

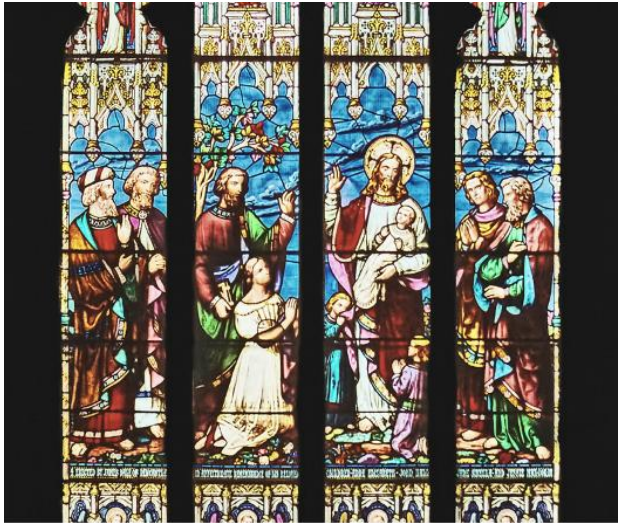
Order of Service

All-Age Songs of Praise Style Service

Sunday 25th May 2025

Faith Through the Generations

**“We will tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds
of the LORD” (Psalm 78:4)**



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Today's service is being led by **Helen Dean**
The piano is played by **Elaine Leck**

It is a joy to welcome you all 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

Introduction of the first Hymn – Charlotte Ballard on behalf of Edna Ballard

Hymn 45 (R&S): Morning has broken
(During the hymn, Joshua will light the Peace Candle)

Video: When I was your age... Ellis & Joshua chat with Angela Bannerman

Hymn : Guide me, O thou Great Jehovah (Angela's choice)

1. Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah,
Pilgrim through this barren land.

I am weak, but Thou art mighty;
Hold me with Thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,
Feed me now and evermore;
Feed me now and evermore.

2. Open now the crystal fountain,
Whence the healing streams doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through.
Strong Deliverer, Strong Deliverer,
Be Thou still my Strength and Shield.
Be Thou still my Strength and Shield

3. When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside.
Death of death, and hell's Destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to thee
I will ever give to thee.

Hymn: Give me, Joy in my Heart (*Junior Church, Natalie Martinelli and Stuart and Linda Dean's choice*)

1. Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning.
Give me oil in my lamp, I pray.
Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning,
Keep me burning till the break of day

**Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
Sing hosanna to the King of Kings!
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
Sing hosanna to the King!**

2. Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising
Give me joy in my heart, I pray.
Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising
Keep me praising till the break of day.

Chorus

3. Give me love in my heart, keep me serving.
Give me love in my heart, I pray.
Give me love in my heart, keep me serving,
Keep me serving till the break of day.

Chorus

4. Give me peace in my heart, keep me resting.
Give me peace in my heart, I pray.
Give me peace in my heart, keep me resting,
Keep me resting till the break of day.

Chorus

Readings: Read by Liam Dean

Psalm 78:4 (English Standard Version)

We will not hide them from their children, but tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might, and the wonders that he has done.

Matthew 19: 13-14

¹³ Then people brought little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them and pray for them. But the disciples rebuked them. ¹⁴ Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these”.

Hymn Introduction – Caroline Corfield

Hymn 518 (R&S): Father, I place into your Hands

Hymn Introduction – Olivia Lang

Hymn: Colours of Day

1. Colours of day dawn into the mind,
the sun has come up, the night is behind.
Go down in the city, into the street,
and let's give the message
to the people we meet.

*So light up the fire and let the flame burn,
open the door, let Jesus return.
Take seeds of his Spirit, let the fruit grow,
tell the people of Jesus, let his love show*

2. Go through the park, on into the town;
the sun still shines on; it never goes down.
The light of the world is risen again;
the people of darkness are needing our friend.

*So light up the fire and let the flame burn,
open the door, let Jesus return.
Take seeds of his Spirit, let the fruit grow,
tell the people of Jesus, let his love show*

3. Open your eyes, look into the sky
The darkness has come, the Son came to die
The evening draws on, the sun disappears
But Jesus is living, His Spirit is near

*So light up the fire and let the flame burn,
open the door, let Jesus return.
Take seeds of his Spirit, let the fruit grow,
tell the people of Jesus, let his love show*

Reflection

Hymn Introduction – Eleanor Redshaw

Hymn: The Lord is my Shepherd
(Tune: Brother James Air).

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want;
He makes me down to lie
In pastures green; He leadeth me
The quiet waters by,
He leadeth me, He leadeth me
The quiet waters by.

