



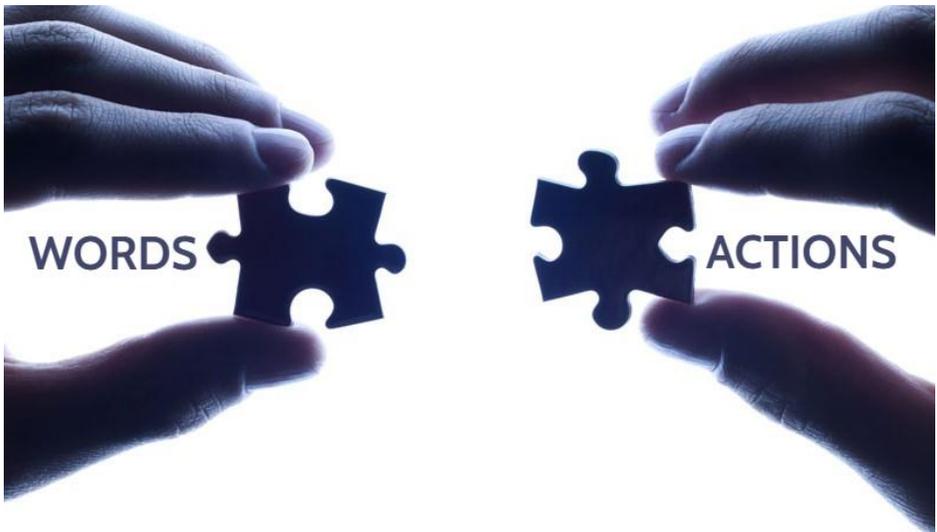
St Paul's
**United
Reformed
Church**

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Order of Service

Sunday 29th August 2021



Welcome to St Paul's!

This morning's service is being led by: **Revd Martin Knight**
The Organ is played by: **Mr John Hankin**

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 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 on the TV, but feel free to pick up a Hymn books or bible should you wish**.
- Our worship will now include some **seated congregational singing** and we will continue to find creative ways of using music!
- In line with guidance from the URC, **we strongly recommend you continue to wear a mask indoors**, but we recognise this is now a matter of personal choice.
- **Offertory** – to reduce contact with physical notes and coins at this time, Standing Orders, bank transfers or card payments are preferred (please ask those who welcomed you at the door for more information), but there is also a labelled collection box as you leave, 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.

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.

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

Call to Worship

Come! Rejoice! For the Holy One is here.

WE STAND ON HOLY GROUND.

Come, children of God! Just as you are.

Receive God's grace, hope, courage and sustaining love.

WE COME TO BE NOURISHED BY GOD'S WORD.

Come! Listen. For God is still speaking.

WE COME TO HEAR THE SPIRIT'S CALL.

Come!

As Jesus our teacher came: with open hands and open hearts.

WE COME REJOICING,

TO LOVE AND SERVE WHEREVER GOD CALLS US.

Come! Let us bring our grateful praise!

WE SING (seated): 'FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH'

**For the beauty of the earth
for the glory of the skies
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies.**

*Gracious God, to you we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.*

**For the wonder of each hour
of the day and of the night.
Hill and vale, and tree and flower,
sun and moon and stars of light:**

Gracious God...

**For the joy of ear and eye,
for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony
linking sense to sound and sight:**

Gracious God...

For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above,
pleasures pure and undefiled:

Gracious God...

For each perfect gift and sign
of your love so freely given.
For that great, great love of thine
peace on earth and joy in heaven!

Gracious God...

Words: Folllott Sandford Pierpoint

Prayers of Praise & Confession based on Psalm 15 and James 1:17-27

The Lord's Prayer

...Who may abide in your tent?

**THOSE WHO ARE BLAMELESS AND DO WHAT IS RIGHT
AND SPEAK TRUTH FROM THEIR HEARTS.**

Who may abide in your tent?

**THOSE WHO DO NOT SLANDER WITH THEIR TONGUE,
AND DO NO EVIL TO THEIR FRIENDS
NOR ACCUSE THEIR NEIGHBOURS.**

Who may abide in your tent?

