

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

9th August 2026

Tenth Sunday after Trinity

A Message from Jokey

Dear Brothers and Sisters

I've been re-reading CS Lewis and I thought I would share one of my favourite of his analogies...

"Imagine yourself as a living house. God comes in to rebuild that house. At first, perhaps, you can understand what He is doing. He is getting the drains right and stopping the leaks in the roof and so on; you knew that those jobs needed doing and so you are not surprised. But presently He starts knocking the house about in a way that hurts abominably and does not seem to make any sense. What on earth is He up to? The explanation is that He is building quite a different house from the one you

thought of – throwing out a new wing here, putting on an extra floor there, running up towers, making courtyards. You thought you were being made into a decent little cottage: but He is building a palace. He intends to come and live in it Himself."

Are we willing to let God in to renovate us?

Blessings

Jokey x

Services This Week

Sunday 9th August 2026

Tenth Sunday after Trinity

St Mary's 9.30 am Morning Worship

St Paul's 11.00 am 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

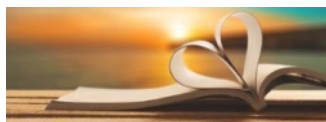
St Paul's & St Mary's Community

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

IMPORTANT

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

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

Let your merciful ears, O Lord,
be open to the prayers of your humble servants;
and that they may obtain their petitions
make them to ask such things as shall please you;
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.

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

Other News

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.

Can You Help?

My usual dog minders are not available - Is anyone willing to have my dog Denzil from the 15th to 26th of August? He is very chilled and friendly and easy to look after and needs minimal walking as he is getting old! He does not shed hairs. Please let me know if you can help. 07954855154.

Blessings

Jokey

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.

****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.

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

psa@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**

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