

WELCOME TO St PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH BURWOOD

What's Happening at St Paul's

- ≈ **Sunday 4th February –**
Summer Fundraiser at
11.45am in the Rectory
front lawn
- ≈ **Sunday 11th of February
2018 at 3pm – EVENSONG**
MATER CHORALE
- ≈ **Wednesday 14th
February at 10.30am and
7.00pm – Ash Wednesday**
- ≈ **Tuesday 20 February at
1.15pm Lunchtime recital**
– Christopher Harris: Vocal
Recital
- ≈ **Tuesday 20 February at
7.30pm in the Rectory -**
Study Group/Lenten Study
- ≈ **Saturday 24th February
2018 at 6pm– Procession
and Festival Choral
Eucharist followed by a
Reception and
Refreshments in the Parish
Hall to mark the 30th
Anniversary of Fr James
Ordination to the Sacred
Priesthood**
- ≈ **Friday 9th March - Parish
Bus Trip**
- ≈ **Sunday 18th March –
AGM**

WELCOME TO ST PAUL'S. We are glad that you have come to worship God with us today. If you are a visitor from another parish, or worshipping with us for the first time, please introduce yourself to our parish priest, Fr James Collins, or to anyone wearing a name badge, over a cup of tea or coffee in the parish hall after the service. You'll find the hall behind the church.

Year B – Sunday 21st January 2018 3rd Sunday after Epiphany

- ❖ 8.00 am – Sung Eucharist
- ❖ 9.30 am – Parish Eucharist

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Things you may need to know



First Aid

First aid kits are located on the wall of the kitchen in the Large Hall behind the church and in the choir vestry.



Name badges

Name badges help make St Paul's an inclusive community. If you need a new name badge, fill in the form inside the pew sheet, send it to the parish office, and one will be made and left in church for you.



Toilets

Toilets are available at the entrance to the parish hall, which is located behind the church.



Still got questions?

Ask a member of the clergy or anyone who's wearing a name badge. We're here to help.

In case we need to evacuate



As you take your place in your pew, please make yourself aware of the route to the nearest emergency exit. Should there be a fire, leave quickly, turn right, and assemble by the roundabout on Burwood Road.

Getting inside



People needing wheelchair access can enter St Paul's most conveniently by the door at the base of the belltower.

Switch it to silent!



Please turn your mobile phone off or on to silent before the service starts. It'll save you much embarrassment later on.

Children are welcome at St Paul's



Children are welcome in church at any service. There is a selection of children's books and toys at the back of the church near the font and there are also kids' activity sheets and pencils available at the back of the church where the pew sheets and prayer books are.

Children's Church runs during Term Time. Meet at the back of the church at the beginning of the 9.30am Eucharist.

Please feel free to bring your children to the altar rail to receive a blessing, or to receive Communion if they have been admitted to the sacrament.

Photos



Please do not take photos inside the church or during the services of worship without permission.

News from around St Paul's

Welcome to Mrs. Moya Holle

It is a great pleasure to welcome Mrs. Moya Holle as our guest preacher today. Moya is here to talk about the work of the Anglican Board of Mission.

Moya is a dear friend of St. Paul's having spent many years here between 1977 and 1993 when her husband, Fr. John Holle, served as the seventh Rector of St. Paul's, Burwood.

Resources Available from the Anglican Board of Mission

With Lent upon us very early this year (Ash Wednesday is on February 14) we thought our readers might be interested in some of the great free Lenten resources available from ABM.

Hear our Stories

7 Bible studies for Lent written by Dr Julianne Stewart who has recently completed her time as ABM's International Programs Director. The study shares personal encounters with Anglican communities throughout world as they respond to the words from Isaiah 58 that we read on Ash Wednesday.

Stamps for ABM are always welcome

Please continue to leave your used stamps for missions in the box at the back of the Church. Leave at least a 2cm border around the stamps. Thank you.

