



St Paul's



The Big Question

July 2007



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## SUNDAY SERVICES – JULY

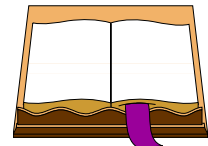
<b>Sunday 1st</b> (4th after Trinity)	8.30am 10am	Holy Communion Morning Praise
<b>Sunday 8th</b> (5th after Trinity)	8.30am 10am	Holy Communion Family Service
<b>Sunday 15th</b> (6th after Trinity)	8.30am 10am	Holy Communion Morning Praise
<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup></b> (7th after Trinity)	10am	Holy Communion
<b>Sunday 29th</b> (8th after Trinity)	8.30am 10am 6pm	Holy Communion Holiday Club Service SatNav Baptism

## SUNDAY SERVICES – AUGUST

<b>Sunday 5th</b> (9 <sup>th</sup> after Trinity)	8.30am 10am	Holy Communion Morning Praise
<b>Sunday 12th</b> (10 <sup>th</sup> after Trinity)	8.30am 10am	Holy Communion Morning Praise--
<b>Sunday 19th</b> (11 <sup>th</sup> after Trinity)	10am	Holy Communion
<b>Sunday 26th</b> (12 <sup>th</sup> After Trinity)	8.30am 10am	Holy Communion Holiday Club Service



There is also a service of Holy Communion or Morning Prayer each WEDNESDAY at 9.30am followed by coffee shop until 11am  
(Not 15<sup>th</sup> or 22<sup>nd</sup> August)



There is a prayer meeting at 9.30am until 9.40am each Sunday.

Everyone is welcome to join us as we pray for the main service

*THE WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S CHURCH*

<b>Sunday</b>	8.30 am	Holy Communion (not 4th Sunday)
	10.00am	Morning Service (every week) including: Players for Jesus (0-6's) – formerly Climbers Rock Solid (7-10's) in term time Highlanders (11-18's) in term time
<b>Monday</b>	1.30pm	Homegroup – 7 Stoke Avenue (alternate weeks) Joan Lingwood ☎8500 5178
	8.00pm	Homegroup – (alternate weeks) – phone for details Jill James ☎8501 1162
<b>Tuesday</b>	9.15am	Prayers for the Church in the Side Chapel
<b>Wednesday</b>	9.30am	Holy Communion
	10.15am	Coffee Shop in the Hall
	12.30pm	Wheels and Squeals (Carer and Toddler Group)
	7.30pm	Highlanders Group meet in the Church Hall (alternate weeks)
<b>Thursday</b>	8.00pm	Homegroup – (alternate weeks) – phone for details Jill James ☎ 8501 1162 & Helen Duke ☎ 8500 6678
<b>Saturday</b>	7.30pm	SatNav – Alternate weeks – see the website for dates:



The Prayer Chain is organised so that prayer can be offered quickly for an individual or a particular situation. Ring the first person on either or both the lists. If they are not in, then ring the second and so on. Make your request clear and straightforward. The members of the chain will then pass on your request to the others and commit themselves to pray.

<b>Chain 1</b>	
1. Maggie Sansom	8500 2341
2. Charmaine Andrews	8500 0164
3. Joan Lingwood	8500 5178
4. Joanna Cant	8500 3366
5. Sue Hartley	8500 4592

<b>Chain 2</b>	
1. Beryl Gough	8550 0957
2. Sandra Lee-Down	8262 4494
3. Kathy Habberley	8501 1386
4. Will Davies	8551 3620
5. Sue Hartley	8500 4592

Deadline for the August edition of 'The Big Question: Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> July (please put material in the tray at the back of the church or email us)

Jamie Taylor: [jellytots\\_1@hotmail.com](mailto:jellytots_1@hotmail.com)

Nicky Cleaver: [mpacp.net@gmail.com](mailto:mpacp.net@gmail.com)

# The Vicar's Letter

## Global Day of Prayer

On 27<sup>th</sup> May – Pentecost Sunday – four of us from St Paul's went to West Ham Football Ground for the Global Day of Prayer. In spite of getting held up on the tube and queuing in the wrong queue we eventually arrived in time to hear Tim Hughes sing 'Beautiful One' in front of a huge crowd. The sound quality was awesome!

