

# Order of Service

*Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2023*

Cafe-Style, All-age  
**Teddy Bear  
Service**



Welcome to St Paul's!

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This morning's service is being led by: **Rev'd Martin Knight**  
The Music is played by: **Mr Lee Michael Walton**

## **It is a joy to welcome you to this service!**

If you do not attend a church elsewhere, we invite you to join 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 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.**

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

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## **Church Notices**

### ***Lighting our Peace Candle***

### **Call to Worship**

**If you go down to St Paul's today  
you're sure of a big surprise.  
If you go down to St Paul's today  
you'd better go in disguise.  
For every bear that ever there was  
have gathered there for certain because,  
today's the day the Teddy-Bears have their worship.**

**Worship time for Teddy Bears,  
the growly Teddy Bears are having a lovely day today.  
They will hear some Jesus words  
and they will find out what they mean this day.  
Worship time for teddy-bears,  
The growly Teddy Bears are having a lovely time!  
At 12 O'clock their parents and carers  
will take them home for lunch  
'cos they're hungry little teddy bears.**

Every Teddy Bear whose been good  
Is sure of a treat today  
There's lots of marvellous songs to sing  
And wonderful prayers to pray.  
They'll sing and dance and talk about God  
They'll give their owners lots of big hugs  
Today's the day the Teddy Bears have their worship.

## **WE SING: PRAISE MY SOUL, THE KING OF HEAVEN**

Praise my soul, the King of heaven;  
to his feet thy tribute bring;  
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
who like me his praise should sing?  
Praise him! Praise him!  
Praise him! Praise him!  
praise the everlasting King!

Praise him for his grace and favour  
To his people in distress;  
Praise him still the same forever,  
Slow to chide, and swift to bless:  
Praise him! Praise him!  
Praise him! Praise him!  
glorious in his faithfulness!

Father-like he tends and spares us;  
well our feeble frame he knows;  
in his hands he gently bears us,  
rescues us from all our foes:  
Praise him! Praise him!  
Praise him! Praise him!  
widely as his mercy flows!

Angels, help us to adore him,  
ye behold him face to face;  
sun and moon, bow down before him,  
dwellers all in time and space:  
Praise him! Praise him!  
Praise him! Praise him!  
praise with us the God of grace!

*Words: H.F.Lyte*

## Who are our bears?

### Prayer - Giving thanks for the Bare-necessities

Look for the bare necessities,  
the simple bare necessities.  
Forget about your worries and your strife  
I mean the bare necessities,  
Our God creator's recipes  
That bring the bare necessities of life.

Wherever I wander, wherever I roam  
I couldn't be fonder of my big home  
The bees are buzzin' in the tree  
To make some honey just for me  
When you look under the rocks and plants  
And take a glance at the fancy ants,  
then maybe try a few  
The bare necessities of life will come to you  
They'll come to you!

Look for the bare necessities...

*Words and Music © Terry Gilkison*

## 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.  
Lead us not into temptation  
But deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom  
The power and the glory Forever and ever. Amen

# Growly bears!

## **Readings: 2 Samuel 17: 8a**

<sup>8</sup> Hushai continued, 'You know that your father and his men are warriors, and that they are enraged, like a mother bear robbed of her cubs in the field.

## **Proverbs 17: 12**

<sup>12</sup> Better to meet a she-bear robbed of its cubs than to confront a fool immersed in folly.

## **WE SING: WE ARE MARCHING**

**We are marching in the light of God**  
**We are marching in the light of God**  
**We are marching, we are marching oh,**  
**We are marching in the light of God.**

} *repeat*

} *repeat*

**We are roaring with the hope of God.**

**We are living in the love of God.**

# Cows & Bears!

## **Reading: Isaiah 11: 6-9**

The wolf shall live with the lamb,  
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,  
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,  
and a little child shall lead them.

<sup>7</sup>The cow and the bear shall graze,  
their young shall lie down together;  
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

<sup>8</sup>The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,  
and the weaned child shall put its hand  
on the adder's den.

<sup>9</sup>They will not hurt or destroy  
on all my holy mountain;  
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD  
as the waters cover the sea.

