



WELCOME

to

**ST PAUL'S
HADLEY WOOD**

To know Christ and Make Him Known

We are glad you have picked this information booklet up as the result of a visit or this has been passed on to you as a source of information about our church! Whatever your situation we hope that this booklet will help to give you an understanding of who we are and what takes place within our church family.

WELCOME!

We are an Anglican evangelical church who welcomes Christians of every denomination who share our loyalty to the Bible and the impact that the Gospel has on our lives. We seek to adhere to the fact that everything the Bible says is essential, yet at the same time, are enthusiastic for a progressive, up to date approach.

Our aim is to know God and to make Him known. We are gathered together not because we live in a particular area, have a common education, nationality, politics or accent, but we come together to hear more about the God who loves us so much that He sent His son Jesus. Many religions weigh us down with rules and regulations about what we should and should not do which can leave us feeling burdened and guilty. Christianity, on the other hand, is about a relationship with the living God brought about through the amazing work of Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit. It is through trust in Jesus that we build this relationship not only with our heavenly Father but with our fellow believers.

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WHO'S WHO?

These are the ordained staff and Church Wardens of St Paul's and introduce themselves to you in the following profiles:



Rupert Mackay is married to Hillary, a local teacher at Queenswood School and they have four children, Victoria, Jamie, Nick and Lexi. He has been involved in Christian service for over 30 years and was ordained into the church of England in 2000. He has served within two churches in the city of London and Cheshire along with working within Lymington camps in the 1990's.

Jill Northam was ordained Deacon in the Church of England in 1989 but has been a member of St Paul's for much longer than that. Jill has lived in Hadley Wood for over 40 years and raised her family here. Jill left teaching to study theology at Oak Hill College in Southgate and since then has worked as Assistant Minister here.



Martin Politzer was elected Church Warden in 2009 and combines these responsibilities with leading the Sunday School team with his wife Kim who works in Fund Management. He works as a Business Analyst. They live in Barnet and have two grown-up daughters Eleanor and Hannah.



Tania Hawkins was elected as Church Warden in 2015. Tania was a Nursery Manager of Grange Park Girls Prep School Nursery and is married to David who is our treasurer. They live in Hadley Wood and have two children, Claudia and George.

Responsibility for the care and management of St Paul's is shared between many different people. The ordained team of Rupert Mackay and Jill Northam, which is joined by others at various times, has detailed oversight and responsibility for the Christian ministry.

The Wardens and Church Council review the Christian ministry and have responsibility for the finances, buildings and organisation. This Council is elected annually at the AGM (usually in April) and meets monthly in order to monitor the work of the church and discuss future plans and new initiatives for the benefit of all who live in Hadley Wood. Our properties are owned on behalf of the residents of Hadley Wood by a group of five Trustees who also take an active interest in the maintenance, care and development of the buildings and grounds.

The Chairman of the St Paul's Trustees is John Hall who is an active member of our church family and regularly preaches and teaches within the Hadley Wood area. John is married to Julie and they have three grown up children who all attended our church Sunday School.

Every member of St Paul's is encouraged to play an active role in supporting and caring for one another as well as contributing to the overall work and ministry of the Church here in Hadley Wood. We are an every member ministry that encourages everyone to be involved as much as they can.

CHURCH COUNCIL

Our Church Council is responsible for the overall management of the affairs of St Paul's. We meet on the first Tuesday of every month to review the previous services and activities and to plan for future events. The Church Council pray regularly for the work of the church and seek to ensure that the gospel is faithfully proclaimed. They also try to keep abreast of the major issues that concern the wider church.



Alison Ruoff
Council



David Hawkins
Treasurer



Kirsten Birkett
Council/Trustee



John Hall
Chairman of Trustees



Mike Daisley
Deanery/Trustee



Jane Ewer
Secretary



Barbara Williamson
Administrator



Sally Sloan
Council



**Sam Okowronko
Jnr**
Council



Mary Atkins
*Children's
Champion*



Amanda Moore
*Children's
Advocate*

WHAT HAPPENS ON A SUNDAY?

Every week there is the opportunity
to meet together to:

- Encourage one another by getting to know each other.
- Learn from God's word, the Bible
- Remember the death of Jesus Christ for our sins as we celebrate the Lord's Supper
- Pray for the growth of God's Kingdom.
- Proclaim God's wonderful love and mercy for everyone

Each Sunday has a carefully chosen theme which is explored through the sermon and picked up in the songs and prayers.