Altogether there were 18,000 people from all the main denominations joining together to pray for London and for issues such as persecution of Christian minorities and modern slavery all over the world. Considering how cold and wet it was that day the turnout was amazing! We thanked God that the rain stopped for the whole afternoon.



Sarah, Betty & Christel



The highlight for me was the challenge by Pastor Jonathan Oloyede of Glory House in Plaistow, one of the chief visionaries behind the West Ham event. He said: "I feel that a new foundation has been laid for the churches in London and that this is just the beginning of a new journey of unity and collaboration, that the Kingdom of God is actually beginning to emerge in the church."

He described his vision in 1995 of Wembley Stadium full of Christians even though what he saw was not the old stadium with the twin towers. Now that the new stadium is opened it is Jonathan's goal to have the Global Day of Prayer in Wembley Stadium in 2010. Wouldn't that be awesome!

Another challenge is to pray in every town hall in London on the anniversary of the London Bombings on July 7<sup>th</sup>. This year it is a Saturday and we are invited to join Christians from all the other churches in Redbridge in the Lambourne Rooms, Ilford Town Hall between 10am and noon. Do let me know if you want to come with me.

*Christopher*

# July 2007

Sunday	1	11am	Marie's ordination in Chelmsford
		6.30pm	Deanery Youth Service in St Luke's
Monday	2	1.30pm	Homegroup
		8pm	Homegroup
Wednesday	4	7.30pm	Retirement Service for Michael Fox in St Margaret's Church Barking
		7.30pm	Highlanders
Thursday	5	8pm	Homegroup
Saturday	7	10-noon	Prayer for London, Lambourne rooms, Ilford Town Hall
		11am	Coppice Fayre - SatNav playing
Monday	9	7.30pm	SatNav Prayer at 7 Bearing Way
Tuesday	10	7.30pm	Chapter Meeting in St Paul's
		8pm	CTHC in Hainault Evangelical Church
Wednesday	11	7.30pm	Movie Night
Thursday	12	7.30pm	Prayer Ministry Meeting
Saturday	14	9.30am	Child Protection Training Day
Monday	16	1.30pm	Homegroup
		8pm	Homegroup
Tuesday	17	7.30pm	PCC Meeting
Wednesday	18	7.30pm	Highlanders
Thursday	19	7pm	BBQ in the Vicarage Garden
Monday	23		Highlanders Holiday club begins
Sunday	29	6pm	Openair Baptism in Backfield

## Our Chosen Charity 2007- 2008

On June 17<sup>th</sup> we had the opportunity to choose which charity to support with our collections on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month. This is in addition to our commitment to Compassion UK to support two children: Nathalia who lives in Brazil and Abel in Ethiopia. We still need to keep our relationship strong with the two children; on the next page is information on how you would go about doing this.

Impassioned presentations were made for the five charities on our list. For many it was an extremely hard decision as each of the charities do important work. Here are the results based on one vote per person:

Christian Education Project	16
Grandma's	8
St Mungo's	7
Meningitis Trust	1
Stop the Traffik	18
Christian Blind Mission	7



By just two votes Stop the Traffik is the charity we will be supporting for the next year. In next months magazine we will be finding out where our money will be going.

# What Happened at the PCC May 15<sup>th</sup> 2007

This was the first meeting of our new PCC and it began with election of our officers:

Chair	Christopher Cant
Vice Chair	Sue Hartley
Secretary	Helen Duke
Treasurer	Ellen Hunt
Electoral Roll	Pauline Sheridan
Deanery Synod	Lisselle Clarke-Moisley, Nicky Cleaver
Churches Together	Representatives – still to be confirmed.

We were delighted to co-opt Nicky Cleaver onto the PCC as a Youth Member.

