



**St Paul's
United
Reformed
Church**

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Order of Service

Sunday 22nd October 2023



Paying our dues

Please use 'T' on your hearing aid if you need to use the Hearing Loop.

Today's service is being led by: **Joyce Brissett**
The Organ is played by: **Pam Vaughn**

It is a joy to welcome you to this service!

If you do not attend a church elsewhere, we invite you to join regularly with us in our Sunday worship and other activities – see www.stpaulsurc.org.uk

Feel free to spend time before worship for quiet preparation, especially once the music begins. We light a candle at the start of the service to remind us all of Christ's message of peace.

The Reformed Church recognises God's Word as its supreme authority and **you are asked to stand as the Bible is brought in** at the start of worship, **and again as the Bible is taken out after the blessing.**

We pray that you will know God's presence as we worship – in church, at home, online, outdoors, at work, school; in all places.

Welcome & Notices

Call to worship

Lighting our peace candle

**All: Abba father
I am here for you
For myself
For the world
For this moment
I am here**

Hymn: Thousands swept away by anger
(tune R&S 663 Love divine)

1. Thousands swept away by anger,
lives extinguished, turned to dust,
safety wrenched from its foundations,
hope exploded, ground and crushed:
Christ, who faced our naked anger,
vengeful shouts of 'Crucify',
touch us, hold us, in this anguish,
share in every pain-drenched cry.

2. Fam'lies severed from their loved ones,
carefree people plunged in grief,
cities crushed by planned disasters,
nations stunned in disbelief:

Christ who, for us, faced our evil,
agonised in grief and pain,
heal the hurting, help the helpless,
dress raw wounds, fierce angers drain.

3. Now, a world of risk and danger,
nowhere safe from cost and price,
no exemptions from involvement,
no asylum, nowhere 'nice':
Christ, who risked the greatest danger
that you might effect our cure,
keep us from recycling evil;
through us, let your love endure.

John Campbell

Prayer of approach

Prayers of confession of sin

Assurance of pardon

The Lord's prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name;
Thy kingdom come;
Thy will be done;
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,

As we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen

Hymn R&S 82 Creator of the earth and skies

Talk to the church family

**All: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ
The love of God and the fellowship of the Holy spirit be
with us all now and forever. Amen.**

The junior Church level for their activities

Reading: Matthew 22.15 22

¹⁵ Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. ¹⁶ So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one, for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷ Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?" ¹⁸ But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹ Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰ Then he said to them, "Whose head is this and whose title?" ²¹ They answered, "Caesar's." Then he

said to them, "Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's." ²² When they heard this, they were amazed, and they left him and went away.

Hymn R&S 108: The love of God is broad like beach and meadow

Leader: The peace of the Lord be always with you

All: And also with you

Sermon: The question about paying taxes

Offering for the work of the church
prayer of dedication

Hymn R&S 95: God is love let heaven adore him prayer of thanks and intercession

Closing hymn R&S 489: Be thou my vision O lord of my heart

Sending forth and blessing.

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ST PAUL'S CHARITY CHRISTMAS CARD & GIFT FAIR

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10AM - 1PM**

ST PAUL'S URC, CROHAM PARK AVE, CR2 7HF



- REFRESHMENTS
- TOMBOLA
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- CHARITY RAFFLE
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- GIFTS
- CHILDREN'S CRAFTS
- FESTIVE MUSIC

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Coming up...

Note – Martin is away this week on Iona. Any questions or queries please contact Sue or Bea

This Tuesday 24th October Tuesday Guild 10.15-noon. Craft and natter session. All welcome

This Friday 27th October 7.45pm Short service for Justice and Peace.

Next Sunday 29th October Songs of Praise – please let Sue know your favourite hymn by filling in the slip with this service sheet or calling/WhatsApp as soon as possible.

Saturday 11 November 10-1pm Charity Christmas Card and Gift fair. See previous page

Every Saturday prayer time online at 9am Meeting ID: 845 5391 2820 Passcode: 1111.

For all future events and activities please see our website

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