



**St Paul's  
United  
Reformed  
Church**

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# Order of Service

*Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2023*



## *Songs of Praise / All Saints*

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Today's service is being led by: **Rev Martin Knight**  
The Organ is played by: **Lee Michael Wilson**

## 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.**

*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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## Welcome & Notices

### Call to worship

Come all you saints,  
from west and east and from south and north:

**WE COME AND WORSHIP GOD.**

Come all of us sinners,  
with our fumbling attempts at holiness:

**WE COME AND WORSHIP GOD.**

Come, God's people, saints and sinners,  
victorious failures and stumbling disciples:

**WE COME AND WORSHIP GOD.**

Come and worship, find here, strength for the journey,  
forgiveness for failure and inspiration from Jesus our  
wounded yet triumphant Lord:

**WE COME AND WORSHIP GOD.**

### Lighting our peace candle

### Hymn: All things bright and beautiful

*(James)*

**All things bright and beautiful,  
All creatures great and small,  
All things wise and wonderful,  
The Lord God made them all.**

**Each little flow'r that opens,  
Each little bird that sings,  
He made their glowing colours  
He made their tiny wings:**

**The purple-headed mountain,  
The river running by,  
The sunset and the morning  
That brighten up the sky:**

**The cold wind in the winter,  
The pleasant summer sun,  
The ripe fruits in the garden,  
He made them ev'ry one:**

**The tall trees in the greenwood,  
The meadows where we play,  
The rushes by the water  
We gather ev'ry day:**

*Words: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818-1895*

## **Hymn : I the Lord of Sea and Sky**

*(Junior church)*

**I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.  
I, who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?**

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.*

**I, the Lord of snow and rain.  
I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
give them hearts for love alone  
I will speak my words to them. Whom shall I send?  
*Chorus***

**I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide  
till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?  
*Chorus***

**Hymn R&S 523 Give me Joy in my heart**  
*(with Makaton actions led by Sophia)*

*As we express our love for Junior Church and each other, we sing:*

**Hymn R&S 648 Jesu, Jesu, Fill us with your love**  
*(Jeannette)*

*(Junior church leave for their time together)*

**Hymn R&S 637** The day of the Lord shall come  
(Ron)

**Prayers of confession** R&S 3a

**Assurance of pardon**

**Hymn R&S 92** Amazing Grace  
(Bettina, Tony, Karen)

**Hymn R&S 567** Thy hand, O God, has guided  
(Gill R)

**Hymn: Christ be our light**  
(Cathy H)

**1** Longing for light, we wait in darkness.  
Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people,  
Light for the world to see.

*Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts  
Shine through the darkness  
Christ, be our light!  
Shine in your church gathered today*

**2** Longing for peace, our world is troubled.  
Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has power to us.  
Make us your living voice. *Chorus*

**3 Longing for food, many are hungry.  
Longing for water, many still thirst.  
Make us your bread, broken for others,  
Shared until all are fed. *Chorus***

**4 Longing for shelter, many are homeless,  
Longing for warmth, many are cold.  
Make us your building, sheltering others,  
Walls made of living stone. *Chorus***

**5 Many the gifts, many the people,  
Many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another,  
Making your kingdom come.  
*Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts  
Shine through the darkness  
Christ, be our light!  
Shine in your church gathered today***

**Reading: *St Matthew 5:1-12 The Beatitudes***

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

## **Hymn R&S 663 Love Divine all loves excelling**

*(Dawn)*

### **Reading: Revelation 7: 9 – 17**

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason, they are before the throne of God, and



worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

## **Hymn R&S 658: For All the Saints**

## **Hymn R&S 117: O Lord my God**

*(Sue)*

## **Prayers of Intercession**

### ***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

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

## **Hymn: R&S 345 Guide me O thou great Jehovah**

*(Angela)*

## **Sending forth and blessing**

# ***Coming up...***

***This Tuesday 31st October*** Tuesday Guild 10.15-noon.  
Jan King will be speaking on 'Sudan, its Joys and Sorrows'. All welcome

***Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 7.45pm*** Elders meeting

***Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 6.30pm*** All Souls service

***Next Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November*** Communion service

***Saturday 11 November 10-1pm*** Charity Christmas Card and Gift fair. See previous page

***Every Saturday*** prayer time online at 9am Meeting ID: 845 5391 2820 Passcode: 1111.

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# ALL SOULS SERVICE

*With music, readings and prayer*

**Thursday 2nd November**

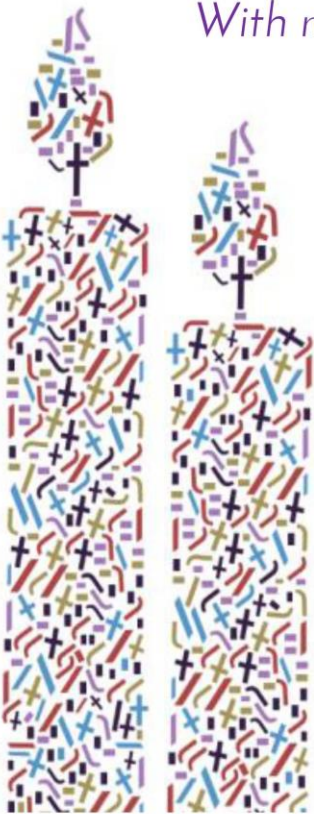
**6:30pm**

***at St Paul's URC, Croham Road***

*An opportunity to remember  
loved ones who have died,  
and to give thanks for their lives.*

**All are welcome!**

*If you are not able to be with us  
and would like us to light a candle  
to remember your loved one,  
please contact Rev'd Martin Knight  
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**FREE ENTRY!**

# ST PAUL'S CHARITY CHRISTMAS CARD & GIFT FAIR

**SATURDAY 11TH NOVEMBER  
10AM - 1PM**

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



- REFRESHMENTS
- TOMBOLA
- CAKES & SWEET TREATS
- CHARITY RAFFLE
- CHARITY CHRISTMAS CARDS
- GIFTS
- CHILDREN'S CRAFTS
- FESTIVE MUSIC

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