Bible Readings at today's Eucharists

Jonah 3.1-10

Ps 62.5-12

1 Corinthians 7.29-31

Mark 1.14-20

The First Reading
The Psalm
The Epistle
The Gospel

Bible Readings for next Sunday

Deuteronomy 18.15-20

Ps 111

1 Corinthians 8.1-13

Mark 1.21-28

Into the Desert

40 days of Bible readings, reflections and prayers that will take you on a spiritual journey into the Australian wilderness. Into the Desert combines Australian history and literature with the centuries old wisdom of Desert monasticism. It is written by ABM's Reconciliation Coordinator Celia Kemp, who draws on her own experience of living in the Australian desert in this punchy daily study. Into the Desert is available as an app for your smartphone. It can also be purchased as a book.

To download the free resources visit www.abmission.org/lent

Good news!

We are so pleased to announce that St. Paul's Anglican Church, Burwood has received funding through the 2017 Community Building Partnerships Program! The funding will go towards the restructuring of the Parish Hall, which is used for community outreach programs.



Thank yous

There are so many willing hands that help in so many different ways:

- Bill and Syd who have enabled the appearance of the Maggi and have now seen them home to their winter residence before they return next Advent. Thank you.
- Judith who managed to remove candle wax from an altar cloth without damaging it.
- Joy and Yolande who faithfully wash and iron the purificators every week
- Barbara Hawkins who has donated a fold up bed for the guests that stay at the Rectory and a portable air conditioner for the new Pantry.
- Jason, Martin, Jessica, and Andrew who are mowing the lawns
- Jason, Mark, Mark, David and Jess who mulched all the tree lopping's and are looking after the grounds
- Those who change the altar frontal and hangings every time the liturgical colour changes
- Jeanette and Fred for assembling the shelving for the new pantry and Jeanette for donating a small air conditioner and fridge for the new pantry.
- Margaret, ably helped by Jason and David, for disposing of old white goods.
- Pam and all her helpers who staff the Trading Table each week.
- For all who contribute to the Pantry, the Baptist Community Church, the residents of the Brighton and all our regulars
- Our archivists, Jim and Yvonne work tirelessly to make sense of all our parish records. Periodically they are find some amazing gem. This week it was an original photograph of the Rev Young and his wife, in a leather folder. It is in excellent condition and when we

have our display cases it will be one of the items that we will be able to display.

- The two parishioners who kindly gave the parish a defibrillator.

The work that they do is never ending. Thank you to both of you.

Lawn Mowing

If you can volunteer to help please give your name to Rosemary.

A roster has been drawn up but more volunteers would be good.

We may need to have someone else rostered to do the edges but we can wait and see how that goes.

Jessica Proctor helping to mow the lawns



Bread Roster for January to March 2018

Please ask for 2 tray of bread rolls and 2 trays of loaves.

Thank you for being prepared to do this. It is a very great service and the bread goes every week.

- ≈ 22nd January 2018 – Kerin
- ≈ 29th January 2018 – Gabriel
- ≈ 5th February 2018 – Antonia
- ≈ 12th February 2018 – Syd
- ≈ 19th February 2018 – Kerin
- ≈ 26th February 2018 – Gabriel
- ≈ 5th March 2018 – Antonia
- ≈ 12th March 2018 – Syd
- ≈ 19th March 2018 – Kerin
- ≈ 26th March 2018 – Gabriel

Washing machine needed

If anyone have a washing machine they no longer need and would like to donate it, please speak to Rosemary.

Old Cards and unused Christmas Wrap

Each year we make up Advents Pack for our children. When you have finished reading your cards we would love to have them to cut up for next Christmas.

If you have any part rolls of leftover wrapping paper that you don't feel like storing we would love to have this as well.

Please leave them in the box at the back of the church.

Thank you.

Sponsored Bellringing

Thank you to the people who asked us to ring sponsored quarter peals during 2017. We raised \$400.

We are offering this service again in 2018. If you would like to have a special occasion recognized like a birthday, anniversary, birth etc. we are happy to help celebrate it for you with a quarter peal. A quarter peal consists of approximately 1260 different changes and takes about 45 minutes. The cost would be \$50, all of which will go to the church. This is a base figure and anything over this can be donated.

If you are interested in a special occasion being recognized we can organize a time, which is convenient, so you are able to come and listen to the ringing.

Please contact the Tower Captain Pam Brock on 9747 3619 or email pambrock@hotmail.com for any enquiries.

Are you a fan of St Paul's?

Feeling a bit warm? Or just want to make a fashion statement?



