



St Paul's
**United
Reformed
Church**

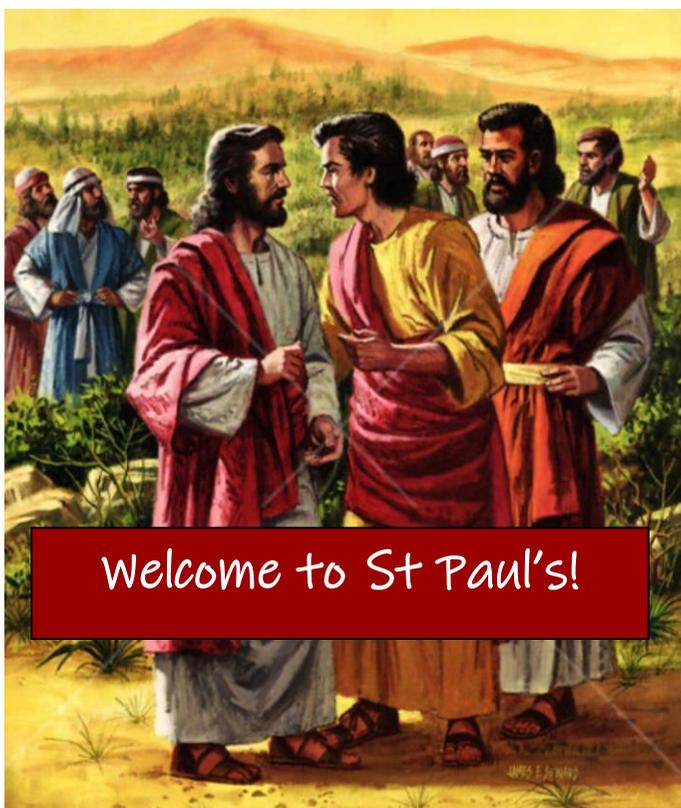
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Order of Service

Sunday 17th October 2021



Welcome to St Paul's!

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

This morning's service is being led by: **Joyce Brissett**
The Organ is played by:

Important notes:

- It is a joy to welcome you to this service!
St Paul's URC has a **full Covid-19 Risk Assessment**, which is helping to keep everyone safe, so please follow the notices and advice you are given in church.
- Please continue to **maintain social distancing** where possible and we encourage people to **wash and sanitise their hands regularly**.
- The hymns and responses will continue to be in the **Order Sheet and some on the TV, but feel free to pick up a Hymn book or Bible should you wish**.
- In line with the guidance from the URC, **we strongly recommend you continue to wear a mask indoors**, but we recognise this is now a matter of choice.
- **Offertory** – to reduce contact with physical notes and coins at this time, Standing Orders and bank transfers are preferred (please ask those who welcomed you at the door for more information), but there is also a labelled collection box at the exit, where you can place your offertory.
- We pray that you will know God's presence as we worship – in church, at home, online, in the garden, at work or school, and in all places.

We extend a very warm welcome to you. 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

You are welcome to use the 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.

Welcome & Notices

Call to Worship

Leader: We have come in the presence of Holy God so come let us worship the Lord.

All: and let us worship the Lord in the spirit and in truth for the Lord is a great God.

Leader: Almighty God opened our spiritual minds to understand your will.

All: O come let us worship the true and living god, father son and Holy Spirit in Jesus' name. Amen

Hymn: 107 The love of God comes close.

1. The love of God comes close
where stands an open door,
to let the stranger in,
to mingle rich and poor.
The love of God is here to stay,
embracing those who walk the Way;
the love of God is here to stay

2. The peace of God comes close
to those caught in the storm,
forgoing lives of ease
to ease the lives forlorn.
The peace of God is here to stay,
embracing those who walk the
Way;
the peace of God is here to stay.

3. The joy of God comes close
where faith encounters fears,
where heights and depths of life
are found through smiles and tears.
The joy of God is here to stay,
embracing those who walk the Way;
the joy of God is here to stay.

