

ST PAUL'S ST MARY'S

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The Anglican Churches of St Paul's and St Mary's Harlow

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Ministers: all the church members

This is a Welcome Sheet covering two weeks

16th August - Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

23rd August - Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

A Message from Jokey

Dear Brothers and Sisters

Here is another quotation from CS Lewis' 'Mere Christianity' which resonates with me...

What Satan put into the heads of our remote ancestors was the idea that they could "be like gods" — be their own masters — invent some sort of happiness for themselves outside God, apart from God. And out of that hopeless attempt has come nearly all that we call human history — money, poverty, ambition, war,

prostitution, classes, empires, slavery — the long terrible story of man trying to find something other than God which will make him happy. The reason why it can never succeed is this. God made us: invented us as a man invents an engine. A car is made to run on petrol, and it would not run properly on anything else. Now God designed the human machine to run on Himself. He Himself is the fuel our spirits were designed to burn, or the food our spirits were designed to feed on. There is no other. That is why it is just no good asking God to make us happy in our own way without bothering about religion. God cannot give us happiness and peace apart from Himself, because it is not there. There is no such thing.'

Are we willing to let God be the fuel which runs us?

Blessings

Jokey x

Services for the next 2 Weeks

Sunday 16th August 2026

Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

St Mary's 9.30 am Holy Communion

St Paul's 11.00 am Morning Worship

Sunday 23rd August 2026

Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

St Mary's 9.30am Morning Worship

St Paul's 11.00am Holy Communion

11.00am "Sunday Live" - St Paul's live streamed on YouTube. [Join us on YouTube by clicking here.](#)

Regular Events

SPYK (St Paul's Youth & Kids) In term times, weekly except 1st Sundays in the month. **This has now stopped for the Summer**

Foodbank and Bounty Club with Foodbank Hub

Both 10am-2pm Monday – Fridays in The Harvey Centre

The Sanctuary Cafe - St Paul's Church

11am-1pm Fridays - for fellowship and prayer

WhatsApp Group

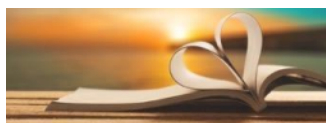
St Paul's & St Mary's Community

For sharing news & info about activities, events & needs in church life. [Join here](#) or ask Jokey

Home Communion

For any unable to get to church due to sickness. Please contact Tracy or Jokey.

Our Text for 2026



Be kind and tender-hearted to one another, and forgive one another, as God has forgiven you through Christ.

Ephesians 4:32 Good news

Praying Together

Tues & Wed 9am Parish Prayers on [Zoom](#)
new link - ID 81685472781 Passcode 976753

Thursday: Heart4Harlow Prayer 4 Harlow on [Zoom](#)



WhatsApp Prayer Group – contact Rev Jokey Poyntz 07954855154. Our monthly prayer diary is at the back of church & via email - contact the

parish office.

Those in special need: Wendy Coxhill, Grace Munday, Mike Scanlan, Kath Shaw, Philip & Carol Haynes, Payam Hossyni, Barbara Fuller, Janet Broomhead, Jenny Irving, Dorothy Taylor, Saba Mall, Pat Balkwill, Terry Cable, Mike Squires.

Please pray for all our church family Asylum seekers awaiting court hearings for their right to stay here.

Our Home Communion team and those they visit.

The people of all areas affected by war, violence, famine and natural disasters.

The Foodbank & Bounty Club, School Uniform Shop operating from the Harvey Centre and those who use their services.

The appointment of a new Team Rector -and all that are working towards this end.

Special Prayer for this week

August 16th

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace,
that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

August 23rd

Almighty and everlasting God,
you are always more ready to hear than we to pray
and to give more than either we desire or deserve:
pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy,
forgiving us those things of which our conscience is
afraid

and giving us those good things
which we are not worthy to ask
but through the merits and mediation
of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Vacancy Prayer

Loving Father

We know you have plans for our Parish, please send
your Holy Spirit to strengthen and guide all those
involved in the process of appointing a new Team
Rector. May they discern your way for our future.
We also pray for those who apply as the next step in
their ministry.

Most of all we ask that the person is the one chosen by
you to lead your church.

In Jesus name we pray, Amen

need of:

Tinned Meat , Packet Mash Potato, Sponge
Puddings, Hot Chocolate, Teabags - max 240 size,
Sugar **They have plenty of beans and pasta**

Baby wipes, nappies and food - **no Formula**

All items of toiletries and hygiene products ,
Laundry powder, Laundry Liquid, Washing up
Liquid.

Heritage Open Day and Ride & Stride Day

This is happening on 12th September at both
churches. St Pauls will be open from 10am to
11am for the Ride and Stride people to stop and
come in.

St Mary's will be open for The Heritage Day and
Ride and Stride drop in from 10am to 3pm. We
would be very grateful to receive offers of help
with this event.

Church Offerings

You can use this QR code to make a donation by
payment card or Google Pay:



To give by online banking please use:

Sort code: 60-10-05

Account: 60517018

Account Name: PCC St Pauls & St Marys Harlow

Reference: OFFERING

You can also make a donation using the contactless
payment device at the back of St.Paul's.

If you give regularly why not set up a Standing
Order? Please speak to our Treasurer Peter
Smith, or one of the clergy, or pick up a leaflet at
the back of the church.

Other News

Office

The office will not be manned this week as I am
away and will be back on 24th August. If you
need to contact me please email

tracy@stpaulsandstmarysharlow.co.uk or

office@stpaulsandstmarysharlow.co.uk

**And leave a message I will get back to you when I
return. If it is anything important please speak to
one of the wardens or Peter Smith as Jokey is also
away.**

Harvest

Harvest at St Paul's will be celebrated on 6th
September and on 13th September at St Marys.
Both collections will go to the Food Bank. A
reminder of things they currently are in urgent

****Fire Assembly Point****

We would like to point out that while building works go on around us, our fire assembly point in College Square by Dad's Wood is not available to us. Therefore for the time being we will assemble behind the church hall by the old BHS site. Any further alterations on this will be communicated as they happen. Please be careful while you are in the vicinity of the church as the work proceeds.

Ramp

If you require the ramp to receive Communion please ask the stewards to put it up.

IMPORTANT

For safeguarding reasons, please do not video or take photographs during services unless agreed with the service leader or clergy beforehand.

Children's Area at St Paul's

There is now an area at the back of St Paul's for young children under 5 to access - this must be supervised by a parent/carer. **PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE YOUR CHILDREN HERE UNATTENDED** and please tidy up after use.

Safeguarding

The care and protection of church children, young people and adults involved in Church activities is the responsibility of everyone who participates in the life of the Church. If you are concerned that someone you know is at risk of, or is being abused, or presents a risk to others, please seek advice from a Safeguarding Adviser or if necessary report the matter to the Local Authority Social Care Services or the Police without delay.

In the church we have a Safeguarding Officer and an Assistant Safeguarding Officer for you to contact as first port of call. Our Safeguarding Officer is Austin Sobanam
Contact :07909975475

psso@stpaulsandstmarysharlow.co.uk

and our Assistant Safeguarding Officer is Vanessa Phinehas
Contact: 07812948677

vanessaphinehas@gmail.com

In the absence of a PSO, people with safeguarding concerns should initially contact Jokey as incumbent or Carol as warden with any concerns. If you don't wish to do that, then contact the Diocesan Safeguarding Team, the phone number and email **01245 294444**

safeguarding@chelmsford.anglican.org