Then why not purchase one of our gorgeous new boutique fans especially made for St Paul's.

Why not become a fan of St. Paul's? Then you really will be cool.

Our beautiful fans can be purchased for \$3.00 each or two fans for \$5.00

Donations and Bequests

Over the years the parish has benefitted from the generosity of parishioners, not only when they have been active members of the parish, but also at the time of their death. Parishioners are invited to remember the parish in their wills by making a bequest as a thank offering to God and to ensure that generations to come will enjoy worship and fellowship in well maintained buildings.

Those wishing to make a bequest are invited to do so using these or a similar form of words: "I bequeath the sum of \$..... to the Rector and Wardens of the Anglican Parish of St Paul, Burwood, to be used at their absolute discretion for the charitable purposes of the parish."

OPPORTUNITY to HELP

There is assistance needed to maintain the church and Rectory gardens, flower arranging, choir, bell ringing, morning tea assistance, greeting and welcoming roster, assistance at special functions e.g. fetes, Sunday trading table, selling raffle tickets, making jams & pickles to sell, collecting bread, to name a few.

Please speak to the Sheryl (regarding choir) Wardens or the Church Office so we can direct your efforts.

Monthly birthday celebrations

As there are so many more birthday celebrations being acknowledged week by week this has now become a very important part of our life together as a community of faith but they place a significant burden on those who make our birthday cakes.

To help with this situation, we are now going to try and acknowledge birthdays on a monthly basis with all birthdays occurring during the month being celebrated together on the last Sunday of the month.

We thank Joy for her kindness in making such beautiful cakes for all in the Parish who have birthdays. Another two Parishioners have offered to help make birthday cakes too and this is very kind of them.

PARISH PANTRY

A special thank you to those who are bringing food every week. You are the life blood of this project. More and more people are needing your help; from the elderly, to the young, the retrenched and the casual workers, those out of work and the homeless. Poverty is no discriminator. We now have nearly as many women coming in as men, and several with small children.

Thank you for your help.

Here is the list of items most needed for the parish pantry:

- **Sun Rice Meals** e.g. Butter chicken, Green chicken curry, Chicken satay, etc
 - Tins of **corned beef**;
 - Tins of **spam**;
 - Tins of **ham**;
 - Instant **Coffee**;
 - **Sugar**;
 - Boxes of **Cereals**
- ≈ Tea;
- All Day Breakfast by Heinz;
 - Chunky soups – Heinz & Campbells;
- ≈ Tinned tuna;
- ≈ Tins of sardines;
- ≈ Tins of salmon;
- ≈ Rice
- ≈ Savoury biscuits;
- ≈ Sweet biscuits;
- Long life Milk;
- ≈ Up & Go – All flavours;
- ≈ Tinned fruit
- ≈ Rice Cream
- ≈ Drinks
- ≈ Pasta & Spaghetti;
- ≈ Instant potato, cucus
- ≈ Safety razors
- ≈ Toothpaste
- ≈ Toilet Paper
- ≈ Shampoo and conditioner
- ≈ Deodorant for both men and women
- (• we run out of these items very quickly)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE NEW PARISH PANTRY

Can you spare a few hours a week to help staff the new parish pantry that will open at the beginning of February

Initially I would like to open the new Pantry on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9.30 – 11.30 am. This will require a minimum of 2 people each morning.

I already have a volunteer for Thursday mornings and several people who can't commit to one particular time but are happy to be reserves. We need another 2 people who can commit for 2 hours on Tuesday mornings and another 1 person who can commit to 2 hours on Thursday morning.

If you can make such a commitment please speak to Rosemary asap.

Thank you.

Bread for Tomorrow – A Poem by Kate Compston

Beckoning God—
who called the rich to travel toward poverty,
the wise to embrace your folly,
the powerful to know their own frailty;
who gave strangers a sense of homecoming in an alien land
and to stargazers, true light and vision as they bowed to earth—
we lay ourselves open to your signs for us.

Stir us with holy discontent over a world,
which gives its gifts to those
who have plenty already
whose talents are obvious
whose power is recognized;
and help us
both to share our resources with those who have little
and to receive with humility the gifts they bring to us.

Rise within us, like a star,
and make us restless
till we journey forth
to seek our rest in you.