## **WE SING: YOU SHALL LIE DOWN IN PEACE**

*(Tune: 415 'You shall go out with joy')*

**You shall lie down in peace  
delighting in the Lord  
and the bear and cow shall eat grass together.  
With the lion and calf,  
the wolf and the lamb,  
shall live, shall live in peace.  
And the bear and cow shall eat in peace,  
the child and the snake shall play in peace,  
And the lion and the goat shall lie in peace.  
And all shall live in joy!**

*(sing twice)*

*Words: Martin Knight*

# Love all the way down

**Readings: Colossians 3: 12-14**

(Pg.958)

<sup>12</sup> As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. <sup>13</sup> Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord<sup>h</sup> has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. <sup>14</sup> Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

**John 13: 34-35**

(Pg.877)

<sup>34</sup> I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup> By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

**WE SING: JESU, JESU, FILL US WITH YOUR LOVE**

*Jesu, Jesu,  
fill us with your love,  
show us how to serve  
the neighbours we have from you.*

**Kneels at the feet of his friends,  
silently washes their feet,  
Master who acts as a slave to them:**

**Neighbours are rich, and are poor,  
neighbours are black, and are white,  
neighbours are near and are far away:**

These are the ones we should serve,  
these are the ones we should love.  
All these are neighbours to us and you:  
*Jesu, Jesu,*  
*fill us with your love,*  
*show us how to serve*  
*the neighbours we have from you.*

*Words: Tom Colvin*

## **Prayers for Others**

### **Offering for the work of this church**

#### **SING:           HELP US LIVE THE LOVE OF JESUS**

*(Tune: 95 'Blaenwern')*

- 1. Help us live the love of Jesus;  
build by love community.  
Teach us to be truly loving,  
sharing, caring, setting free.  
Let our love be rich in patience,  
showing kindness come what may,  
never petty, never jealous,  
never puffed up, Christ, we pray.**
- 2. From all shamefulness protect us;  
through your love, help us stay true.  
Let each not seek our advantage,  
but let love guide all we do;  
love, despite all provocation,  
curb our anger, keep us calm;  
stop us noting hurts and wounding;  
stop us listing others' wrong.**



3. Share your love, which joys in goodness,  
longs for truth and justice too!  
So, let love persist forever;  
persevering, pulling through.  
Let our love keep faith whatever  
tests us, tries us on life's way.  
May love give us hope and patience;  
keep us close to you each day.

4. Only this is love eternal,  
love that's practical and real,  
building, bearing, caring, sharing,  
wounded, yet with pow'r to heal.  
Through this love let loose among us,  
down-to-earth, yet still divine,  
may we build both church and kingdom,  
faith and hope and love refine.

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### **Sending forth & Blessing**

*We go out to be brave as a bear in a scary world*

**GROWL!**

*We go out to protect the weak, like a mamma bear*

**GROWL!**

*We go out to show the love of God  
to all who need a Teddy Bear hug*

**WE GO IN LOVE**





ALL ARE VERY WELCOME!

# ST PAUL'S SUMMER BBQ

17th August  
3:30-6:30PM

ST PAUL'S URC,  
CROHAM PARK AVE, CR2 7HF

DONATIONS ON THE DAY

BBQ - MEAT & VEGGIE OPTIONS  
ICE CREAM & LOLLIES  
SCAVENGER HUNT

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# Coming up...

## 'Welcome Space'

*Jubilee Room*

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July, 2023, 3:30-6:30pm**

## Synod Area Prayer - Zoom

*'Zoom' Meeting ID: 896 3882 1888*

*Password: URC50*

**Every Thursday, 5pm**

## United Prayer Time - Zoom

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

*If you would like us to pray for you or a person/situation close to you, please message/email Martin or Sue.*

**Every Friday, 7pm**

## licc. 'Learning Hub'

*Intentional Relationships & Small Groups*

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> July, 2023, arrivals 10am, to 12:30pm**

## Next Sunday Worship

*led by Mrs Bea Pollard*

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 10:30am**

***For all future events and activities please see our website***



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