



Services online

One of the things that we were so pleased about was that the Government specifically said that public worship could continue through this present lockdown and left it in the hands of individual church leaders to decide whether they wished to meet in-person. We chose to remain open for those who wished to come, given the enormous benefits to spiritual and mental wellbeing of meeting in person alongside the work we have done to make St Paul's as safe as it can be.

However, this afternoon (Thursday 7 January) I received a letter from Julian Bell (the leader of Ealing Council) requesting that all faith groups in Ealing voluntarily close for public worship because of the high rate of Covid-19 cases and the ensuing pressure on our local hospitals. As such, we have taken the decision to comply with this request and to close the building for public worship for the time being. I know that this will come as a blow to some, but I believe that this is the right decision at this time.

I am really sorry that we are closing the doors of the church again. It is with a heavy heart that this is happening.

Please though, do join us online on Sunday for either the 9.15am; 11am or the 6.30pm service & we look forward to connecting with you.

Mark Melliush, Senior Pastor

This Sunday, 10 January

Join us online for our Sunday services.

You can watch these services by visiting stpaulsealing.com and scrolling down to the 'Sunday Online' section on the homepage, or click on the livestream button on our app. The services are also streaming on our *YouTube channel* for those who are watching via Smart TV and there is a *St Paul's Ealing app* on AppleTV.

9.15am & 11am Morning Worship with Communion / Love your neighbour / Loving your community / Nehemiah 1
6.30pm Evening Worship / Love your neighbour / Loving your community / Nehemiah 1

At 10am, watch our Kids online service by visiting <https://www.facebook.com/stpaulskidsealing>

Sunday Ministry on Zoom

There is an opportunity for prayer ministry after our 9.15am & 11am Sunday services have finished. If you would like someone to pray for you then straight after the service you can click on the Zoom link next to the Livestream on the St Paul's website. This will take you into a Zoom call where you'll be connected with two members of the prayer ministry team who will pray for you for a few minutes. For more info please contact either jacqui@stpaulsealing.com or lindsay@stpaulsealing.com

Sunday Morning Coffee & Community on Zoom

After our morning Sunday services we'll be gathering for coffee and community time via the Zoom link on the Sunday Online page of the St Paul's website. We look forward to welcoming you. The call will last 30 minutes and breakout rooms of 4-5 people (depending on numbers) will be set up.

Church Life

The Big Quiz!!

Friday 22 January 2021 / 8pm / Online

What better way to kick off the new year and celebrate another decade than with a Big Quiz?!! We would love to invite you to join us on Friday 22 January 2021, at 8pm via Zoom. The theme is 'the 20s' and to help bring this alive we want to encourage everyone to dress up 'Great Gatsby style'. Questions will have a particular focus on the last 20 years. This is a wonderful opportunity to invite friends and neighbours for a night of fun. **Sign up via this link:** [Click here](#). It would be great if you could form a team and advise us of your team name when you sign up. If you do not have a team, please sign up anyway and we will form some teams. Email tim@stpaulsealing.com if you have any questions or need help forming a team. More details to follow nearer the time.

Alpha 21 Days of Prayer

In the run up to the start of Alpha at St Paul's we are launching 21 days of prayer from Sunday 10 January to Sunday 31 January. This is to pray for those we know who don't yet have faith and for evangelism across the country. You are invited to join in this initiative by thinking of 3 people you want to pray for and then setting an alarm for 11.02am each day to pray for a moment wherever you are. The time 11.02 reminds us of Luke 11:2 where Jesus encourages his followers to pray 'Your Kingdom Come'. We are invited to pray 'Your Kingdom Come' in the lives of our 3 people and for our country.