Indoors...

Come and join us for the next summer fundraiser

It will be on **Sunday 4th of February** at 11.45am on the Rectory front lawn.

BBQ/Salads/Slices

Tickets are available from Andrew Connolly after the 8am Service or Pam after the 9.30am Service.

If anyone can donate a slice or a salad could they please speak to Pam.

\$10 in advance or \$12 at the door

THE MATER CHORALE conducted by Fr Michael Deasey, will be singing Evensong on **Sunday 11th of February 2018** at 3pm in the Church.

Playgroup is now on break

Thank you for coming to our playgroup this year.

Playgroup will recommence **on Monday 12th of February 2018.**

We hope you have a joyous Christmas filled with many blessings!

The Playgroup Team

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of our Lenten preparations as we journey with Jesus through his Passion, Death, and Resurrection.

Ash Wednesday is on **Wednesday 14th February, 2018**, and there will be two Eucharists that day at 10.30 a.m. and at 7.00 p.m.

At both Services there will be the Imposition of Ashes.

In Philippians 3: 7-11 Paul writes:

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have

suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

May this be our prayer and desire, too.

Study group/Lenten Study

We have been blessed to have such an engaged and lively group attending our studies through the year. Thank you to everyone who participated in any way.

We will re-commence our studies on **Tuesday the 20th of February, 2018 at 7.30pm**, being the first Tuesday after Ash Wednesday as we begin our journey through Lent.

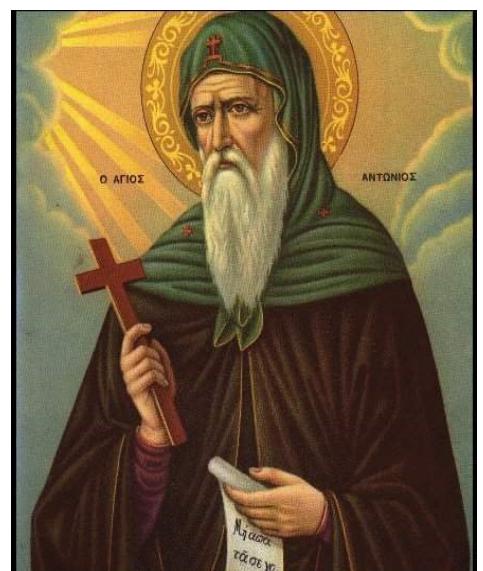
We will be studying: *Jesus : A Very Short Introduction* by Richard Bauckham, Oxford University Press, 2011 (available from Dymocks)
All are very welcome to come and engage with God and with all those who attend our wonderful study group.

Quote of the week...

“Whoever you may be, always have God before your eyes; whatever you do, do it according to the testimony of the holy Scriptures; in whatever place you live, do not easily leave it.

Keep these three precepts and you will be saved.”

*Anthony the Great (c. 251 – 356)
Christian monk from Egypt*



A JOYOUS CELEBRATION

YOUR INVITATION

On the Feast of Saint Matthias, Saturday, 24 February 2018,
our Rector, Fr James Collins, will celebrate the 30th anniversary of
his ordination to the sacred priesthood

All parishioners and friends of St Paul's are warmly
invited to join in celebrating this anniversary.

**6.00 pm PROCESSION AND
SOLEMN SUNG EUCHARIST**

**Occasional Preacher: Fr Daniel Dries, Rector and Parish
Priest of Christ Church S. Laurence in the City.**

A Reception and Refreshments will follow in the Parish Hall.

(For further details speak to Graham Norman)

R S V P

There are sheets at the back of the Church for you to give your RSVP if
you plan to be present at the Anniversary Celebration

– please feel free to invite other friends of S. Paul's to be present.

Thank you to those who have already given their RSVP.

St Paul's Anglican Church

205-207 Burwood Road, Burwood

National Trust (2017) award winner for conservation interiors, recreating the ceiling interior to Edmund Blacket's original design in keeping with Australian colonial neo-gothic architectural intent.

