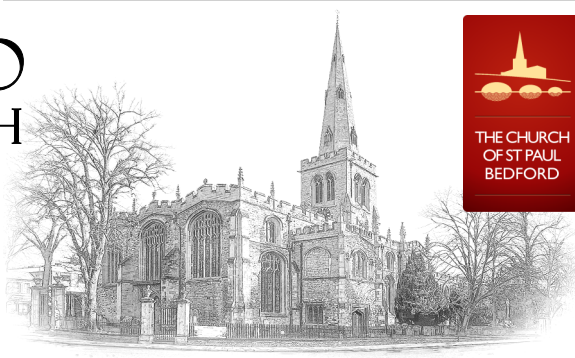


WELCOME TO ST PAUL'S CHURCH

29 JUNE 2025

PETER AND PAUL,
APOSTLES



THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday 29 June

10.15am Parish Eucharist

After the service ~

The Blessing of the River Great Ouse

Tuesday 1 July

1.00pm Lunchtime Recital

Wednesday 2 July

11.00am Coffee & Chat

12noon Eucharist

Saturday 5 July

1.00pm Wedding of

Freddie Linsley & Verity Wootton

Sunday 6 July

10.15am Parish Eucharist

5.30pm Compline with Address

NEW TO ST PAUL'S ?

Do introduce yourself to the clergy and fill in one of our 'Keep in Touch' forms, at the back of church.

Communion If you receive Communion in your own church, please share with us today. If you would prefer a blessing, please come forward but keep your head bowed. Gluten free wafers are available; please ask a welcomer to help.



Accessibility To use our loop system, set hearing aids to 'T'. The directions for posture in the liturgy are for guidance. If standing is difficult, please feel free to remain seated.

Toilets including an accessible toilet with changing table are through the glass doors at the back of church.

Children are always welcome at our services.

There is a table at the back left hand side with books and toys.

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PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES

Hymn 499 Lift high the cross

GREETING AND OPENING PRAYER

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

GLORIA

THE COLLECT:

Almighty God, whose blessed apostles Peter and Paul glorified you in their death as in their life: grant that your Church, inspired by their teaching and example, and made one by your Spirit, may ever stand firm upon the one foundation, Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Acts 12: 1-11

About that time King Herod laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword. After he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. (This was during the festival of Unleavened Bread.) When he had seized him, he put him in prison and handed him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending to bring him out to the people after the Passover. While Peter was kept in prison, the church prayed fervently to God for him.

The very night before Herod was going to bring him out, Peter, bound with two chains, was sleeping between two soldiers, while guards in front of the door were keeping watch over the prison. Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the cell. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him, saying, 'Get up quickly.' And the chains fell off his wrists.

The angel said to him, 'Fasten your belt and put on your sandals.' He did so. Then he said to him, 'Wrap your cloak around you and follow me.' Peter went out and followed him; he did not realize that what was happening with the angel's help was real; he thought he was seeing a vision. After they had passed the first and the second guard, they came before the iron gate leading into the city. It opened for them of its own accord, and they went outside and walked along a lane, when suddenly the angel left him. Then Peter came to himself and said, 'Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hands of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting.'

2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 17-18

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.



Matthew 16: 13-19

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.'

ADDRESS

THE CREED

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

THE PEACE

Hymn 475 Immortal love, for ever full

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER AND GIVING OF COMMUNION


Hymn 565 Rock of ages, cleft for me

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

NOTICES

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Hymn 470 I, the Lord of sea and sky



‘...and on this rock
I will build my church,
and the gates of Hades
will not prevail against it.

I will give you the keys
of the kingdom of heaven,
and whatever you bind on earth
will be bound in heaven,
and whatever you loose on earth
will be loosed in heaven.’

Matthew 16: 18-19

Weekly notices

The Blessing of the River Great Ouse will take place immediately after our service today, weather permitting. Everyone is welcome to join us for this short blessing.

Howbury Hall, Renhold, Open Garden TODAY 2.00pm - 5.00pm. Tickets £6.00. Children under 12 free. In aid of the St Paul's Church Tower, Clock & Bells Appeal. Walled garden, cut flowers, fruit trees and woodland. Tea and Cakes.

Tuesday Lunchtime Recital 1 July 1.00pm. Musicians from Bedford Modern School will be giving our recital, which is free to attend with a retiring collection, suggested minimum £5.

Coffee Morning ~ Wednesdays at 11.00am before the noon Eucharist service.

Saturday 5 July NO EUCHARIST due to a wedding

New Parking Permits To park in the car park you need to be on church business and display a parking permit in your vehicle. Permits can be renewed by completing and returning the permit form to the office.

St Paul's Church Festival Saturday 12 July 10.00am - 5.00pm. 10.30am Guided Church and Tower Tour, 1.00pm Organ Recital, activities. All day refreshments, Take a flyer and see our Facebook page for details.

'A Tree in Whose Shadow You Can Rest, The Annals of St Etheldreda's Ed: Sister Hazel Smith. The last few copies now on sale by donation to St Paul's Church
Suggested minimum donation £5.00

Morning Prayer

9.00am Monday to Saturday, via Zoom
Meeting ID 98213650148
Password 3GQ8s7

Weekly Prayers for the Parish

- 29 Melbourne Street and Ampthill Street
- 30 Cauldwell Street and Cauldwell Place
- 1 July Ashburnham Road, The Finches and Bishopstone Court
- 2 Bromham Road, Woburn Road and Braemar Court
- 3 Alexandra Road, Alexandra Place and The Avenue
- 4 Conduit Road, Brereton Road and Church Street
- 5 Midland Road, Western Street and Priory Street

For your prayers

Daily: Pat Tollman
Derek Jones
Simon Houfe
John Uncles

Mon: Robin James
Tue: David Price
Wed: Timothy Robb
Thurs: Bernard Clare
Gavin Mills
Fri: Olenka Kinsella
Sat: Joe Kinsella
Brian Taylor

RIP

Year's mind:

Norman Harpham	1 July
Anne Barker	1
Robi Dinnsen	2
Glencairn Balfour-Paul	2
Lily Alice Holden	2
Raymond Stephen Satur	5