

# ST PAUL'S ST MARY'S

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Ministers: all the church members

## Sunday 27th September

### The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

#### A Message from Jokey

Dear brothers and sisters

On Tuesday night I was at a Deanery Synod meeting and our Lay Chair Jane Potter reminded us of a little piece that Andy Griffiths (who led us on our Deanery Away Day) shared in response to some of the things we had done on that day (one of which was an activity about what kind of animal our church might be – a discussion ensued about pigeons and doves and how the white dove we often see depicted in Christian imagery was more likely what is referred to as a Turtle Dove in the bible which has more in common with our modern pigeons! So I thought I would share part of it with you as a reminder that in all the current tumult and mess and noise around St Paul's especially, and amid the uncertainties about what future ministry

might look like in our parish and the Deanery, God is still very much present!

Andy named this piece: ***Pigeons, prodding desires***  
*In Harlow's life, amid the chaos manifest, we learn to watch where holy feathers rest, to note, record, and testify with care that God's already, quietly, THERE.*

*The Spirit hovers still above the mess, and broods on chaos till new worlds appear, yet pigeon like, remains amid the muddle, untroubled by the prices we may fear.... God meets our fear, disorder, doubt, dismay and leads us onward when we lose our way; with pigeon, prod and dove-like feather-light, God makes all things anew and makes them right.*

The physical mess around St Paul's and around our town will lead to what we hope will be a beautiful transformation, and that reminds us that this is what God often does in our lives, but as Andy's poem shows, God is with us in the mess – so let's trust in the Lord (Proverbs 3:4-5) and proceed with renewed hope and prayer.

Blessings

Jokey x

## Services for this Week

### Sunday 27th September 2026

#### Seventeenth 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 1<sup>st</sup> Sundays in the month.

**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

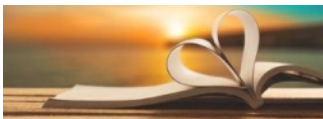
*St Paul's & St Mary's Community*

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, Barbara Fuller, Janet Broomhead, Jenny Irving, Dorothy Taylor, Saba Mall, Pat Balkwill, Terry Cable, Mike Squires.

**Please pray** for Dee and Tony and their family in the loss of Dee's dad, Peter. He has been a regular worshipper at St Pauls.

**We pray** for the family and friends in the passing of Margaret Tuffin who used to worship with us at St Pauls (lady in high vis jacket who signed hymns)

**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, especially remembering those in Nepal and Tibet.

**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

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; 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

### Sanctuary Cafe

On Friday 25th September Sanctuary will not be at St Paul's but at the Food Bank in the Harvey Centre supporting their Macmillan Coffee Morning.

### Funeral

The funeral of Peter Burton will take place at St Pauls at 2pm on Wednesday 30th September. All are welcome. Peter was a long time worshipper with St Paul's as are his family Dee and Tony Colley.

### Lumos

We are hosting another Lumos event at St Pauls on 20th November. This time it will be a jazz experience of Tina Turner and Aretha Franklin, please go to their website to book tickets.

### A Letter From Noah Quadri

I would like to express my gratitude to a few people who helped renovate the church pews: Peter, Ebenezer, Tony, and Sarah. Everyone played an important role in making sure this renovation is done properly to a high standard.

This was a significant project that required careful planning, patience, and perseverance. The pews are a very important part of the church as they form part of its history and character. Although the project was very rewarding, it was not without its challenges, taking considerable time and physical effort, but these challenges provided an opportunity to demonstrate perseverance and reminded us why we were undertaking this in the first place. Preparation was by far the most important part of the project. For the wooden tops of the pews, we

had to sand. For the grey seats, we had to lightly sand, clean with sugar soap, and clean with a damp cloth for each single pew. Once prepared, we could continue with painting and oiling.

One of the greatest lessons from the project was the importance of patience and perseverance. Favourite examples of perseverance is Job. Job faced an extremely difficult period in his life, experiencing great loss and hardship.

Although he had no answers as to why he was facing such challenges, his faith in God remained unchanged. This project reminds me of Job's story. Although not nearly as hard as what he experienced, our patience and dedication was tested. James 5:11 reflects on Job's perseverance saying, "You have heard of Job's perseverance and have seen what the Lord finally brought about."

This verse serves as a reminder that perseverance can eventually lead to a rewarding outcome. The completion of the project represented more than just an improvement to the appearance of the church. It was the result of prolonged perseverance and prayers. Seeing the finished pews provided a sense of achievement because the final result demonstrates what can be done through having faith in God.

I would like to end by thanking you for your continued support and kind words during the renovation. To God be all glory, honour and praise!

Noah Quadri

## 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.

## **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](mailto:psa@stpaulsandstmarysharlow.co.uk)

and our Assistant Safeguarding Officer is Vanessa Phinehas

Contact: 07812948677

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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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