LUNCHTIME RECITALS

2018

1.15pm-1.45pm

Tuesday 20 February
Christopher Harris – Vocal Recital

Tuesday 20 March
Mark Isaacs - Piano

Tuesday 24 April
Nakul Kaushik - Clarinet

Other dates and artists TBC

Entry by donation

Light refreshments will follow in the Rectory

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Introducing Mark Isaacs

Hailed by the Los Angeles Times as “a splendid musical mind”, Mark Isaacs is an internationally-acclaimed composer, pianist and conductor in classical music and jazz.

He has composed over 100 works, many commissioned by some of Australia’s most prestigious ensembles, orchestras and soloists and ranging across orchestral, chamber, choral, solo pieces as well as scores for film, television and the theatre.

He has received many awards including an Australia Council Fellowship, the Albert H. Maggs Composition Award and the Jean Bogan Prize for Piano Composition. Isaacs was a prize-winner in the Tokyo International Competition for Chamber Music Composition, a finalist in the 2013 Paul Lowin Orchestral Prize and has twice been nominated for the ARIA Award.

Mark Isaacs’ first symphony, commissioned by former media executive Kim Williams AM, was premiered by the Queensland Symphony Orchestra in 2013, and the TV program of the premiere – which Mark co-produced – has been screened on Foxtel in Australia and Sky TV in New Zealand. He composed his second symphony in 2017.

Isaacs premiered his solo piano cycle *Children's Songs* at the 2012 Adelaide Festival and recorded it for international release on the New York label Soundbrush Records.

In 2015, he conducted the premiere of his Chamber Symphony at City Recital Hall, Sydney, with Omega Ensemble and also conducted the Queensland Conservatorium Symphony Orchestra in a concert of his orchestral works.

In jazz, he has recorded and toured with the artform’s most distinguished international figures and has released numerous CDs on labels such as Naxos and ABC.

Bus Trip to The Southern Highlands

Our next bus trip will be on Friday 9th of March. More details to come soon.

ST PAUL'S BURWOOD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 18th MARCH, 2018, AGENDA

- (a) to receive the declarations of those persons then present
- (b) to determine whether a quorum is present
- (c) to elect a minute secretary
- (d) to receive apologies
- (e) to receive notification of the name of the person appointed by the minister as a warden
- (f) to elect 2 qualified persons to be wardens
- (g) to determine whether or not qualified persons should be elected as members of the parish council and if in the affirmative:
 - (i) to resolve that there be 3, 6 or 9 elected persons, and
 - (ii) to elect qualified persons to be those members
- (h) to elect parish nominators
- (i) to elect a qualified person or persons to the office of auditor of the financial statements and accounts of the wardens, and
- (j) to receive a report about ministry within the parish from the minister
- (k) to receive a report from the wardens about the exercise of wardens' functions
- (l) to receive and pass or otherwise determine on the financial statements of the wardens
- (m) to receive and pass or otherwise determine on the financial statements of the trustees of Blacket House

- (n) to make such recommendations as it may wish on any matter connected with the business of the church or parish, including any matter which it is appropriate for the wardens or parish council to deal with
- (o) to give directions as to the confirmation of the minutes of the meeting at or after its conclusion

Confirmation

Our Regional Bishop, Bishop Michael Stead, will be with us on Pentecost **Sunday the 20th of May, 2018**, and we hope to have a Confirmation Service that day at the 9.30 a.m. Eucharist. Are you, or anyone that you know, interested in being Confirmed, Received into the Anglican Communion, or Baptized? Please speak with Fr. James, Fr. Michael, or Rosemary if you are, or anyone that you know is, interested in being Confirmed, Received into the Anglican Communion, or Baptized.

Read, Learn and Inwardly Digest...

What did the men with Donald Trump do when he spoke of ‘shithole countries’? - By Philip Kennicott

Over the past year, as our political culture has grown more coarse and corrupt, I've felt different things: sometimes, anger; often, bitter resignation; and occasionally, a bemused sense of pure absurdity. But the past two nights I have actually wept. Why now? Why in response to these particular prompts? A confused and ailing woman in a thin medical gown was tossed to the roadside in freezing weather by security guards from the University of Maryland Medical Center Midtown Campus in Baltimore. Who orders such a thing, and why would anyone carry out that order? Then, the president of the United States calls Haiti, El Salvador and African nations “shithole” countries. Who says that kind of thing? Who thinks it? Who listens to it without reflexive outrage?