We expressed our appreciation for all that June Clare has achieved as treasurer and know that Ellen will benefit from things being so well organised. Barbara May will be doing the book keeping but Ellen will be happy to answer any questions to do with finance and advise you about ways of giving to the church.

We decided to go ahead with replacing the door from the chapel to the backfield. Lantern Light Opera have agreed to make a substantial contribution to the cost of £450. Any money raised at the Summer Fun Day on June 9th will go towards improving the facilities at the back of the hall – in particular providing an electric power socket, putting up lights and widening the path down the side of the hall.

In preparation for Back To Church Sunday on September 30th Lisselle agreed to put up a large map of the parish so that people could adopt a street to pray for. They will just need to colour in their bit and we hope to be able to cover the whole of our area.

# What Happened at the PCC June 12<sup>th</sup> 2007

For the first time for ages all 11 members of the PCC were present! We had a really good meeting and made some important decisions.

First Sandra Woodard and Ray Wright were thanked for organising the Summer Fun Day on June 9th. The final total raised will be around £700 which is brilliant.

Finance Ellen was able to give her first report as treasurer. We are able to pay the Family Purse for May but the financial situation is too tight to pay June's straight away.

The new door in the chapel is in place – we need to make sure it is locked when leaving the building! We are now obtaining quotations for the path from the new door to the backfield.

New Church Bibles This is a priority for the church. We do need to ensure that the new version is compatible with the SongPro Software. Our first choice is the TNIV.

Collection Bags The bags we use at present are often too small for all the envelopes given in the collection. We will try using baskets as soon as they are available.

**Christopher**

# The Summer Fun Day

9<sup>th</sup> June 2007



Albert and 'Forever Ends Today'

As somebody said to me, 'This is just like the TV programme The Great British Village Show!' Although we don't compete for prizes there were homemade cakes, refreshments, refreshments, cream teas, plants, B-B-Q, tom bola, hook-a-duck, white elephant, books, face painting, nail art, toys, bouncy castle, raffle, guessing the names of animals and the weight of a cake, Tradecraft and lots more.



Naomi enjoying the owls

This year there were three special things not to be missed. The Lantern Light Opera sang various Gilbert and Sullivan songs in the church for more than an hour and on the backfield there was an "X" Factor talent competition for the children. Albert Parnell's band, "Forever Ends Today" won the older age group and they were brilliant. The other special attraction was the owls and all the kids enjoyed them.



Sandra organising with a smile

No amount of thanks would justify the hard work and organisation needed for a Fun Day and special thanks to **everyone** who helped make it such a success. Two people must be mentioned by name – Ray Wright who persuaded shops and companies to donate such brilliant prizes and Sandra Woodward for overall organisation.

Just over £700 was raised and we want to thank the Lord for pouring his blessings on us all that day.

**Pam Hawthornethwaite**

## Poverty Lunch



On Sunday 20th May, St. Paul's held its annual Poverty Lunch but this year we tried something a bit different.

The idea was to illustrate that whilst about 10% of this world have ample to eat the remaining 90% are starving. Everyone who attended the lunch had their name entered into a prize draw and just before we sat down to lunch, Chris drew the 4 winning names. Our 4 winners, representing the rich were: Susanna Cant, Mandy Belcher, Margaret Bass and Liam Smith. They were escorted to a beautifully laid table in the centre of the hall and were served a 6 course lunch. The rest of us had to serve ourselves a bowl of soup with bread and some fruit.

The lunch was a very enjoyable affair and despite my protestations, Pauline said that the "poor" could have seconds and even thirds which certainly does not happen to 90% of this worlds population.

We had a choice of 4 soups which were Asparagus and Leek, Spicy Lentil, Chicken Broth with Pasta and Mixed Root Vegetable. Each one was delicious, so a big thank you to our cooks and also to those who provided the 6 courses for our privileged 4.

Over the course of the weekend we raised £360.15 for Christian Aid which was a fantastic amount. £130 of this was from the street collection in Manford Way - thanks to all those who stood outside Woolworths on a sunny Saturday. £130 was raised at the Poverty Lunch and the balance was collected in Church.

