

Order of Service

Sunday 19th January 2025



The Church

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

Today's service is being led by: **Albert & Elizabeth Wood**
The organ is played by: **Simon Gregory**

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 all 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.

Notices

Welcome & Introduction

Hymn 116 (R&S): Praise the Lord, ye heavens adore Him
(Tune *R&S 98 Austria*)

Prayer & 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

The animal food bank

Hymn 572 (R&S): Colours of day

The Grace

**All: 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**

Junior Church leaves for their own activities

Reading: Ephesians 1: 15-23

¹⁵ I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love^[a] towards all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶ I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷ I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸ so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰ God^[b] put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²² And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

A true church

Hymn Lord of the Church

(verses 1,2&3, Tune *Londonderry Air which is at 265 (R&S)*)

Lord of the Church, we pray for our renewing:
Christ over all, our undivided aim;
Fire of the Spirit, burn for our enduing,
Wind of the Spirit, fan the living flame!
We turn to Christ amid our fear and failing,
The will that lacks the courage to be free,
The weary labours, all but unavailing,
To bring us nearer what a church should be.

Lord of the Church, we seek a Father's blessing,
A true repentance and a faith restored,
A swift obedience and a new possessing,
Filled with the Holy Spirit of the Lord!
We turn to Christ from all our restless striving,
Unnumbered voices with a single prayer –
The living water for our souls' reviving,
In Christ to live, and love and serve and care.

Lord of the Church, we long for our uniting,
True to one calling, by one vision stirred;
One cross proclaiming and one creed reciting,
One in the truth of Jesus and His word!
So lead us on; till toil and trouble ended,
One Church triumphant one new song shall sing,
To praise His glory, risen and ascended,
Christ over all, the everlasting King!

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Offertory & Offertory Prayer

Reading: Ephesians 2: 1-10

2 You were dead through the trespasses and sins ²in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. ³All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone

else. ⁴ But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us ⁵ even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ^{t[a]}—by grace you have been saved— ⁶ and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷ so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness towards us in Christ Jesus. ⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God— ⁹ not the result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰ For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

Hymn 92 (R&S): Amazing Grace

The past behind us

Hymn 574 (R&S): Go forth and tell

(Tune: *R&S 740 Woodlands*)

Blessing & Dismissal

If you'd like to support the work of St Paul's but have no cash for the collection, you can donate by card via <https://bit.ly/ForStPauls> or our card reader on request. We're registered for gift aid – see leaflets at the exits. Most members have a regular standing order in place. Please talk to any of the elders for more details

Coming up...

A reminder that today is Cake Sunday after service, followed by the church meeting



Next Sunday's service will be led by John Ponsford

- **Guild meeting:** Tuesday 21st January 10.15am, Peter Galloway Robust, Pliable and Delicate: The UK's Honours System
- **Next House group:** Wednesday 22nd January 7.30pm, 372 Selsdon Road CR2 7AB, all welcome even if you haven't been before
- **Croydon Nightwatch help:** we will be making sandwiches for Nightwatch throughout January on Saturdays and would be very grateful for any help making them. Please see *Pat GO* for more details

United Prayer Time - Zoom - Every Saturday, 9am

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

If joining for the first time, please note that participation varies. If you find yourself on your own, please do not be put off! Others will be praying at this time but not able to join the Zoom. Please try another week. Thank you for joining St Paul's prayer life.

For all future events and activities please see our website



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St Paul's Valentine's Beetle Drive

Saturday 15th February
6:30pm-9pm

Croham Park Avenue, South Croydon, CR2 7HF

Prizes for the
winners!

£3 per person

Family Fun!

Raffle!

Light
refreshments
available to buy

All proceeds will go to support our annual
Shoebox campaign for Link to Hope and will
help bring love and hope to so many people



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