According to a few of the president's defenders, this is what we all really think. "This is how the forgotten men and women of America talk at the bar," said a Fox News host, imputing to ordinary Americans sentiments they wouldn't suffer to be said at their own dinner tables. There was the usual talk about "tough" language, as if using racist language was merely candor or an admirable impatience with euphemism.

His defenders seemed to say that if the president says things that we would be ashamed even to think, he is somehow speaking a kind of truth. But while there may be countries that are poor and suffer from civil discord, there are no "shithole" countries, not one, anywhere on Earth. The very idea of "shithole" countries is designed to short-circuit our capacity for empathy on a global scale.

These two incidents, in Baltimore and in the Oval Office, seem related — inhumane indifference from a hospital and blatant bigotry from the president — which is even more troubling. They are about who is on what side of the door, or the wall, or any other barrier that defines the primal "us and them" that governs so much of the worst of our human-made world. When Trump called disfavored countries "shitholes," he was indulging the most lethal and persistent tribalism of all: pure, unabashed racism. After a candidacy and now a presidency marked by implications of racism, the president has grown more comfortable with speaking in overtly racist terms, condemning whole countries and their people for not being more like "Norway," one of the whitest countries on Earth.

Remarks like these from the president are still shocking but hardly surprising, given the frequency with which they occur. What I want to know is how the men in the room with him reacted. This is the dinner table test: When you are sitting and socializing with a bigot, what do you do when he reveals his bigotry? I've seen it happen, once, when I was a young man, and I learned an invaluable lesson. An older guest at a formal dinner said something blatantly anti-Semitic. I was shocked and laughed nervously. Another friend stared at his plate silently. Another excused himself and fled to the bathroom. And then there was the

professor, an accomplished and erudite man, who paused for a moment, then slammed his fist on the table and said, “I will never listen to that kind of language, so either you will leave, or I will leave.” The offender looked around the table, found no allies and left the gathering. I don’t know if he felt any shame upon expulsion.

Did Sen. Lindsey O. Graham (R-S.C.) threaten to leave the Oval Office? Did Sen. Richard J. Durbin (D-Ill.) speak sharply to the president, saying no one should speak like that, not in the White House, not in the United States, not in decent society? (He did, at least the next morning when speaking to the media.) Did anyone suggest that perhaps the president should wash his mouth out with soap and take a time out to think about what he just did?

I suspect none of that happened and that no matter how awkward everyone felt, the usual deference to the president remained intact.

And just so, when someone at the University of Maryland Medical Center ordered the security guards to dump a frail and confused patient out in the cold, they didn’t say no. They didn’t say: We cannot do that, because it is wrong. It took a passerby with a camera, Imam Baraka, to see the wrongness of the act in its fullness, and confront not just the guards but the nation’s conscience.

I weep, not because I doubt the goodness of most of the people among whom I live in this country. There must be more Imamu Barakas than Donald Trumps in this land. Rather, I weep because the training in moral and civic corruption has already begun, it will inevitably continue, and it is gathering speed. The attack is aimed at the very thing we think should preserve us, our instincts to be kind, to welcome, protect and provide.

The use of terms like “shithole” imputes personal and moral failure to people who by mere chance live in troubled countries. It extinguishes their humanity and with it, any concern we might have for their well-being.

The deference shown by hospital security guards to their employers is of a different order than that shown by members of Congress to a racist president. The hospital's president, Mohan Suntha, has promised a full investigation and said, "We firmly believe what occurred Tuesday night does not reflect who we are." Of course, what occurred defines who they are, though they may think they are better than that. "We are trying to understand the points of failure that led to what we witnessed on that video."

This is bureaucratic cant and drivel. Worse, it frames the problem in the wrong way. We already know we have a medical system that incentivizes dumping poor patients, excluding the uninsured and pushing intractable cases out the door. What matters more is the moral climate of the institution. Who made it possible, necessary and apparently easy for those security guards to "just do our jobs"? Who made complicity in cruelty part of the daily function of the place?

And now, we must ask a few simple questions of the men who sat in the room with a president denigrating predominantly black and brown countries as "shitholes": What did you say back to the man? And why didn't you leave? Their answers are fundamental to what we need to know about their character and fitness for office.

