

ST PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH Burwood

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Laetare Sunday

Sunday 30 March 2025

8:00AM SAID EUCHARIST

Welcome to St Paul's

We warmly welcome you and are glad that you have come to worship God with us today on the Fourth Sunday in Lent, also known as *Laetare Sunday*.

Whether you are visiting for a short while, have moved here and are joining our Parish, or are returning to your faith, I welcome you to St Paul's Anglican Church, Burwood.

This historic church, dedicated to St Paul the Apostle & Martyr, was designed by the Australian colonial architect Edmund Blacket. It had its foundation stone laid on 29 July 1871 and the first service was held in the church on Saturday 27 April 1872. Since its earliest days St Paul's has maintained a fine reputation for liturgy and music in the Tractarian tradition.

We are very glad that you are here and we look forward to getting to know you. Refreshments (tea/coffee), when served, are available in the Parish Hall immediately following the service. The hall can be found by turning left when leaving the church.

May God richly bless you!

Peace, Fr James Collins OAM Rector

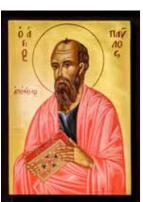
Please take this order of service home.

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Use this QR code to update your details in our parish database and ensure you are kept up-to-date with everything going on at St Paul's Burwood.

Alternatively, you can contact the parish office by phone: (02) 9747 4327 or email: info@stpaulsburwood.org.au



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Cover Photo: Reredos Window (detail); Photo: Des Chu Icon (left): Icon of St Paul in the Chapel of Our Lady Please stand as the bell is rung and the sanctuary party processes to the chancel.

Greeting

♣ Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins, whose mercy endures for ever.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The priest continues with the opening sentence:

God has reconciled us to himself through Christ, and given us the ministry of reconciliation.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Kyrie eleison

The congregation repeats each petition after the priest.

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Collect

All remain standing for the collect of the day.

God of compassion, you are slow to anger, and full of mercy, welcoming sinners who return to you with penitent hearts: receive in your loving embrace all who come home to you, and seat them at your bountiful table, that, with all your children, they may feast with delight on all that satisfies the hungry heart. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Please sit for the readings and psalm.

First Reading: Joshua 5.2–12

At the end of the reading:

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: 32

The verses are said alternately between the reader and the congregation. Please observe a short break at the colon in the middle of each verse.

- Blessed are those whose sin is forgiven: (pause) whose iniquity is put away.
- 2 Blessed are those to whom the Lord imputes no blame: (pause) and in whose spirit there is no guile.
- For whilst I held my tongue: (pause)
 my bones wasted away with my daily complaining.
- 4 Your hand was heavy upon me day and night: (pause) and my moisture was dried up like a drought in summer.
- 5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you: *(pause)* and my iniquity I did not hide;
- I said 'I will confess my transgressions to the Lord': (pause) and so you forgave the wickedness of my sin.
- For this cause shall everyone that is faithful make their prayer to you in the day of trouble: (pause) and in the time of the great water flood, it shall not come near them.
- You are a place to hide me in, you will preserve me from trouble: (pause) you will surround me with deliverance on every side.
- 9 'I will instruct you, and direct you in the way that you should go: (pause)
 I will fasten my eye upon you, and give you counsel.
- 10 'Be not like horse or mule, that have no understanding: (pause) whose forward course must be curbed with bit and bridle.'
- 11 Great tribulations remain for the ungodly: (pause) but whoever puts their trust in the Lord, mercy embraces them on every side.
- 12 Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous, and be glad: (pause) and shout for joy, all you that are true of heart.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5.16–21

At the end of the reading:
For the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the gradual hymn.

Gradual Hymn RENDEZ ÁDIEU 98 98 D

Ps 118 in the Genevan Psalter 1543 Adapted or composed by Louis Bourgeois (c.1510-61) Harmony by R.V.W. based on the Scottish version of 1664



- 1 When all the world to life is waking,
 And night withdraws from earth and sky,
 Creation's song to thee is making
 Its praises heard, O Lord most high.
 Thine is the splendour of the morning,
 Thine is the evening's tranquil light;
 Thine, too, the veil which till the dawning
 Shrouds all the earth in peaceful night.
- 2 Maker of worlds beyond our knowing,
 Realms which no human eye can scan,
 Yet by a wondrous love bestowing
 Through Christ thy saving aid to man;
 Lord, while the hymns of all creation
 Rise ever to thy throne above,
 We too would join in adoration,
 Owning thee God of changeless love.

