

# St Paul's & St Mary's

PUTTING FAITH IN HARLOW

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## Welcome

Welcome!

If this is your first time with us, we do hope you will soon feel very much at home. Do join us for refreshments after our 9.30am Sunday service at St Mary's, and our 11am.

Our **children's groups** usually meet midweek at St Mary's and during the service at St Paul's (children coming into church first) except at All Age Services - 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday @ St Paul's (these are 2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays at St Mary's). This includes the St Paul's Creche.

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Large print versions of this sheet, hymn books and Bibles are available from a Steward at the doors.

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## Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> January

9.30 am	Holy Communion	St Mary's
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11am	Morning Prayer	St Paul's

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## Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> January

9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Mary's
11am	Holy Communion	St Paul's
5.30pm – NB time	Heart4Harlow Annual Review including buffet tea	St Mary's Churchgate Street

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## A letter from Martin



Dear friends,

“Where there is no vision the people perish” (Proverbs 29 :18)

We see what this can mean in the Brexit debates. Few have seized a godly vision for our nation, one

based on values such as justice, the environment, greater equality etc.

It may feel that the situation is hopeless. How can we have hope?

But that is where Christian faith can kick in. Hope is what you have when the situation is hopeless but you still trust in God. We only discover if we have Hope and Faith when the situation seems hopeless.

May we go into the world, filled with Hope, thankful for all that God has done, waiting for Him to do something new again. Only Christians know what it is to Hope when it is hopeless.

For that is what our God does. It was pretty hopeless on Good Friday...

Love

Martin

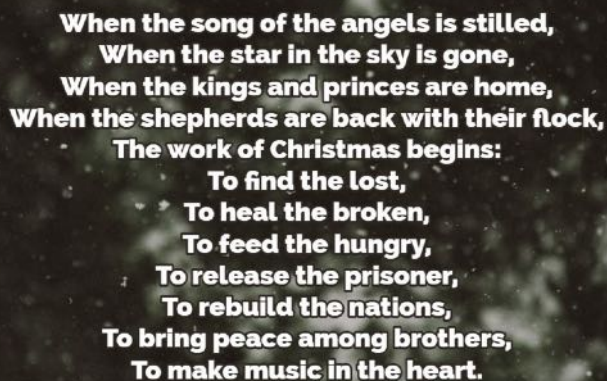
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## Quote of the Week

“Trust in his goodness and in his solemn promises never to forsake us in time of need. Lean upon his words, and rest in the hope that he will confirm what he has worked in you so far” – Francois Fenelon

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## Praying for Others



When the song of the angels is stilled,  
When the star in the sky is gone,  
When the kings and princes are home,  
When the shepherds are back with their flock,  
The work of Christmas begins:  
To find the lost,  
To heal the broken,  
To feed the hungry,  
To release the prisoner,  
To rebuild the nations,  
To bring peace among brothers,  
To make music in the heart.

*Our Text for the Year:*

*“Commit your way to the Lord;  
trust in him and he will act”  
(Psalm 37 verse 5)*

*See also Jeremiah 29 verse 11*

*To join our WhatsApp Prayer Group, leave a message in the Parish Office. Our monthly prayer diary is available from back of church. In addition...*

**Those in especial need:** Gordon Hewes, Wendy Coxhill, Philip Allcock's mother Irene, Valerie Forster's daughter, Sharon  
*(people are included for 3 weeks – if you would like someone included for longer please contact Martin)*

**For the bereaved,** including Ruth, CJ, Alexis, Bree & Hector on the passing of Ruth's father. The funeral is on 26<sup>th</sup> January; The family and friends (including Karen Baker) of Linda Mitchell

**Harlow Foodbank and Maybury Drop-In,** especially Gary Knott (and Theresa) in his serious illness.

**...in residential care:** John Brookes, Matt Matthews

### **The St Mary's Planning Application**

**Hope4Harlow** in January and February – a roof for those without homes, hosted by 7 Churches; and the **Severe Weather Provision**, hosted by St Paul's

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## Max Brooks

It is with great sadness that I bring you the news that Max Brooks, my grandson, passed away on Sunday evening 13th January at 7.45 pm. As mentioned in our church magazine as well as being born with only half a functioning heart, Max had further problems as he grew into the fine young man he became. He was admitted into The Royal Brompton last October but despite their best efforts and your continuing prayers, there was nothing more that could be done. You prayed for him from birth and through ups and downs and we thank

you so much for that. Please could we ask those prayers to continue for his family, especially his little sister whose 9th birthday will be in just a couple of weeks, this time without her big brother singing loudly to her. Max was an organ donor so the hero he was in life continues now as he helps blind people to see and in many other ways we are not yet aware of. Thank you again. **Marlene Brooks**

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## Our Regular Activities

### **Midweek Services** – St Paul's Chapel -

Our Monthly Healing Services restart after Easter to allow for our midday Alpha course.