Prayers

10:00-10:10am

Join us for 10 minutes
of group prayers in the
Committee Room.



Morning Service and Kidz Church

10:30-11:40am

The whole family start
together in church and
then after 10 - 15
minutes the children
leave and go to the hall
for Kidz Church.



The Lord's Supper

First Sunday of the month

At this service we
celebrate the Lord's
Supper.



Before and after the 10.30am service there is an opportunity to chat together over refreshments which are served in the hall or garden, when the weather permits.

At major festivals, such as Christmas and Easter, these arrangements may vary and should be checked in advance on our website or on leaflets handed out.

Cash collections are taken at all the main services and regular members are encouraged to give in a more systematic way through covenants, direct debit and Gift Aid. If you are a UK taxpayer, you are encouraged to use the gift aid envelopes which can be found in the pews as this enables us to claim back the tax on your gift.



CHILDREN

At St Paul's we aim to create a friendly and caring environment in which children can learn about the wonderful truths of the Bible and at the same time be a valued part of our church family.

Crèche

Babies

Sundays 10.30am - 11.40am

During our Sunday morning service the Committee Room is available for parents with young children and babies. It has a wide array of toys and plenty of space. Parents are also still able to listen to the sermon over the speaker system.

Rompers

(newborns-toddlers)

Tuesday 9.30 - 11.30am

Rompers is a free playgroup open to all 0-4 year olds every term time Tuesday starting at 9.30am and finishing at 11.30am with drinks and snacks. Singing and dancing at around 10.30am followed by an interactive Bible story. All welcome.

Kidz Church

(2-11 years)

Sundays 10.30am - 11.40am

Kidz Church allows children to grow in their love and knowledge of our wonderful God through prayer, praise and play. Each week the children focus on a passage from the bible and take part in fun and relevant activities including games, dress up and crafts that they can take home.

Special Events:

During the year we hold special events in Kidz Church. At the end of the summer term there is a 'Summer Surprise' when all join together for a picnic and barbecue in the Church grounds. At Christmas the Nativity Play is always a high spot in the festivities. This provides an opportunity for the children to display their acting talents as Wise Men, shepherds and of course angels!

Children's Advocate:

Because we value our children so highly we take the responsibility of their safety and well-being very seriously and have a trained Children's Champion to safeguard their interests – Mary Atkins.

The Teaching Team:

At St Paul's we are fortunate to have a dedicated team of teachers who devote a tremendous amount of time to the preparation of the lessons and activities as they recognise the importance of this task.

DBS Checks:

All teachers and helpers working with our children are DBS checked and careful records of their checks are kept.

YOUTH

The youth group for teenagers (11+) meets on advertised Sundays between 5 and 6pm in the Parsonage. They meet together for a relaxed hour of games, chats and a look at the bible. Everyone is welcome.

MID-WEEK ACTIVITIES

The life of St Paul's is by no means restricted to Sundays. We have developed a wide range of mid-week activities to provide maximum flexibility and opportunity for Christian growth and fellowship.

CHRISTIANITY|EXPLORED

is our Christian basics programme and consists of a leisurely exploration of the Gospel of Mark. Normally meeting in someone's home, a warm welcome is assured and the opportunity to air any questions you like is part of the fun.

Occasionally we run events in the local golf club or hotel in order to help people investigate the Christian faith. A speaker on the topic will open up the issue, which will lead to discussions and further questions. Previous events have been held on the issue of suffering and science v religion along with people's personal accounts of faith.

Bible Study Groups

meet on most days of the week, either during the day or in the evenings. Some groups are men only, others are women only and some are for both men and women. These provide the encouragement and stimulus many of us need to read the Bible with increasing understanding and to learn to pray regularly. New members are always welcome, and no specialist knowledge is required – just a desire to grow in faith and understanding. Over a number of years, the entire Bible can be read and discussed in this way and many have found this a rewarding and valuable way forward in their faith in Christ Jesus.

Meeting Point:

is a study group designed mainly for our Senior Citizens. It meets weekly on a Wednesday morning and has a warm atmosphere of friendship and mutual support. There is a termly study programme, which concludes with a lunch.

