



St Paul's
United
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Church

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Order of Service

Sunday 30th April 2023



Good Shepherd

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

Today's service is being led by: **Lesley Baker**
The Organ is played by: **John Hankin**

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

Hymn 740: Tell out my soul

Affirmation of faith

The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Prayer

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.

Talk to junior church

Hymn 120: Summer suns are glowing

Junior church blessing and they leave for their departments.

Reading: John 10 vv 1-10
Jesus the Good Shepherd

“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and

kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

Prayer

Hymn 623 Eternal ruler of the ceaseless round

Sermon

Reading: Acts 2: 42-47

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Hymn 629: Make me a channel of thy peace

Prayers

Offering - with prayer and dedication

Hymn 492 Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

Blessing



SPRING LUNCH

12pm Sunday 30th April

St Paul's United Reformed Church, Croham Park Avenue, CR2 7HF

**Includes guest speaker Joseph Vambe
from Christian Aid & Quiz!**

Everyone is welcome to join us for a delicious
lunch. Donations on the day to Christian Aid



To book please contact:
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Coming up...

Prayers for Peace - *The Sanctuary* **Tuesdays 12-1pm**

United Prayer Time – Zoom - *St Paul's & South Croydon*
United Church Meeting ID: 845 5391 2820 **Every Friday, 6pm**

TODAY - *Spring Lunch after worship, in aid of Christian Aid.*

Elders and In and Out group *meet on Wednesday.*

St Paul's Book Club – *currently reading The Various Haunts of Men by Susan Hill, next meets on 11th May at Coach House Café- Coombe Wood Gardens 12.30pm for snacks/lunch and time to discuss the book and plenty of other things!*

Christian Aid Week 14-20 May - *volunteers requested to help collect at South Croydon station in the morning and evening rush hours on 18th May. Please see Sue if you can help, thank you*

The Pauline Magazine – *collect your copy this morning*

For all future events and activities please see our website

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