I'm sure they wouldn't mind being usurped by our annual celebration of their father-in-faith's conversion. Their lives remind us that the work of mission is not something we do alone, but must always happen in partnership. Our fellowship as Christians is more than tea and cake. It is an invitation to work together for the proclamation of the gospel of Jesus Christ, making him known to the ends of the earth.

May Paul, Timothy and Titus spur us on with their prayers, and encourage us by their example, as we seek to follow in their footsteps.

Fr Daniel Sandham

ST PAUL'S TRUST



St Paul's Trust was delighted to welcome our former curate, Revd Marcus Walker, as the speaker at their AGM on 8th December. Marcus delivered an informative and thought-provoking talk about the Church of England and some of the challenges it faces today. After the talk the guests enjoyed a delicious afternoon tea and a chance to talk to Marcus before the Trust's AGM.



ADVENT CELEBRATIONS AT ST PAUL'S



During the first two weeks of December, Father Christmas found time to make three visits to St Paul's Church. His first visit was to the Scout Christmas Fair on Advent Sunday. He then returned for a second visit on 11th December for the Toddler's Christmas Party, and finally was at the Mothers' Union Christmas Fellowship lunch on 12th December, bringing with him some little helpers to distribute gifts.



Our Sunday School children performed a Nativity Play at the end of our Sung Eucharist on Sunday 14th December. It was lovely to be reminded of the true meaning of Christmas by our younger members.

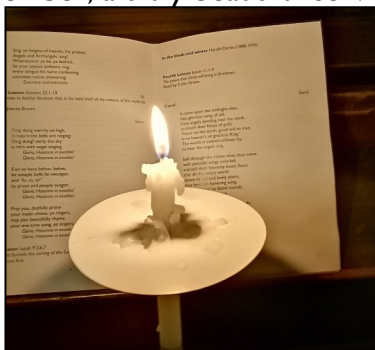


Despite the cold and rain, Carols on The Green 2024 was well attended and greatly enjoyed by hundreds of people of all ages from our local community. The event was organised by our church and supported by many local businesses, both financially and with donations for the refreshments. A total of £3500 was raised for two



homeless charities, CRISIS and All People All Places.

Our final Advent celebration was our candle-lit service of Nine Lessons and Carols on Sunday 22nd December, a truly beautiful service.



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN 2025

We have already got lots planned for 2025. Get these dates in your diary now!

JANUARY

Sunday 9th: Churches Together Songs of Praise, 6pm

Sunday 26th (PATRONAL FESTIVAL): All-Together Eucharist, 10am – guest preacher: the Bishop of Lynn, followed by coffee and croissants

FEBRUARY

Sunday 9th: Choral Evensong, 6pm – guest preacher: Revd Mitzi James

Friday 28th: Curry Night, 7.30pm

MARCH

Wednesday 5th: (ASH WEDNESDAY): Eucharist with imposition of ashes, 12.30pm and 8pm

Tuesday 11th: Devotional trip to the National Gallery, 2pm

Sunday 23rd: Liturgy of Healing and Reconciliation, 6pm – Guest preacher: The Revd Laura Darrall

Saturday 29th: Quiet Day

APRIL

Sunday 6th: Thursday 10: Pilgrimage to Norfolk

Sunday 13th: Saturday 19: HOLY WEEK

MAY

Saturday 10th: May Fair

Friday 16th: St Paul's Trust Quiz Night

Sunday 18th: Annual Parochial Church Meeting, 12pm

Thursday 29th: Ascension Day

JUNE

Sunday 15th: Baptism and Confirmation, 10.30am

Sunday 29th: Choral Evensong, 6pm

JULY

Sunday 20th: All-Together Eucharist, 10am – followed by Vicarage Garden Party

SEPTEMBER

Saturday 20th: Coffee morning

OCTOBER

Sunday 5th (HARVEST FESTIVAL): All-Together Eucharist, 10am – followed by Snail Race and Harvest Roast

MAY FAIR 2025

We are already excited about this year's May Fair on Saturday, 10th May. Could you be part of the planning group and/or help out on the day to make this both a memorable day and a fantastic fund-raiser for the church? Scan this QR code or contact the Parish Office (office@spwh.org / 020 8886 4290) today!

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May this New Year be a time of deep spiritual growth,

A time of welcoming your graces and gifts,

A time for forgiving freely and unconditionally

A time for growing in virtue and goodness.

Come, Holy Spirit,

Be with us today and always.

Amen



At our Christmas Fellowship lunch on 12th December, when over 40 guests enjoyed a traditional meal with all the trimmings, we were delighted to be entertained by some of the children from the St Paul's Leapfrog Nursery who sang some Christmas songs for us. There was also a visit from Father Christmas who had gifts for all of the guests and then played his guitar for some Carol Singing after the meal. Our thanks to the MU members who cooked the meal for us. (Photos from the lunch can be seen on page 10.)

We met again in church on the afternoon of Thursday, 19th December, to celebrate Christmas with music and readings. The music was provided by children from St Paul's School, who entertained us by singing a number of traditional Carols and other Christmas songs. After the choir had returned to school, some of our members shared some Christmas readings before moving into the hall for refreshments and a chance to chat.

If you would like to find out more about the work of the Mothers' Union, at our St Paul's Branch and also its around the world email mothers.union@spwh.org.

MOTHERS' UNION DIARY JANUARY 2025

THURSDAY 23TH JANUARY AT 2 PM IN THE CHURCH HALL New Year Party

Everyone is invited to join us at our New Year celebration
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