Christian Aid do amazing work both on the ground by partnering existing projects in many countries but also as political activists championing such causes as MAKE POVERTY HISTORY and TRADE JUSTICE. You can visit their website at [www.christianaid.org.uk](http://www.christianaid.org.uk) or contact them at Christian Aid Central Hall Westminster Storey's Gate Westminster London SW1 9NH for details of current campaigns and ways for you to get involved if you can't wait until next years Poverty Lunch.

**Ellen Hunt**

## Hip – hip hooray... for the boat holiday

And so it came to pass that on Saturday the 26<sup>th</sup> of May the merry band of HIGH-ly excited, HIGH-ly energetic, HIGH volume HIGH-landers and an enthusiastic bunch of leaders - whom in all honesty must have had a death wish, set sail on the good ship 'Essex Rose'. It was fair to say that some boats were more packed than others – one boat resembled the size of an overgrown pea-pod.

We had a really great time together, bobbing up and down the canal, three days of pure leisure *Highlander style* – which clearly is the best and possibly the only real way to do it. We had a really good time away together, which I think in any group is really important. We were blessed by a lot of rain... which made opening and closing the locks an adventure. That weekend I did experience more water than I ever have before in my life (including baths, swimming pools...the lot!) My favourite moment I think was probably either creating a newspaper bonnet for my good friend Liam or perhaps, a huge boat game of moving Pictionary – which was immense.



Highlanders having a good time

I really did enjoy myself even if I was extremely sleepy and extremely soggy by the end of it all. I loved the chance to get to spend some real quality time with some of the Highlanders which was really special for me. I'd say I have a fair amount of friendships with people but few really deep relationships. I think that's where I found this little break away really fun, but also really helpful. It's surprising just how well you can really get to know people when they are damp, deprived of sleep and in desperate need of a toilet; although toilet-talk is always a highly amusing route of conversation.



Working hard on the locks!

But in all seriousness it was great to spend some time together we had a chance to do a bit of Bible study together which was great, we were busting out a bit of the old 1Corinthians, Isaiah, and we had a really cool going through of Jonah – just as we thought it seemed fitting... well there was effectively a storm, I was keen to know if we needed to throw someone over board to save us – hehe. We did consider doing a Jonah 1:7 - *Then the sailors said to each other, "Come, and let us cast lots to find out who is responsible for this calamity." They cast lots and the lot fell on Jonah.*

We decided not to go that far!

I think thanks are in order for the organizing and arranging - thank you!

Lisselle

# St-Paul's Spring-Clean

'If you can't play nicely, I'll find you all jobs to do' is one of the maternal anthems that define my childhood. I guess I'm not alone in that, and being a mum myself, I can sympathise with it, but I do wonder if it's one of the many reasons why I often find cleaning and tidying up so tedious. Still, cleaning and tidying need doing, if we're going to inhabit buildings and call them 'home'. So when we realised that St Paul's hadn't had a spring clean for a very long time, and that third generation of spiders were beginning to charge fees for guided tours of well-established heritage cobwebs, it became apparent that something needed to be done.

So it was that after the excellent poverty lunch a small band of us, armed with ladders, buckets and many J-Cloths turned the church into a hive of activity.

Now there are many directions I could take this tale:

I used it as a metaphor on Pentecost, how God cleans us deep down and leaves us shiny-bright and sparkly clean. I could go for the verse that says about nothing being hidden from God, the concept that we need to let go of the baggage of our past in order to grasp the beauty of our futures or how there are many ways to serve God and minister to His people. All of these would be valid, and noble.

But simply?

It was a job that needed doing, and strangely, it was one that was actually quite fun. Small people were attached to dusters and spray polish cans and sent under and round the



Everyone needs a break

pews evicting arachnids; youth-type people directed them, adding the occasional giggle and tickle; nearing-adult people scrubbed disabled toilets, cleaned windows, swept ceilings and generally straightened things up. Definite-adult people scrubbed general loos, climbed ladders and vacuumed light fittings (I think the sight of Tom, Chris and Dave manhandling a Dyson up a 30 foot ladder is something that will stay with me for a while); the more elegant wielded feather dusters with a vigour that would have been quite daunting under other circumstances.

