



**St Paul's  
United  
Reformed  
Church**

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# Order of Service

*Sunday 2 July 2023*



## **Third after Trinity**

*Please use 'T' on your hearing aid if you need the hearing loop.*

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Today's service is being led by: **Joyce Brissett**

The Organ is played by: **Richard Pilliner**

## 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](http://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.*

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What are the white cloths?

We traditionally put these on pews for communion and you are invited to sit 'behind' them so you can be served at 'God's table' (it also makes it easier for the servers to reach you).

## Welcome & Notices

### Lighting the Peace Candle

#### Call to Worship

Leader: When we are happy, we are full of fun and laughter

**All: God welcomes us**

Leader: We are angry when people let us down and make us sad

**All: God welcomes us**

Leader: When we are tired, we need to stop, curl up and rest

**All: God welcomes us**

Leader: God of welcome, God whose door is always open

**All: We are glad to meet you here**

**Hymn 107:** The love of God comes close

#### Prayers of Approach,

Confession of sin

Assurance of pardon

The Lord's Prayer

**All: 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 96:** Great is thy Faithfulness

### Talk to the church family

**All: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us now and for ever more. Amen**

Junior Church leave for their own activities

### **Reading 1 :** Romans 6: 12-23

Therefore, do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free

from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So, what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

### **Reading 2 :** Luke 12: 32-40

“Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailling treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

“Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have

them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

“But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

**Hymn 95:** God is Love. Let Heaven Adore Him

**Sermon** – Do not Worry

**Prayers of Intercession**

**Offering for the work of the church** (in the bag)

**Communion offering** (in gift aid envelopes) for

  
**The Children's Trust**  
Tadworth For children with brain injury

**Prayer of dedication**

**Hymn 314:** Break now the Bread of Life

## HOLY COMMUNION



### Introduction and the Peace

As we come to this table, we seek peace amongst each other and for the world. The peace of the Lord be always with you.

#### **All: and also with you**

When the bread comes around take a piece, hold on to it and the we will eat it together at the same time. This is the same for the wine, hold on to it, then we will eat and drink together as one family.

### Invitation - the story and the great prayer

Leader: Therefore, with your people in heaven, in heaven on earth we praise you, saying the hymn of your everlasting glory.

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosannah in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosannah in the highest.**

## The Sharing

### Prayers after the feast.

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

Sending out and blessing

**Leader:** We will not offer to the Lord

**All:** Offering that cost us nothing

**Leader:** Go in peace, to love and to serve the Lord

**All:** We will seek peace and pursue it

**Leader:** Glory be to the father and the son and to the Holy Spirit

**All:** As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen.

Leader: May God forgive you,  
Christ befriend you,  
And the Spirit renew and change your life.

**All: Amen**

**You are very welcome to join us in the large hall for refreshments after the service**

\* Cover photo – Lloyd Park sunset – Paul Eversfield





**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

Church Open from 10am-3pm

*Croham Park Avenue, South Croydon, CR2 7HF*

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**A day for reflection and prayer**

as we give thanks,  
as we pray for others,  
and as we look towards the future of St Paul's.

**There will be an activity and prayer guidance under each of these headings:**

- Our Church family and our diversity
  - Our own Concerns
  - Our Community
- Children & young people
- Peace & the Climate Emergency

*If you would like to request a prayer on the day, please call: 0208 680 5452*

**You are very welcome to pop-in  
when you can during the day!**

# Coming up...



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## Teddy Bear Service

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2023, 10:30am**

*Bring your favourite teddy or soft toy  
and join us for some growling good fun!!*

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07971 068887 for details

**Also on 16<sup>th</sup> July** – Church meeting after worship (and cake)

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

**Synod Area weekly online prayer time** – a chance to pause, reflect and join other from across the SWL area  
'Zoom' Meeting ID: 896 3882 1888 Password: URC50

**PTO**

# Coming up...continued

## **Tuesday Guild Summer Coffee Mornings –**

*fortnightly from 11<sup>th</sup> July 10,30 -noon. First one is at the Manse – thanks Martin.*

**Book club** – *next meeting 13<sup>th</sup> July 12.30pm Coach house Café – current book A Man called Ove by Fredrick Backman.*

**Next week** – *collecting food donations for Purley Food Hub – tins, long life whole milk, pasta, spreads, cereal Also celebrating birthdays*

**Bible Breakfast** - *Also next week (8<sup>th</sup>) please come along at 9am for Bible Breakfast – a really informal browse and discussion on the lectionary readings over croissants and coffee/tea.*

***For other events and activities please see our website***

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