Church Weekend Away

These are held occasionally and enable us to get to know one another better as we stay at a nearby hotel with a full programme of talks from a guest speaker; activities for all the family plus opportunities to ask questions and discuss various topics that have been raised. There is also a full children's programme and child care organised.

Special Weekend Activities

Our Centenary celebrations and our More Than Gold (Olympics Style) weekend have also given opportunities to welcome the community into the church fellowship. Local residents joined us running around the Crescent in the Fun Run, took part in the 'It's a knock out' competition and the dog show proved very popular with all.

Days Out

In support of the Bible Study groups, trips out to Bunyan Country, British Museum and other places of interest are arranged.

8. MISSION PROGRAMME

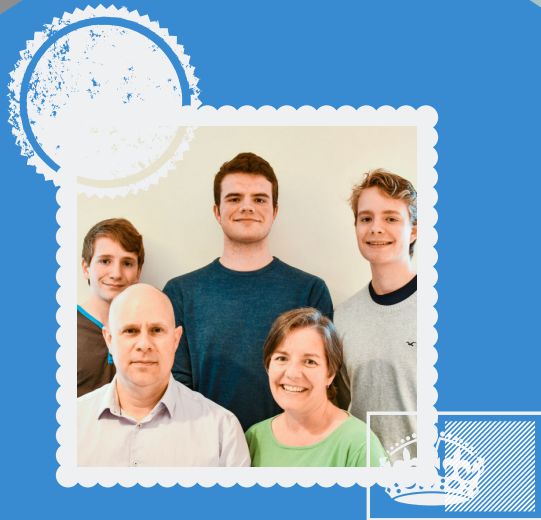


God's plan is that all nations should acknowledge Jesus as the Christ and that repentance and forgiveness of sins be preached to all nations. Our aim is to pray for and support individuals engaged in mission work some of whom have gone out from this church family, and once a month we are updated on our mission partner news and pray for them.

Our Mission Partners:

Steve & Katie Machell

work with Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF). Steve re-trained as a commercial pilot in order to work as a mission pilot with (MAF) and he headed up the work in Kenya. Katie is a former member of our church and continues her work alongside Steve in publicity and promotion of MAF. They are currently on home assignment in the UK but will look to going out to Africa within a year.



Andy and Zsófi Oatridge

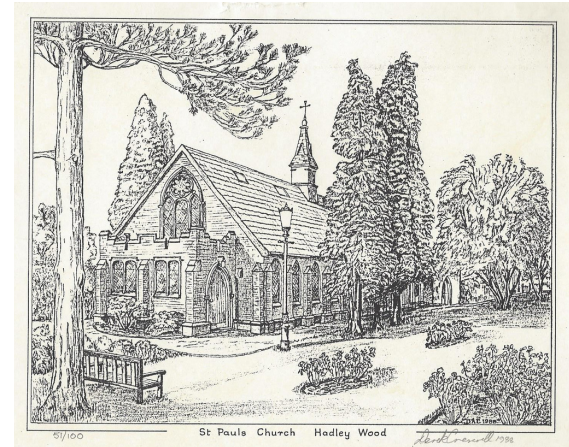
are living in Hungary, running the Acorn Camps, helping the Hungarian Church reach teenagers for Christ. We have had a long partnership with them as they lived in Hadley Wood while Andy trained at Oak Hill Theological College. They often make an annual visit to us and some of our church family have been out to visit them in Hungary.



9. St Paul's Church, Hadley Wood

A Brief History

St Paul's Church, Hadley Wood, is comparatively speaking, a modern church. In a sense it owes its origin to the reluctance of Hadley Wood residents to walk to the parish church at Cockfosters – and indeed the parish church in turn owes its origin to the reluctance of the villagers of Cockfosters to walk to their parish church in Enfield. In 1839, Christ Church Cockfosters, founded by Robert Bevan of Trent Park (a member of the family who created Barclays Bank), became the parish church of the new parish of Trent.



When the first houses were built in Hadley Wood in the 1880's around the railway station, which opened in 1885, the residents either drove in their carriages by road to Christ Church or walked through the woods. In fact a sizeable proportion of the congregation at Christ Church came from Hadley Wood, for Cockfosters remained little more than a village until the Piccadilly Line burst upon it in the 1930's.