Nooks, crevasses and surfaces that didn't even know Mr Sheen existed were cleaned and

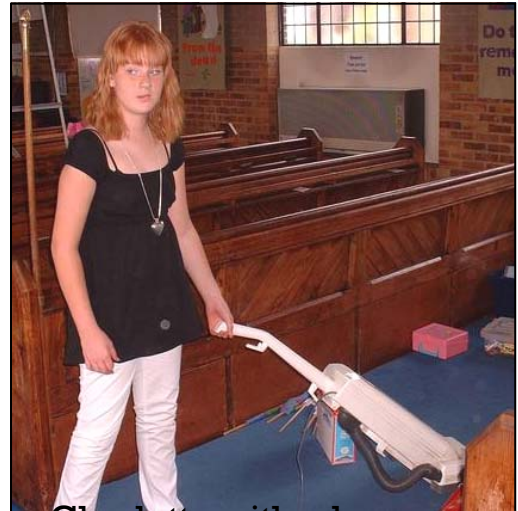
shined, and the result was.... Well, I would like to think it was startling.

The truth?

Sadly I'm not sure many people actually noticed the difference on a conscious level, which is a shame, but there is a definite sense of freshening up about the place.

Well let's face it; it was fun to be part of it, and so good to show God that we think of his house as our home.

Next time, why don't you join in?



Charlotte with a hoover

**Sarah Clarke-Moisley**

## **24 things about God - worth passing on**

*Thank you to Sue Hartley who got this in an email and passed it on to me.*

1. Give God what's right -- not what's left.
2. Man's way leads to a hopeless end! -- God's way leads to an endless hope.
3. A lot of kneeling will keep you in good standing.
4. He who kneels before God can stand before anyone.
5. In the sentence of life, the devil may be a comma--but never let him be the full stop.
6. Don't put a question mark where God puts a full stop.
7. Are you wrinkled with burden? Come to the church for a face-lift.
8. When praying, don't give God instructions - just report for duty.
9. Don't wait for six strong men to take you to church.
10. We don't change God's message -- His message changes us.
11. The church is prayer-conditioned.
12. When God ordains, He sustains.
13. WARNING: Exposure to the Son may prevent burning.
14. Plan ahead -- It wasn't raining when Noah built the ark.
15. Most people want to serve God, but only in an advisory position.
16. Suffering from truth decay? Brush up on your Bible.
17. Exercise daily -- walk with the Lord.
18. Never give the devil a ride -- he will always want to drive.
19. Nothing else ruins the truth like stretching it.
20. Compassion is difficult to give away because it keeps coming back.
21. He who angers you controls you.
22. Worry is the darkroom in which negatives can develop.
23. Give Satan an inch & he'll be a ruler.
24. God doesn't call the qualified, He qualifies the called.

## ☺ Thank you Marie ☺

After almost 25 years Marie Segal is leaving St. Paul's and going to St. Andrew's as curate. She is going to be ordained on the 1<sup>st</sup> July, and we pray for that day and your journey at St. Andrews. We will all miss you Marie, but wish you every blessing at your new church.



### **We hope this bible verse will encourage you in your journey!**

*I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from his love. Death can't, and life can't. The angels can't, and the demons can't. Our fears for today, our worries about tomorrow, and even the powers of hell can't keep God's love away. Whether we are high above the sky or in the deepest ocean, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Romans 8v38, 39***

**From all of us at St Paul's Church**

# Link2God

## L2G

Yes, I would like to be part of Link2God.

My name is

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My address is

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Post Code.....

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My telephone no.....

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My gifts are/I'm good at.....

In what way would I like to help? .....

... Helper at the drop in centre

... Part of the prayer team

... Occasional

... Visitors

... Practical

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Helper at the drop in centre: being present morning or afternoon, listening to people, giving advice if needed, meeting people's needs, passing on details of Christian help agencies.