The deadline for any items to be considered for the pew sheet is 11am on Wednesdays.

Unfortunately, any items received later than this may not be able to be included because of time constraints.



**PEW SHEET
DEADLINE**

**Take this pew sheet home and read it –
or give it to someone who hasn't been able to worship with us today.**

Churches must become social hubs in order to survive – By Harriet Sherwood

Taylor review into sustainability of 16,000 English churches says ventures such as Post Offices and toddler groups can help stem decline in visitors

England's churches must become vibrant hubs at the centre of communities, offering local people a range of activities and services beyond a place to worship, if they are to be sustainable, according to an independent review.

Churches are “heritage assets”, but their care, maintenance and repair represents an enormous task, according to the Taylor review of the sustainability of English churches and cathedrals.

The report urges congregations to involve more local people to use and care for churches, citing examples where “enterprising clergy, PCCs [parish councils] and volunteers have developed their churches into vibrant hubs at the centre of their wider communities”.

Malmesbury Abbey in Wiltshire hosts events and concerts, runs a cafe and playgroup and transforms into a skate park every February half-term, the report says.

St Leonard's in Yarpole, Herefordshire, can be hired for exercise classes and other events, and is creating a cafe, village shop and Post Office.

More than 200 churches have full or part-time shops, and more than 150 have Post Offices. According to a 2015 survey, 60% of churches held parent and toddler groups, and two-thirds host food banks.

The purpose of the review was to “consider how to ensure that the thousands of listed church buildings, many of which define our towns, cities and villages, are conserved for future generations”.

Three-quarters of the 16,000 C of E churches in England are listed. Nearly 45% of all grade-I listed buildings in England are parish churches.

The report says: “A common assumption, that [churches] are managed and maintained by well-resourced and endowed bodies, needs to be countered. In reality, for the majority of churches, the exact opposite is the case: local people bear the full responsibility for repair, maintenance and security.”

Declining congregations, a lack of expertise and scarcity of public money have inhibited the ability of local people to care for churches. Although the review panel considered all Church of England buildings “from the most magnificent cathedrals to the smallest parish churches … the need is greatest at the smaller end of the spectrum, amongst the buildings afforded the least attention and spending - parish churches.”

The report concludes that there is “no ‘one size fits all’ solution; every church and community will be different and local considerations will be paramount. However, new and different uses for buildings may need to be considered and new income streams developed to sit alongside the longstanding function of the building as a place for Christian worship.

“When a church building is widely used for a variety of purposes, a much wider cross-section of its community has a sense of commitment to its survival.”

Bernard Taylor, who led the review, said: “Church buildings are an important and a much-loved part of our national heritage and form an integral part of our sense of identity and community. However, despite the hard work of many groups and volunteers around the country, they face complex problems of maintenance and repair, and are not always well used and supported.”

“Increased use and helping communities in their broadest form to see the value and potential of the local church is the key to the church building becoming more self-sustaining and ultimately ensuring its long term survival.”

The review’s findings were welcomed by John Inge, the bishop of Worcester and the C of E’s lead bishop on church and cathedral buildings. “Our 16,000 churches are the jewel in the crown of our built

heritage. They exist, as they always have done, to serve their communities. This is seen through daily acts of worship, celebrations of the joys of life and commemorations of its sorrows.



Pew Reflections REFLECTIONS BGM

† Jonah 3.1-10; Psalm 62.5-12;

1 Corinthians 7.29-31; Mark 1.14-20

The Psalmist tells us today to wait in silence for God. This does not mean, do nothing, but rather it means that we should rid ourselves of all other distractions so that we can focus on the most

important thing: God. By doing this we prepare ourselves for when we are called by the Spirit to play a part in God's mission.

- † Pray that the Spirit will help you to remove all distractions so that you can focus on the most important thing of all: God.
- † Pray for the Anglican Church of Melanesia, giving thanks for the work they do to further God's mission in the world.