In the opening years of the last century, the people of Hadley Wood felt they wanted a church nearer home. At first, Sunday evening services began to be held in St Ronan's School hall (this was eventually pulled down in the early 1960's.) These were led by the Rev. Walter MacKinnon, who was the curate of

Christ Church. He lived in Hadley Wood and, being a young bachelor who cut a dashing figure on his motor bike, was very popular with the young ladies of Hadley Wood.

However, St Ronan's provided only a temporary answer to the need for a church building in Hadley Wood, and in 1910 the Jack Estate gave the land on which the church now stands to the trustees and plans were drawn up for the building of what was then called 'the Church Room'. An appeal was launched locally, and the residents responded promptly and generously with an average gift of £15 per household – a considerable sum in those days – towards the £1,500 needed.

Things moved fast, and on 31 March 1911 the Church Room was dedicated by the Bishop of Islington. It was not until 1936 that the Church Room came to be called 'St Paul's Church'. In the early days it was only a part-time church. It was furnished with chairs (one or two still survive) and the chancel could be screened off by drawing a large red curtain across it. During the 1914-1918 war, the Church Room served as a canteen and recreation room for servicemen stationed in Hadley Wood, and was also used for lectures and evening meetings. It seems that only evening services were held there until 1923, when regular morning services were added.



St Paul's Church in the 1930s

The congregation thus became independent of the congregation at the parish church, and in the decade which followed St Paul's became, in effect, a parish within a parish, with its own minister, its own finances, church committee and wardens. The land and buildings continued to be owned by trustees. These arrangements have worked extremely well and continue to this day. St Paul's is the only Christian church within the boundaries of Hadley Wood and whilst the Minister and its regular services are Anglican, there is no requirement for members to belong to any particular denomination. From the beginning St Paul's has sought to 'wear its Anglicanism lightly' and a ready welcome awaits all who love Christ or who want to find Him for themselves.



After the Second World War, the chairs were replaced by pews from a bombed London church, and the ancient pipe organ gave place to an electric organ. This remained in use until November 1991 when the present digital Clavinova was installed. The original Parsonage at 5 Lancaster Avenue was exchanged for 32 Crescent East in 1959 and its billiard room provided an extremely useful, if rather small, church hall. The present church hall attached to the church was built in 1977 and paid for by local residents.

Following the building of a new Parsonage at the foot of the church grounds in 1988, number 32 was sold and a hall extension was built in 1990 to provide extra space and facilities. At the same time, the church grounds were improved, and an access road built to the new hall entrance.

In 1992 an interior improvement project was launched, this has resulted in the inside of the building being tastefully transformed into a modern, attractive and flexible meeting place. An up to date PA system includes a loop to assist the hard of hearing and radio microphones to enable the speaker to be heard on even the most crowded of occasions. In 1999 the Bishop of London conferred parish status on St Paul's Church which included the right to appoint an independent Minister, and the Millennium was marked by the installation of a bell cast in the famous Whitechapel Foundry, the restoration of a cross on the church tower, designed by students from Barnet College, and floodlighting of the church buildings.

Thus, over the years our church buildings have been adapted to meet the changing needs of Hadley Wood. But, of course, the buildings do not constitute the church; it is the people who are the church and this Welcome Pack throws the spotlight on just a few. We hope you will want to meet the rest of them and take your place in the life and work of your local neighbourhood church.



Jill Northam appointed as Associate Minister - 1989

St Paul's GDPR Consent and Electoral Roll

Keeping in Touch

We would love to keep in touch with you. At St Paul's your privacy is important to us, so in keeping with the GDPR 2018, in order to communicate with you about the church and its activities, we would appreciate it if you would also fill out the attached consent form on the green form.

Electoral Roll

If you would like to join our church family and be entered onto the electoral roll, please fill out the reverse of the green form provided in this pack.

Which of St Paul's activities would you be interested in?

Sunday Church 10.30am ☐

Kidz Church (2-11) ☐

Youth Group (11+) ☐

A Bible Study Group ☐

Christianity Explored ☐

Other.....
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Please hand this into the office with your green form.



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A soft-focus photograph of a church with a steep gabled roof and a small steeple, partially covered in snow. The foreground is filled with snow-covered tree branches, some of which are in sharp focus. The overall atmosphere is quiet and wintry.

*Thank You for
Visting*