Part of the prayer team: Praying for the project and people, giving advice about the project, listening to what God has to say.

Occasional: one hour a month in average to give to someone, either shopping for an elderly, visit someone or help at the drop in centre.

Visitors: visit people, hospices, nursing homes etc...

Practical: shopping, DIY, changing light bulbs, gardening, etc...

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## **How To Get To Heaven**

We all want to go to Heaven

We just don't want to die

And we have such mixed emotions

And cannot understand why

For every gift of life we see  
Leaves us needing more and more  
And human beings cannot let go  
Even to walk through Heaven's door

But our God sent His only Son  
And Jesus bore that cross  
To take away our human greed  
So we would never feel loss

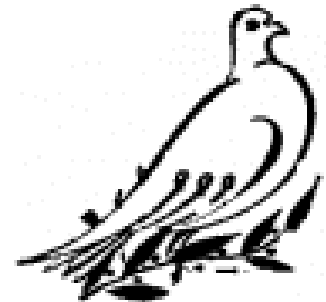
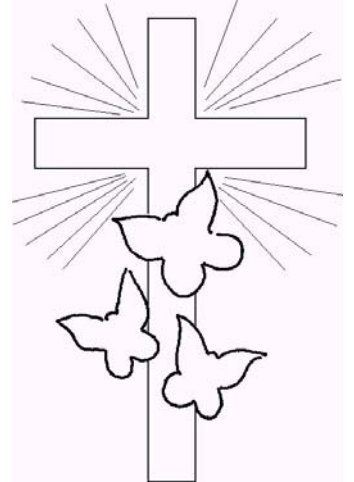
Now some of us are not convinced  
Of a better life than this  
And we worry about our belongings  
And a moment we might miss

So remember what our God has said  
Someday every knee will bow  
And confess that Jesus Christ is Lord  
So why not do it now

The only way to Heaven  
Is to ask Him to forgive your sin  
Then He will come inside your heart  
And you will walk right in

So live this life in total peace  
As if you have no care  
For Heaven's door is open wide  
And we will all meet there

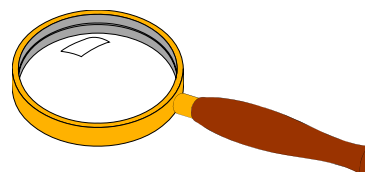
**Kathleen Higham**



## Blast from the past

Another chance to find the words from the December 2004 edition of The News from the Pews:

# WORD SEARCH



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### Jesus the Real Vine *John 15:1-17*

I am the real **VINE**, and my Father is the gardener. He breaks off every branch in me that does not bear **FRUIT**, and he **PRUNES** every branch that does bear fruit, so that it will be clean and bear more fruit. You have been made clean already by the teaching I have given you. Remain **UNITED** to me, and I will remain united to you. A branch cannot bear fruit by itself; it can do so only if it remains in the vine. In the same **WAY** you cannot bear fruit unless you remain in me.

I am the vine, and you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will bear much fruit; **FOR** you **CAN** do nothing without me. **WHOEVER** does not **REMAIN** in **ME** I throw out like a branch and **DRIES** up; such **BRANCHES** are gathered up and thrown into the fire, where they are **BURNT**. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, then you will ask for anything you wish, and you **SHALL** have it. My Father's **GLORY** is shown by you bearing much fruit; and in this way you become my **DISCIPLES**. I love you just as the Father loves me; remain in my **LOVE**. If you **OBEY** my commands, you will remain in my love. **JUST** as I have obeyed my Father's commands and remain in his love.

I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. My **COMMANDMENT** is this: love one another, just as I love you. The greatest love a person can have for his friends is to give his life for them. And you are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because **SERVANTS** do not know what their master is doing. Instead, I call you **FRIENDS**, because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father. You did **NOT** choose me; I **CHOOSE** you and appointed you to go and **BEAR** much fruit, the kind of fruit that **ENDURES**. And so the **FATHER** will give you whatever you ask of **HIM** in my name. This, then, is what I command you: love one another.

*June Clare*