Monthly Communion Services 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesdays at 9am.  
Parish Prayers Tuesdays (St Mary's); Wednesday, 9am

**House Groups** to pray and study the Bible meet in people's homes. More details from Martin or Jokey

**Maybury Drop-In** St Paul's Hall Tues & Fri 11-4.

**Teddy Bear Club** for young children and someone caring for them – 10 - 12 St Paul's Hall in term times.

**Messy Church every half term** - Next: Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> February.

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## Sermon Questions

*Reflecting back on last week's reading at last week's Confirmation - Luke 3:15-22 (this is longer than read)*

1. The voice from heaven refers back to Psalm 2. What does Psalm 2 tell us about the meaning of the words used?
2. Why does Luke tell us about Herod?

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## Confirmation

Thank you so much to all who worked so wonderfully lovingly to make last week's service such a great occasion. Well done everyone!

Those confirmed have expressed their appreciation of the gifts and cards they received on the day. Martin

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## Barking Area Vocations Day

Saturday 2nd March – 9am-2pm St Mary's Loughton.  
201 High Road, Loughton, Essex IG10 1BB.

An opportunity to find out about lay or ordained Christian ministry in the church. For more information please contact Rev Stuart Batten:

[stuart.batten@btinternet.com](mailto:stuart.batten@btinternet.com)

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## Working Worship

There is no Working Worship during January and February since it is anticipated that several will be enjoying breakfast elsewhere as part of Hope4Harlow

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## Fix the Felt

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We're delighted works have begun to repair our roofs and give thanks to God. An edge rail has been installed for the workers' protection, and

the main works will begin on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> January, beginning with the church roof, and then moving on to the Emmaus Room and other church rooms, taking about 3 weeks total. Please take notice of any signs and cordons outside the church building if you come to church during the week in the daytime.

We apologise for any inconvenience and in particular the loss of central heating during the day on weekdays. (We have to turn off the gas for certain periods) We are hiring temporary heaters.

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## Diary Dates

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### Burns Night Dinner with Live Band

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*Fun for all the church family, from youngest to oldest.*

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> January -  
**6.30 pm** St Paul's Hall.  
Sign up lists for tickets are available at the back of both churches. Or sign up by emailing the parish office:  
[stpauls.office@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:stpauls.office@tiscali.co.uk)



Adults - £5  
Children up to 14 years - £2.50  
Under 5 years free.

*Do join us for what looks to be a great evening!*

We plan a small live band for fun dancing, suitable for all ages.

If you wish you may make a donation to cover the cost for someone less able to afford a ticket.

*If the cost is difficult for you, please have a word with one of the clergy.*

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## Men's Curry Night

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Wednesday 30th Jan 7.30pm The Garden Of India.  
Contact Robert Findlay [r.j.findlay@btinternet.com](mailto:r.j.findlay@btinternet.com)



*just10*: the 10 Commandments re-imagined for today. Far from being a set of rules to restrict, they are principles that bring freedom and fulfilment.

As we work out how to apply these biblical principles to our lives, we are encouraged in faith and actions.

*"just10 hits the right note to help us apply God's instructions for life and relationships today"- Bear Grylls*

*"An enjoyable and educational re-examination of the Ten Commandments" -Archbishop John Sentamu*

From Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 7.30 pm St Paul's Hall.

A great opportunity to grow in your faith and / or to have your "annual spiritual service" as we approach Lent.

More details from Jokey & Martin

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## Lent 2019

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There are details of forthcoming Lent Courses (Modules) in the Diocese at the back of church.

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## Calling all Involved in local schools

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### BEING GOOD NEWS IN SCHOOLS BRIDGING THE GAP BETWEEN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

SATURDAY 2ND FEBRUARY 2019  
THE BEAN ACADEMIC CENTRE, BRENTWOOD SCHOOL  
10AM UNTIL 4PM



A day conference exploring how we can bridge the gap between church and school. Opportunities to hear from headteachers, youth workers, primary schools' workers, clergy, young people and others. Sat 2nd February, 10am – 4pm. The Bean Academic Centre, Brentwood School CM15 8EE School. £15. Tickets include sandwich lunch. **Contact** Mark Tiddy -[mtiddy@chelmsford.anglican.org](mailto:mtiddy@chelmsford.anglican.org)