5. The Son of God comes close
where people praise his name,
where bread and wine are blest
and shared as when he came.
The Son of God is here to stay,
embracing those who walk the Way;
the Son of God is here to stay.

4. The grace of God comes close
to those whose grace is spent,
when hearts are tired or sore
and hope is bruised and bent.
The grace of God is here to stay,
embracing those who walk the Way;
the grace of God is here to stay

Prayers of confession and assurance

The Lord's prayer. Amen.

Hymn 367. I want to walk with Jesus Christ.

1 I want to walk with Jesus Christ,
all the days I live of this life on earth;
to give to Him complete control
of body and of soul.

*Follow Him, follow Him,
yield your life to Him -
He has conquered death,
He is King of kings;
accept the joy which He gives to those
who yield their lives to Him.*

2 I want to learn to speak to Him,
to pray to Him, confess my sin,
to open my life and let Him in,
for joy will then be mine.

Follow Him, follow Him.....

4 I want to learn to read His word,
for this is how I know the way
to live my life as pleases Him,
in holiness and joy.

Follow Him, follow Him....

3 I want to learn to speak of Him –
my life must show that He lives in me;
my deeds, my thoughts, my words
must speak

all of His love for me.

Follow Him, follow Him....

5 O Holy Spirit of the Lord,
enter now into this heart of mine;
take full control of my selfish will
and make me wholly Thine!

Follow Him. follow Him....

Reading Mark. 10: 35 - 45 - The Request of James and John

³⁵ James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” ³⁶ And he said to them, “What is it you want me to do for you?” ³⁷ And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” ³⁸ But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?” ³⁹ They replied, “We are able.” Then Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; ⁴⁰ but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.”

⁴¹ When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. ⁴² So Jesus called them and said to them, “You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. ⁴³ But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴ and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵ For the Son of man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many”

Junior Church blessing

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all evermore. Amen.

Hymn 474 Brother, sister, let me serve you

1. Brother, sister, let me serve you;
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.

3. I will hold the Christ light for you
in the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.

5. When we sing to God in heaven,
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.

2. We are pilgrims on a journey,
and companions on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.

4. I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow,
till we've seen this journey through

6. Brother, sister, let me serve you;
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.

Leader: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you

Sermon

The request of James and John is that they seek to sit beside Jesus one on the right and one on the left.

Why do the human race always seek power?

Prayers of intercession

Closing hymn 598: Will your anchor hold in the storms of life

1 Will your anchor hold in the storms of life,
When the clouds unfold their wings of strife?
When the strong tides lift, and the cables strain,
Will your anchor drift or firm remain?

We have an anchor that keeps the soul
Steadfast and sure while the billows roll,
Fastened to the Rock which cannot move,
Grounded firm and deep in the Saviour's love.

2 It is safely moored, 'twill the storm withstand,
For 'tis well secured by the Saviour's hand;
And the cables passed from His heart to mine,
Can defy the blast, through strength divine.

3 It will firmly hold in the straits of fear,
When the breakers have told the reef is near;
Though the tempest rave and the wild winds blow,
Not an angry wave shall our bark o'erflow.

4 It will surely hold in the floods of death,
When the waters cold chill our latest breath;
On the rising tide it can never fail,
While our hopes abide within the veil.

Sending forth and blessing

Go in peace and serve the Lord

All in the name of Christ

Amen.

Information & Notices

We extend a very warm welcome to you!

United Prayer Time

for St Paul's and South Croydon United Church

Friday evenings at 7:30-8:00pm 'Zoom' Meeting ID: 845 5391 2820

The Pauline

is available for collection today in large and compact version and has been emailed round as well as being on the website.

Damascus to Rome – Life and legacy of St Paul

A series of autumn discussion and study groups based on the banners in St Paul's URC starts Thursday 21 October 7.30pm at St Paul's. Sessions will be 60-75 mins long, and at either 2.30 or 7.30. See website, back of the Pauline or corridor notice board for details

Charity Christmas Card Sale

is back again on Saturday 13 November 10-12 noon. pop it in your diaries now!

*For future events and activities please see our website
www.stpaulsurc.org.uk*



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