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Collection given at St Paul's on :

Sunday 17th December (Carol Services): \$826

24th December 2017 (Morning Services): \$1919

24th/ 25th December 2017: \$3179

Sunday 31st December 2017: \$2222

Sunday 7th January 2018: \$2512

Sunday 14th January 2018: \$2982



Other collection given:

24th December –

– Building Fund: \$10

– Parish Pantry: \$90

TOTAL given 24th Dec 2017: \$2019

Sunday 31st December 2017 –

– Parish Pantry: \$60

– New Life Centre Nepal: \$50

– Memorial Gift: \$50

TOTAL for 31st of December 2017: \$2382

Sunday 7th January 2018 –

– Parish Pantry: \$150

– Trading Table: \$537.10

– Torch Sale: \$454.50

– Votive Candles: \$198

– New Life Nepal: \$50

TOTAL for 7th of January: \$3901.60

Sunday 14th January 2018 –

– New Life Nepal: \$100

TOTAL for 14th of January: \$3082

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Pray throughout the week

Pray for the Anglican Church –
for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Phillip, Primate of Australia; Glenn, Archbishop of Sydney; Michael Stead, our Regional Bishop; and for all the bishops, priests, deacons and Religious of the Anglican Communion.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we are asked to pray today for The Church of Bangladesh, for its Bishop, The Most Revd Paul Shishir Sarker, Moderator, and for all his clergy and people.

Pray for Fr James and for Fr Michael as well as for Helen and Antonia. May God bless them and their ministries and may we support them as they work among us in Christ's name.

Pray for St Paul's: God of mercy, strengthen us to help shape a parish where diversity is a source of enrichment, compassion is common, life's poetry realized, suffering lightened through sharing, justice attended, joy pervasive, hope lived, the hum of the universe heard, and together with you and each other we build what is beautiful, true, worthy of your generosity to us, an echo of your kingdom. Amen. (Ted Loder)

Pray for, St Matthew's, Zababdeh, (West Bank, Palestinian Territories), our Anglican Communion Partner: We remember especially their Parish Priest, Fr Saleem Dawani, and his ministry in the parish. We remember also Jameel Maher, who acts as the St Matthew's partnership link person with us. May both our parishes be blessed by the link we are establishing.

Pray for the Church's mission:
Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honour of your name. Amen. (Author unknown)

Pray for our Children's Church:
The Lord said, 'Let the little children come to me and do not forbid them for such is the kingdom of heaven'. Bless, Lord, your children who now stand before you in prayer. Help them to understand the depth of your love.

O Lord, bless our Children's Church and all its future endeavours, that through it we may glorify you with your Father and the Holy Spirit, now, always and forever. Amen.

Pray for peace: Lead me from death to life, from falsehood to truth; lead me from despair to hope, from fear to trust; lead me from hate to love, from war to peace.

Let peace fill our hearts, our world, our universe.

Pray for all in need, remembering especially all our counsellors and social workers that they may be bringers of hope and comforter to all those in need of their help.

Pray for the sick and their carers:
Andrew; Joyce Bannister; Margaret Baseley; Barry Brandy; John Burns; June Cameron; Scott Cameron; (Sir) John Carrick; (Lady) Angela Carrick; Rodney Chesham; Hilary Davies; Margaret Hayes; Heather; Jan Morgan; Brian Muir; Narelle; Alister & Sally Palmer; Paul

Phillips; Nancy Thompson; Elsa Sorensen; Margaret Wheatley; Bill Whittle; David Windsor; Bob Woods;

In love and charity please remember the recently departed, especially Rob Brennan and Mark Evans that God may grant them a place of refreshment, light and peace.

Pray, too, for, Tania Junek, Anne Deep, Joyce Hawkins, Thora Eliza May Denne, Beatrice Adelaide Daisy Cooper, Richard Stirling, Dr Arthur David Polle Hull and for any others whose year's mind falls around this time.

Rest eternal grant unto them O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them!

Services during this week at St Paul's

A mid-week Eucharist will be held in the Chapel of our Lord's Passion on Wednesday at 10.30am.

Commemorations noted by the lectionary this week –

- ❖ Monday 22 January 2018 – Vincent, Deacon and Martyr (d.304)
- ❖ Wednesday 24 January 2018 – Companions of Paul, including Timothy, Titus and Silas
- ❖ Thursday 25 January 2018 – Conversion of Paul the Apostle
- ❖ Friday 26 January 2018 – Australia Day
- ❖ Saturday 27 January 2018 – John Chrysostom, bishop of Constantinople, teacher (d.407)

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