Jack Winslow (1882-1974)

Remain standing for the gospel.

Gospel: Luke 15.11–32

Glory to you, Word of God; Lord Jesus Christ.

Glory to you, Word of God; Lord Jesus Christ.

I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life.

Glory to you, Word of God; Lord Jesus Christ.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

♣ A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke. Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

After the Gospel:

For the Gospel of the Lord,
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

Fr Mark Battison *Honorary Assistant Priest*

Please stand for the Creed.

Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

Please kneel for the prayers.

Prayers of the Faithful.

The following response is used:

Lord, the giver of all goodness:

Hear our prayer.

At the end of the prayers, the following is recited:

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.

Grant that what we have asked in faith we may by your grace receive, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A selection of Scripture sentences may be used, concluding with the Prayer of Approach:

We do not presume to come to your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him and he in us. Amen.

Confession and Absolution

The priest introduces the confession.

Compassion and forgiveness belong to the Lord our God, though we have rebelled and wandered far off.

(Silence may be kept)

Let us then ask for mercy, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

Merciful God,

our maker and our judge, we have sinned against you

in thought, word and deed, and in what we have failed to do:

we have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;

we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.

Father, forgive us.

Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The priest pronounces the Absolution

Almighty God, who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith:

♣ pardon you and set you free from all your sins,

strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

All stand.

Greeting of Peace

The priest introduces the Greeting of Peace with the following words:

Christ has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross.

We meet in his name and share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

The greeting of peace is exchanged through a bow towards those seated around you.

Please remain standing for the offertory hymn on the next page.

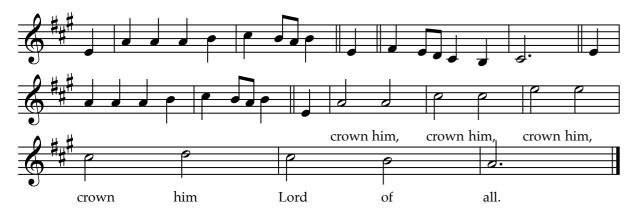
An offertory is taken for the work of the parish. This can be done in cash via the collection plate, direct debit using the details on page 19 or by scanning the QR code to make your offering directly from your mobile phone.



There is also a donation point at the West Door where you can tap your card.

Offertory Hymn MILES LANE CM

William Shrubsole (1760-1806)



- 1 All hail the power of Jesu's name; Let angels prostrate fall; Bring forth the royal diadem To crown him Lord of all.
- 4 Ye seed of Israel's chosen race, Ye ransomed of the fall, Hail him who saves you by his grace, And crown him Lord of all.
- 2 Crown him, ye morning stars of light, 5 Hail him, ye heirs of David's line, Who fixed this floating ball; Now hail the Strength of Israel's might, And crown him Lord of all.
 - Whom David Lord did call; The God incarnate, Man divine, And crown him Lord of all.
- 3 Crown him, ye martyrs of your God, Who from his altar call; Praise him whose way of pain ye trod, And crown him Lord of all.
- 6 Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget The wormwood and the gall, Go spread your trophies at his feet, And crown him Lord of all.
- 7 Let every tribe and every tongue To him their hearts enthral, Lift high the universal song, And crown him Lord of all.

Edward Perronet (1726-92) and others

The Preparation

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you: fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life.

Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the wine we offer you: fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become our spiritual drink.

Blessed be God for ever.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The priest continues with the Prayer of Thanksgiving.

Sanctus & Benedictus

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

♣ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest.

Please kneel. The priest then continues with the Prayer of Consecration.

Memorial Acclamation

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

- Renew us by your Holy Spirit, unite us in the body of your Son, and bring us with all your people into the joy of your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, we worship you, Father, in songs of never-ending praise:
 - Blessing and honour and glory and power, are yours for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever, Amen.

The breaking of the bread

The priest breaks the bread and says the following:

[We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.] We who are many are one body,

for we all share in the one bread.

Agnus Dei

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us. Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us. Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.

Invitation to Communion

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper.

Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.

Communion

Communion is distributed along the full length of the communion rail.

Please form a single line on the Organ side of the nave and return on the Pulpit side.

Post-Communion Prayer

The priest says the following seasonal prayer:

God of mercy, may we who have shared in this holy meal know your forgiveness in our lives, bring your reconciliation to others, and be a sign of your wholeness in this broken world.

Father, we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice through Jesus Christ our Lord. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

Blessing

The priest says this seasonal Blessing:

Christ our Saviour draw you to himself, that you may find in him crucified a sure ground for faith, a firm support for hope, and the assurance of sin forgiven; and the blessing of God almighty, ♣ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

№ In the name of Christ, Amen.

Please stand to sing the final hymn.

Final Hymn

CWM RHONDDA 87 87 47

John Hughes (1873-1932)



- 1 Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
 Pilgrim through this barren land;
 I am weak, but thou art mighty,
 Hold me with thy powerful hand:
 Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
 Feed me till I want no more;
 Feed me till I want no more.
- 2 Open now the crystal fountain
 Whence the healing stream doth flow;
 Let the fire and cloudy pillar
 Lead me all my journey through:
 Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
 Be thou still my strength and shield;
 Be thou still my strength and shield.
- 3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,
 Bid my anxious fears subside;
 Death of death, and hell's Destruction
 Land me safe on Canaan's side:
 Songs of praises; songs of praises
 I will ever give to thee;
 I will ever give to thee.

Welsh, William Williams (1717-91) *Tr.* Peter Williams (1727-96) and others

Please sit for the notices.

Postlude

Pavana

William Byrd (1543-1623)

To maintain the prayerfulness of the liturgy, it is requested that there be no applause at the end of the organ postlude. Please be mindful of those who wish to stay and listen.

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Next Week's Readings

Sunday 6 April – Fifth Sunday in Lent

OT: Isaiah 43.16-21 **PS**: 126

NT: Philippians 3.3-14 Gospel: John 12.1-8

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Parish Notices

Lenten Book Discussion Group Led by Kerin Brown

Book: Julian of Norwich: Wisdom in a Time of Pandemic - and Beyond by Matthew Fox and Mirabai Starr. Available on Kindle at \$9.89 or \$26.34 on paperback. ISBN 10 1663208689.

Background: This historical biography follows the extraordinary life of Julian of Norwich who lived through the bubonic plague that killed almost 50% of Europeans. As a theologian way ahead of her time she developed a feminist understanding of God as mother at the heart of nature's goodness.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 1st April at 7:00pm on Zoom.

Book Offer: Peter Keenan has offered to buy books with payment up front - to confirm interest in the book offer refer to Phillip's contact below.

Contact: To confirm your interest in joining the Zoom meetings email Phillip Seale phillip@pscontracting.com.au or Mob: 0405 198 420

Fridays in Lent

As part of your Lenten discipline, why not join us for Evening Prayer and Holy Communion on Friday. Beginning at 5:30pm, it is a lovely meditative way to end the week. Enter through the Belltower porch.

Morning Tea Donations

The Credit Card Machine which was in the kitchen is no longer available. Please bring coins as a donation for morning tea.

Trading Table

We look forward to serving you with our butters, chutneys/pickles and marmalades. Books \$2 each, near new \$3

DVD's \$1 & CD's available at \$1 each

Name Badges

Don't forget to wear your name badge so that newcomers can get to know you. If you are a new parishioner and need a name badge, please fill out the form at the back of the church. Thank you.

Polishing Brass and Communion Vessels, Dusting, Cleaning and Gardening We will have a busy bee at the Church on Holy Saturday 19 April at 10.00am. Please bring some soft rags with you and come along and help to make St Paul's look beautiful for Easter.

If you prefer to be outdoors, we also need help to tidy up the grounds and gardens.

Who Owns the Holy Land?

There will be a panel discussion hosted by Palestine Israel Ecumenical Network (PIEN) where Muslim, Jewish and Christian voices share their stories and visions for peace. It will be held on Thursday 3rd of April at 6.30pm in the hall of St Paul's Anglican Church, Burwood.