Contact / [Ben Strain](#) or [Tim Radcliffe](#)

Alpha Online

Wednesday Evenings / 27 January - 17 March / 8pm / Online

Alpha is a space to explore questions of life and faith in relaxed and open environment. We will be connecting on Zoom and using the Alpha Film Series as we journey together. Alpha is designed for those who would not currently say they are Christians and are open/intrigued to find out more. It is also helpful for those who are Christians to take a fresh look at faith. Everyone is welcome! To sign up simply head to the St Paul's website or email Ben Strain ben@stpaulsealing.com or Tim Radcliffe tim@stpaulsealing.com

Alpha Prayer WhatsApp Group

We have a WhatsApp group set up specifically to pray for Alpha whilst it runs. If you would like to be part of that let Ben Strain or Tim Radcliffe know.

Contact / [Ben Strain](#) or [Tim Radcliffe](#)

Sound and AV Team Urgently Needed

We are in great need of more production team in this season, especially on sound and AV. You will be fully trained by John or David. If you have had previous experience in these areas then excellent, but previous experience is not required; although operating live sound does require a musical ear for mixing purposes and some technical capabilities to operate the sound desk itself. Operating the AV PC is straightforward and the presentation software is easy to use, so if you feel like you could serve in this way over the coming months we'd love to have you on board!

Please do get in touch with [John Murphy](#) or [David Cervera](#) / john@stpaulsealing.com or david@stpaulsealing.com

Primary School References

If you are applying for a primary school place for your child for next academic year and need a reference form completed by St Paul's please email a copy to Mark Melliush, mark@stpaulsealing.com and we will ensure that these are returned to you.

Life Groups

At St Paul's we have a number of Life Groups that meet during the week. They are a place where we can develop relationships; sharing life together, exploring & growing in faith together and praying together. We have Core Life Groups that meet throughout the year. Interest Life Groups that are focused on a particular activity usually for a term at a time, and Courses. There are some new Core Life Groups starting soon. To find details about them do visit our website. If you have a particular interest that you think could run as a life group this term then please do contact Monica Backes (lifegroups@stpaulsealing.com) with the details.

If you'd like to find out more or join a Core Life Group then you can find more details on stpaulsealing.com or you can contact [Phil & Sue George](#) (sue.george23@gmail.com)

Wednesday Communion

We will be live-streaming our 9.30am Wednesday Communion service this via the St Paul's website (stpaulsealing.com) or click on the livestream button on our app. The service will also be streaming on our *YouTube channel* for those who are watching via Smart TV and there is a *St Paul's Ealing app* on AppleTV.

Thursday Morning Prayer Meeting

Our Thursday morning church prayer meeting restart today, Thursday 7 January. We pray from 7-7.45am, so why not join us next week from your home via Zoom. Follow the button on the website homepage and Mark will let you into the call. For more information contact Mark Melliush via mark@stpaulsealing.com

Women

Connect for women

Connect is back on zoom of course (sigh) on Thursday mornings. This coming Thursday, 12 January we'll be hearing from David Cervera and Lucy Plumb about worshipping in the current time. Zoom link on the website or from your group leader. Join at 9.45am with a coffee for chat and get ready for a 10am start. More info from your group leaders or if you're not in Connect and you'd like to be, contact me and I'll arrange it for you.

Lindsay Melliush, lindsay@stpaulsealing.com

Awaken!

Saturday 30 January on zoom. Join us on the call for a chance to meet with other women and hear a New Year encouragement from Lydia Strain. More info coming soon.

Lindsay Melliush

Children's News

Online Family Worship

We were hoping to start our Sunday Groups this month but due to our current restrictions we are not able to. We will be continuing with our Online Family Worship on Sunday mornings. You can watch on Youtube from 8am and we will be live on Facebook at 10am. We hope to see you there!

Breakfast Bash

What do you eat for Breakfast? Bring your breakfast and join us on Saturday morning, 16 January at 9am. We will have an hour of fun and games for the whole family. We would love to see what you have for breakfast! Please sign up online at <http://stpaulsealing.com/group/kids>

Life Groups

We are starting our Life Groups next week, from Nursery - Year 6 on Zoom. Please sign up online for your child's group. <http://stpaulsealing.com/group/kids>

Bump to Baby

Join us for our support group for new parents and non-mobile babies. This coming week it will be on Zoom, please sign up online at <http://stpaulsealing.com/group/kids>

Youth News

Sundays Older & Younger Youth

Sunday 10 January

We'll be restarting our Youth Sundays this Sunday! You can find all the information on our website for all years 7 to 13.

