



St Paul's
**United
Reformed
Church**

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Order of Service

Sunday 14th August 2022

**Ordination and Induction of Elders
and Holy Communion**

"I CAME TO BRING FIRE..."

A photograph of a dense forest of evergreen trees at night. The scene is bathed in a warm, golden-orange light, likely from a fire or streetlights, creating a hazy and atmospheric effect. The trees are silhouetted against the bright background.

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: **Rev'd Martin Knight**
The Organ is played by: **Mr Robert Cooper**

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 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.**

Call to Worship

Lighting our Peace Candle

*In the beginning, before time, before people,
before the world began,*

GOD WAS

*Here and now, among us, beside us,
enlisting the people of earth
for the purposes of heaven,*

GOD IS

In the future, in the lives of our children's children

GOD WILL BE

*God is not disliking us, but delighting in us,
not condemning the world, but redeeming it,
through Jesus Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit,*

GOD WAS, GOD IS, GOD WILL BE.

We worship God in songs of praise!

WE SING: 49 SING PRAISE TO THE LORD!

(Tune: 293 'Laudate Dominum' by Parry)

Prayer of Praise, Confession and Assurance of Forgiveness

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.
Forever and ever. Amen*

"I CAME TO BRING FIRE..."

Reading: Luke 12: 49-56 *(pg. 849)*

⁴⁹ 'I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! ⁵⁰I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! ⁵¹Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! ⁵²From now on, five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; ⁵³they will be divided:

father against son
and son against father,
mother against daughter
and daughter against mother,
mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law
and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

⁵⁴ He also said to the crowds, 'When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, "It is going to rain"; and so it happens. ⁵⁵And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, "There will be scorching heat"; and it happens. ⁵⁶You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?

ORDINATION AND INDUCTION OF ELDERS

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Dawn is Ordained

Steve and Dawn are Inducted

*Do you, the members of St Paul's United Reformed Church,
South Croydon, accept and receive Dawn and Steve to serve as
Elder among you?*

WE DO

*Will you encourage and support them, and respond to their
ministry, acknowledging that it comes to you from God?*

WE WILL

Renewal of Commitment

*...let us pursue what makes for peace
and build each other up in love.*

**WE WILL GROW TOGETHER
IN HUMILITY, GENTLENESS AND PATIENCE;
WE WILL NURTURE EACH OTHER IN FAITH;
WE WILL BEAR WITH ONE ANOTHER IN LOVE;
WE WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT
TO MAINTAIN THE UNITY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
IN THE BOND OF PEACE,
SO THAT WE MAY FAITHFULLY PROCLAIM
THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST.**

WE SING: 96 GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

*As our youngest folk leave, we bless them and each other with the
words of the Grace:*

**THE GRACE OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,
THE LOVE OF GOD
AND THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
BE WITH US ALL, NOW AND FOREVER, AMEN**

Listening for God's Word

Hear the Word of God

OUR EARS ARE OPEN

Reading: Hebrews 11: 1-3, 29-35 (Pg. 977)

¹ Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

²⁹ By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. ³⁰By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

³² And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets— ³³who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. ³⁵Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection.

WE SING: 'ALLELUIA'

Words: Iona – George Mxadana

warmly and purposefully

Al - le - lu - ia. _____ Al - le - lu - ia. _____

The first system of musical notation consists of two staves, a treble clef on top and a bass clef on the bottom. The key signature has one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. The melody is written in the treble clef, starting on a G4 note. The accompaniment is written in the bass clef, starting on a G3 note. The music is in a homophonic style with a steady rhythm.

Al - le - lu - ia. _____ Al - le - lu - ia. _____ Al -

The second system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. It consists of two staves, treble and bass clefs. The melody in the treble clef continues with the same rhythmic pattern. The accompaniment in the bass clef provides a steady harmonic support.

- le - lu - ia. _____ Al - le - lu - ia. _____ Al -

The third system of musical notation continues the piece. It features two staves, treble and bass clefs. The melody in the treble clef includes some longer notes and rests, while the accompaniment in the bass clef maintains the steady 3/4 rhythm.

- le - lu - ia. _____ Al - le - lu - ia. _____

The fourth and final system of musical notation concludes the piece. It consists of two staves, treble and bass clefs. The melody in the treble clef ends with a final note and a double bar line. The accompaniment in the bass clef also concludes with a final note and a double bar line.

"FIRE, FIRE!"

WE SING: 572 COLOURS OF DAY

Prayers for Others

Your kingdom come
YOUR WILL BE DONE.

Offering for the work of this church

*& Communion Charity Collection
for 'The Benevolent Fund'*

HOLY COMMUNION

(The bread is gluten free and non-alcoholic wine is available on each tray)

Introduction & The Peace

*As we come to this table,
we seek peace for each other.*
The peace of the Lord be with you,
AND ALSO WITH YOU

WE SING: WE GATHER ROUND THIS TABLE

(Tune: 'Thaxted')

**We gather round this table
to celebrate the feast,
compelled by Christ who showed us
the greatest are the least.
The Spirit longs to open
our hands and hearts and souls,
to give again God's gifts with
the power to make us whole.
Earth's wheat becomes Christ's body,
earth's fruit his life-blood poured.
Such goodness grows within us:
humanity restored!**

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adpt: Martin Knight*

Invitation, The Story and The Great Prayer

The Lord be with you.

AND ALSO WITH YOU

Lift up your hearts.

WE LIFT THEM TO THE LORD.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE OUR THANKS AND PRAISE.

*...therefore we gladly join our voices
to the song of the Church
on earth and in heaven:*

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY,
GOD OF POWER AND MIGHT
HEAVEN AND EARTH ARE FULL OF YOUR GLORY
HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST!**

**BLESSED IS HE
WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD
HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST!**

The Sharing and Prayer after the Feast

WE SING: 531 LORD OF ALL HOPEFULNESS

Sending out & Blessing

Coming up...

Prayers for Peace

St Paul's is open for private prayer every Tuesday and Thursday during the current situation in Ukraine.

Tuesdays 12-1pm

Thursdays 5-6pm

(See website/WhatsApp for changes)



Tuesday Guild – Coffee Morning

at the home of Caroline Corfield

Tuesday 16th August 2022, 10:30am-12noon

United Prayer Time - Zoom

for St Paul's and South Croydon United Church

'Zoom' Meeting ID: 845 5391 2820

Friday evenings at the new time of 6pm

Next Sunday Worship

led by Joyce Brissett

Sunday 21st August 2022, 10:30am

For all future events and activities please see our website

The Minister is on leave

from Wednesday 17th August to Thursday 1st September.

**Please contact either Sue or Bea during that period,
and they will pass on any urgent messages.**



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