My soul He doth restore again,
And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness,
E'en for His own name's sake.
Within the paths of righteousness,
E'en for His own name's sake

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
Yet will I fear no ill;
For Thou art with me, and Thy rod
And staff me comfort still.
For Thou art with me, and Thy rod
And staff me comfort still.

Goodness and mercy all my life
Shall surely follow me,
And in God's house forevermore
My dwelling-place shall be.
And in God's house forevermore
My dwelling-place shall be.

Prayers for Intercession - read by Martha, Olivia & Joshua

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 Introduction – Cathy Heath

Offertory - *God for the poor (Beauty from brokenness) will play during the offertory, please remain seated. The words will be on the screen, so please feel welcome to sing along!*

Offertory Prayer

Hymn Introduction – Gill Cubitt

Hymn: To be a pilgrim (Gill C & Dennis's choice)

1. He who would valiant be
'Gainst all disaster,
Let him in constancy
Follow the Master.
There's no discouragement
Shall make him once relent
His first avowed intent
To be a pilgrim.

2. Who so beset him round
With dismal stories,
Do but themselves confound -
His strength the more is.
No lion can him fright
Though he with giants fight:
But He will have the right
To be a pilgrim

3. Hobgoblin, nor foul fiend,
Can daunt his spirit,
He knows he at the end
Shall life inherit.
Then fancies flee away!
He'll fear not what men say,
He'll labour night and day
To be a pilgrim.

Hymn Introduction: - Sue Eardley

Hymn 509 (R&S): O Jesus, I have promised (Vs 1, 3 & 4 – last 2 lines repeat) (*Tune Hatherop Castle*)

Blessing and Dismissal

**Now thank we all our God & Give thanks with a grateful heart
(Elaines & Frans choice) will be played after the service.**

Other Hymn suggestions that could not be included this time but I hope we get to sing soon!

Amazing Grace – Lisa Hessey – helping her to keep strong whilst she is in hospital.

Make Way – Laurie Dean's choice – because he likes to sing 'King of Kings'!

Now, thank we all Our God – Fran Boto – "My mother used to play this on the piano by ear and it sounded like Liberace! This is a real heritage track for me as she did her very best to nurture all of us in her very strong and unassuming faith.

Thine be the Glory – Linda and Stuart Dean love this hymn and had this and Give My Joy in My Heart at their wedding in 2015. With their 10 year anniversary approaching, it brings back lovely memories of their special day.

When a Knight Won His Spurs — Helen Dean's choice — "Is a hymn we often sang when I was in Junior Church. I loved it as a child for its imagery of knights and fairytale creatures, which captured my imagination. Now, as an adult, it speaks to me in a deeper way — reminding me to commit to serving God with faith as my shield and joy as my steed!"

If you'd like to support the work of St Paul's but have no cash for the collection, you can donate by card via <https://bit.ly/ForStPauls> or our card reader on request. We're registered for gift aid – see leaflets at the exits. Please talk to any of the elders for more details.

Coming up...

After worship join us for Cake Sunday and Church Meeting!

- **New EXPLORE Group:** Tuesday 27th Noon, small hall. For anyone interested in finding out more membership of St. Paul's - newish members might find it useful too.

- **House Group** – Weds 28th 7.30pm at Fran's
- **Next week's preacher** is Tom Griffiths with Communion led by Angela – Communion offering for Friends of Red Gates (Special needs) School **"We raise funds towards educational resources & equipment, Variety Sunshine Coaches, play items and school trips which benefit all children at Red Gates, ensuring their school days are indeed the 'best ever!'"**

Advance Notice:

- **Christian Aid Walk:** Saturday 21st June – Walk around 7 churches - please see the Pauline magazine for more details
- **St Paul's Summer Fete:** Saturday 5th July 1-4pm. This is a joyous event where we welcome our community. If you are able to help please speak to a member of the Fete team (Pat GO, Chris, Jeannette, Gill C, Helen, Sharon or Sue)

Prayer Time - Zoom - Every Saturday, 9am

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

If joining for the first time, please note that participation varies. If you find yourself on your own, please do not be put off! Others will be praying at this time but not able to join the Zoom. Please try another week. Thank you for joining St Paul's prayer life.

Walking. Praying. Discovering. Fundraising



**Join us on 21 June!!
10-4pm**

Churches in South Croydon are open for discovery on a walking route that takes in local attractions and history...

Visit East Croydon URC, St Matthew's C of E, St Paul's URC, St Peter's C of E, St George's Waddon, St Andrew's Croydon, South Croydon United Church

MORE INFO

- 7 mile route (with optional short cuts and bus rides)
- Maps & instructions provided
- Start where you like!
- Refreshments and toilets in all churches
- **Learn about Christian Aid's work**



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