**THOSE WHO STAND BY A PROMISE, EVEN IF IT HURTS.
THOSE WHO DO NOT LEND MONEY AT INTEREST AND
DO NOT TAKE A BRIDE AGAINST THE INNOCENT.**

¹⁷ Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸In fulfilment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

¹⁹ You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; ²⁰for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. ²¹Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

²² But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. ²³For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; ²⁴for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. ²⁵But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

²⁶ If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. ²⁷Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

...WORDS WILL NEVER HURT ME?

MUSIC for reflection: 'TAKE MY LIFE, AND LET IT BE'

Take my life, and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet, and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing
always, only, for my King;
take my lips, and let them be
filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold,
not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect, and use
every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it thine,
it shall be no longer mine;
take my heart, it is thine own,
it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love, my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure-store;
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

Words: Frances Ridley Havergal

The Grace

***The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the Love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us all, Evermore. Amen***

- ¹ O LORD, who may abide in your tent?
Who may dwell on your holy hill?
- ² Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right,
and speak the truth from their heart;
- ³ who do not slander with their tongue,
and do no evil to their friends,
nor take up a reproach against their neighbours;
- ⁴ in whose eyes the wicked are despised,
but who honour those who fear the LORD;
who stand by their oath even to their hurt;
- ⁵ who do not lend money at interest,
and do not take a bribe against the innocent.

Those who do these things shall never be moved.

WORDS + ACTIONS MATTER

MUSIC for reflection: 'THUMA MINA'

Keswick Bible Week

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6KYkaAMuigg>

**Thuma mina, thuma mina
thuma mina, Somandla**

**Send me, Jesus, send me, Jesus,
send me, Jesus, send me, Lord.**

**Lead me, Jesus, lead me, Jesus
lead me, Jesus, lead me, Lord.**

**Fill me, Jesus, fill me, Jesus,
fill me, Jesus, fill me, Lord.**

**Thuma mina, thuma mina
thuma mina, Somandla**

Words: South African Trad. – Iona Community

Prayers of Intercession

Sung response:

***Help us, O Lord, to live
the faith which we proclaim,
that all our thoughts and words and deeds
may glorify your name.***

(Tune: Trentham)

WE SING (seated): 521 ‘FORTH IN THY NAME’

**Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go,
my daily labour to pursue,
thee, only thee, resolved to know
in all I think or speak or do.**

**The task thy wisdom hath assigned
O let me cheerfully fulfil!
In all my works thy presence find,
and prove thy good and perfect will.**

**Thee may I set at my right hand,
whose eyes my inmost substance see,
and labour on at thy command,
and offer all my works to thee.**

Words: Charles Wesley

Sending forth & Blessing



Celebration Service and Lunch

Sunday 19th September 10.30 a.m.

You are warmly invited to a special service and lunch at St Paul's United Reformed Church , Croham Park Ave, South Croydon CR2 7HF.

For children baptized and their families
and couples * married at St Paul's

For **everyone** associated with the life and community of St Paul's and/or SCUC

Lunch will be served by Junior Church and dessert prepared by the children.

Lasagne (meat or vegetarian—Hairy Bikers Recipe!)

Ice cream sundaes.

Fran, Cathy, Revd. Martin & Junior Church

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**Don't forget to take a look
at the 'Youth Room Proposal' display,
which is in the Youth Room. There are plenty of post-it notes
for you to leave your comments!**

Coming up...

Elders' Meeting

Wednesday 1st August 2021, 8pm

United Prayer Time - Zoom

for St Paul's and South Croydon United Church

Friday evenings at 7:30-8:00pm

Next Sunday's Worship

with Holy Communion led by Rev'd Martin Knight

Sunday 5th September 2021, 10:30am

All 'Teams' meeting

For members of the 3 teams to discuss progress and plans ahead of presentation and discussion at church meeting on 12th September

Sunday 5th September 2021, 11.30am

Book Club

Discussing Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen, and lots more besides.

Thursday 9th September 2021, 7.30pm @ St Paul's

Church Family Lunch

*following a special service for those baptised at St Paul's, those married here and **everyone** associated with the life and community of this church and South Croydon United Church. More details and sign-up sheet at coffee.*

Sunday 19th September 2021, 11:45pm

*Keep an eye on our website, facebook page
and 'The Pauline' magazine,
for 'What's On' in the life of our church family.*



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