<https://stpaulsealing.com/group/youth/>

Wednesday Night Youth

Wednesday 13 January

Join us in January as we restart our Older & Younger Youth. We'll be looking at the beatitudes, hosting challenges and catching up with one another. You can find all the online links on our website.

<https://stpaulsealing.com/group/youth/>

Year 12 & 13 Life group

Tuesday 12 January / 7.30pm

You can still sign up via the link below to join us in our life group. We love to explore tough topics, check in with one another and pray together. <https://stpaulsealing.churchsuite.co.uk/groups/3hmgz21s>

To sign up to the mailing list, for support or information please email Izzy Cole - izzy@stpaulsealing.com

St Paul's Wholeness Centre

Counselling and Therapy Opportunities

We have currently ceased to offer all face to face therapy and counseling until restrictions ease, which we hope will be in the not too distant future.

We are pleased, however, to have been able to move to a 'remote' counseling and therapy service (telephone/other internet-based platforms) for those who are currently receiving support through the Centre and this is working well for many of our clients.

If you are looking for therapeutic support at this time and are interested in exploring whether this remote way of working might suit you, then an initial appointment would help you decide. We invite you, therefore, according to our referral process, to send an email to the Wholeness Centre Administrator, Jacqui Hawkins via wholeness@stpaulsealing.com. You will then receive an application form to complete, and once we have reviewed your referral and deemed it suitable for our service, we will contact you to offer an initial appointment.

Prayer

Please pray for..

Washington DC - Please pray for the United States following recent violence in Washington as armed far-right supporters of President Trump stormed the Capitol building. Pray for a peaceful transition of power over to Joe Biden's administration from now on, and for democracy and order to be protected.

Ealing - Please pray for our local area as infection rates continue to rise. Pray for community and council leaders as decisions are made. Pray for schools, local businesses and other organisations.

NHS - Please pray for God's protection over hospitals in the coming weeks. Pray for a reverse in the trend of rising hospital admissions and for the virus to lose its power. Pray for all doctors, nurses and paramedics especially.

Elderly - Please pray for elderly members of our community and those who are having to isolate. Pray for creative ways to connect and enjoy friendship at a time of loneliness. Pray for God's presence and comfort to be known in people's homes.

Ealing Foodbank update

The Foodbank is needed more than ever at this time. Foodbank cafes are currently closed, and they are only distributing food for those with food vouchers from St Mellitus Church between 10-12am on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday. They have set Wednesday, 10am-4pm, aside as a day for delivery of donations. This month they are looking for the following:

• **Ready Made Custard - tins or cartons** • **Tomato Ketchup** • **Drinking Chocolate** • **Cooking Oil (1 litre MAXIMUM please)** • **Vegetarian Chilli & Curry** • **Size 5 & 6 Nappies** • **Tooth Paste** • **Tooth Brushes** • **Shaving Cream - Foam & Razors** • **Deodorant - male & female** • **Shower Gel & Hair Shampoo** • **Soap & Hand Wash / Sanitiser** • **Washing Up Liquid** • **Sanitary Towels (not tampons or panty liners)**

So if you are able, please drop these to the warehouse (St Mellitus Church Hall, Hanwell, W7 3BB) on Wednesdays (10am-4pm). If you are able to volunteer to help in any way, please contact Janet Fletcher on 07769 759756 or email info@ealing.foodbank.org.uk.

Giving

Giving at St Paul's

If your usual practice is to give to the ministry and mission of St Paul's by putting money in the collection or using the weekly envelopes did you know you can give via bank transfer (St Paul's Ealing PCC / Lloyds Bank / Account number: 00802540 / Sort Code: 30 92 82) or for those coming physically coming there will be a basket by the exit for an offering. If you have started, or intend to start giving in this way please let our treasurer, Vicky Read know via vicky@stpaulsealing.com

