



St Paul's
United
Reformed
Church

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Order of Service

Sunday 28th April 2024



Love will keep us growing together

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

Today's service is being led by: **Jenny Sheehan**

The Organ is played by: **Lee Michael Walton**

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

Lighting the peace candle

Call to Worship

Come, let us worship the living God-

- **and the Saviour of the world.**

Come and worship the one who died

- **and was raised again.**

Come and worship the Spirit who renews us

and empowers us to be God's people

and to offer him our thanks,

our praise and our worship. Amen

Hymn 274: God is Love, His the care

Prayer of Approach

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.

Reading: 1 John 4 : 7-21 Testing the Spirits

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and

they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, 'I love God', and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from

him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Talk with church family

Hymn 477: Let there be love shared among us (twice)

As the children depart let us say the Grace together

Blessing: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all. Evermore. Amen.

Junior Church leave for their own activities

Prayer of Confession

Reading: John 15 : 1-8 Jesus the True Vine

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words

abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

Hymn 489: Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart

Sermon

Hymn 599: Christ for the world! we sing

Prayers of intercession

Response: Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer .

Offering and Offertory prayer

Hymn 663: Love divine, all loves excelling

Blessing

Coming up...

House groups continue – next dates are Thursday 2 May 10.30-noon and Wednesday 8th May 7.30-9pm. Do come.

United Prayer Time - Zoom Every Saturday, 8am

'Zoom' Meeting ID: 845 5391 2820 / Password: 1111

Beetle Drive - Saturday 4th May

Tickets are now available from **Cathy Heath** or add your name to the sheet in the corridor. Raffle prizes are very welcome – please give these to **Helen Dean**.

Spring Christian Aid Lunch – Sunday 12th May

We will need to know the numbers so please sign up on the sheet on the church activities board in the corridor

Church meeting – Sunday 19th May after worship

Please stay on after worship for our bi-monthly meeting.

Church Summer fete – Saturday 15th June

Bric a Brac items needed, please leave them on the table in the church (or lobby outside the vestry if church not open)

For all future events and activities please see our website



ST PAUL'S BEETLE DRIVE

SATURDAY 4TH MAY
6:30PM-9PM



Croham Park Avenue, South Croydon, CR2 7HF



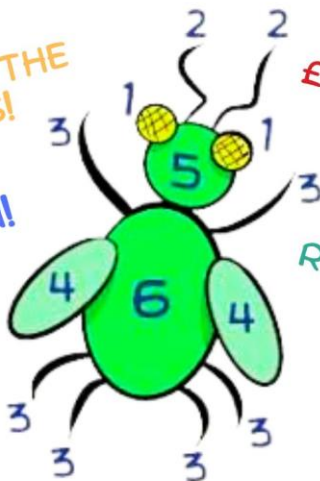
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£3 PER PERSON

FAMILY FUN!

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AVAILABLE



All Proceeds will go to the charity Lives Not Knives



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