The link to book tickets is: https://events.humanitix.com/who-owns-the-holy-land-sydney

2025 Sydney Anglican Diocese Chrism Eucharist

This year Chrism Eucharist will be held at Christ Church St. Laurence, George Street, Sydney on Tuesday 15th April at 11am. Bishop Michael Stead will preside and preach. All clergy and lay ministers are invited to robe (cassock and cotta/surplice or alb, and white stole as appropriate) and to renew their vows. The oils will be available after the service for decanting into parish stocks. Clergy and laity are warmly invited to a light lunch in the parish hall. There is no need to RSVP for the luncheon. However, it would be helpful to know how many clergy and lay readers will be robing for the service. Please send this information to Peter Bruce (Parish Administrator) office@ccsl.org.au or 9211 0560 no later than Friday 11 April.

Join us for our next Parish Lunch

St Paul's Parish Lunch will be held at Burwood RSL Club on **Sunday 13th April at 12.30pm** at 96 Shaftesbury Rd, Burwood.

Please Contact Phillip Seale on 0405 198 420 or at phillip@pscontracting.com.au to confirm you will be attending or need a lift.

Please wear your name tag so we can get to know each other better.

You will need a driver's licence or other ID to enter the club. If you wish to join the club it is a \$2 membership fee per year.

Please note that the Parish Lunch, is held on the second Sunday of the month.

Pew Reflections - Anglican Board of Mission

Lent 4 C – Sunday 30 March 2025

Joshua 5.2-12; Psalm 32; 2 Corinthians 5.16-21; Luke 15.11-32

Today we read the familiar story about the Prodigal Son. For some of us it's easy to feel that we take on the role of the older son, always there, usually ignored. But the point of the story is to show us that God's love is there for us, no matter how much of a mess we have turned our lives into. When we're in the mud surrounded by the swine – a desperate situation for a pious Jew – we should remember that God is always willing to welcome us home with a warm embrace and a party.

- Pray that all who would benefit from returning to God would do so, firm in the knowledge that a warm welcome awaits.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of the Church of North India.

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Parish Prayer List

In the Anglican cycle of prayer we pray for the Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo.

In our Parish cycle of prayer we pray for all who seek reconciliation with God through the sacraments of the Church.

We bring before God those in our community who need the reassurance of your loving care for them. We pray particularly for:

Florence, David, Elaine Gow, Richard Gore, John, Terry and Betsy McKay, Vanessa McNeill, Phil, Pam Priest, Barbara Stone, Joyce Bannister, Monsignor Kerry Bayada, Barry Brandy, Belinda, Dale Berry, John Burns, Betty Daniels, Debbie, Elsie Dunnam, Margery and Peter Foss, Merle Gorman, Malcolm Green, Jean Greenwood, Gwen Hackett, Barbara Hawkins, David Holland, Karen, Enid Kell, Terry Kelly, Helen Kingsley, Larry Howley, Lily, Clyde Livingstone, Melissa Moore, Sally Palmer, Winnie Pang, Yolande Phillips, Michelle Phillips, Mark Roberts, Peter Sorensen, Sylvia, Anne Wardle, Bill Whittle, Bob Woods, and others known to us.

We pray for their carers, medical staff and families.

We pray too for those we have loved and lost for just a while, particularly Chris Commerford, Judith Carulli, our mothers and grandmothers and those whose year's mind occurs at this time:

Ronald Norman, Valerie Climpson, John Ploughman, Dianna Wampler, Gladys Fuller, Bill Brown, Margot Kennedy, Audrey McBurney, Selina(Pearl) Johnston, Norman Stapleton, Marjorie Allen, Roy Romer, Lynton Bond, Maria Ricci.

♣ May they rest in peace and rise with Christ in glory.

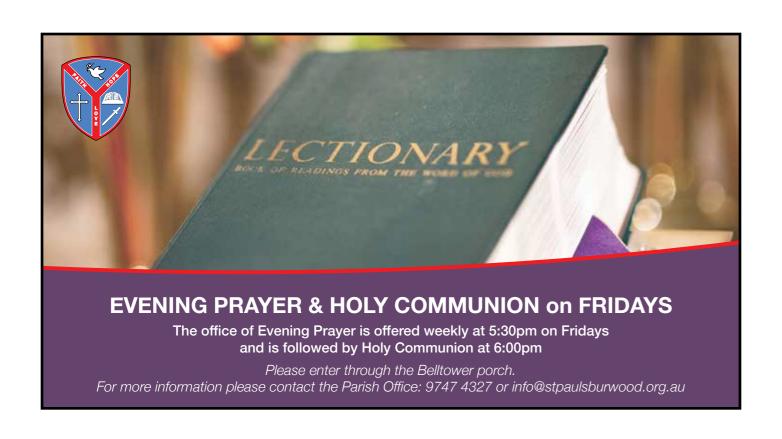


The flowers in the church today are given by Alan Fuller in thanks to God and in loving memory of his mother:

Gladys Amelia Fuller

whose years' mind is 28 March.

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THURSDAY 17 April 2025 – WATCH OF THE PASSION

At the end of the Maundy Thursday liturgy there will be a prayer vigil in the Chapel of our Lord's Passion in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.

Parishioners are invited to participate in this silent meditation for any length of time between 7:30pm and 10:30pm.

Sung Compline will take place at 9:00pm.



PALM SUNDAY – 13 APRIL 2025 8:00am Said Eucharist

with Blessing of Palms

10:00am Choral Eucharist

with Blessing of Palms & Procession

MONDAY, TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK 6:00pm Said Eucharist

enter through the Belltower porch



EASTER @ ST PAUL'S 2025



Maundy Thursday – 17 April

6:00pm Choral Eucharist & Foot Washing

9:00pm Compline

Good Friday – 18 April

9:00am Solemn Liturgy with Choir

Easter Eve – 19 April

9:30pm Choral Eucharist

& Blessing of the New Fire



Easter Day – 20 April

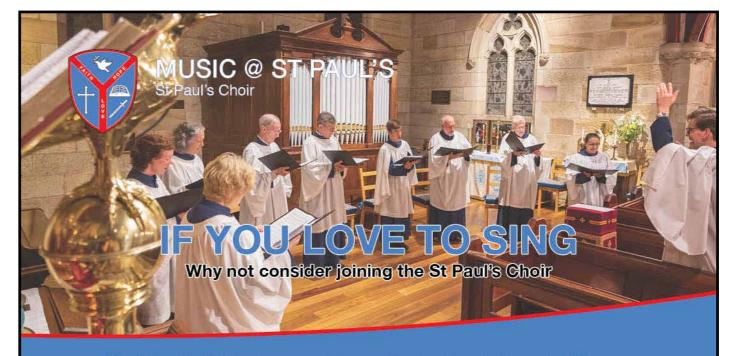
8:00am Said Eucharist

10:00am Choral Eucharist & Procession



ARE YOU INTERESTED IN JOINING OUR TEAM OF ALTAR SERVERS?

If you would like to know more about this historic ministry, please contact the Head Server, Brian Luhr (sacristan@stpaulsburwood.org.au)



The St Paul's Choir has been providing quality choral music for nearly 150 years.

The choir's repertoire spans over a thousand years from 10th century Gregorian chant to the music of the 21st century.

JOIN NOW!

to sing the musical treasures of the Church & help keep Church Music alive.

For more information please contact the Director of Music, David Russell (music@stpaulsburwood.org.au)

Offertory

Collection and other donations from 21st March – 26th March 2025:

Offertory: \$2,062.35 Parish Pantry: \$105.00

TOTAL GIVING: \$2,167.35

Thank you for responding to God's generous love.

Support us @ St Paul's



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General Offertory / Donation Account

St Paul's Anglican Church Account Name:

> BSB: 032-062 Acc: 250 028

Parish Pantry Account

Parish Pantry Account Name:

> BSB: 032-062 Acc: 812 238

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National Trust of Australia (NSW) St Paul's Anglican Account Name:

Church Burwood

BSB: 032-044 Acc: 742 926 donations over \$2 are tax-deductible

Donations & Bequests

"I bequeath the sum of \$ to the Rector and Wardens of the Anglican parish of St Paul's Burwood, to be used at their absolute discretion for the charitable or other beneficial purposes of the parish."

Wills

Mark Squire (an 8:00am service parishioner) is a solicitor experienced in drafting Wills. While he does not wish to have any commercial association with the church and/or its members, he has made an offer to assist, at no cost, senior parishioners and community members who wish to make donations to the parish in their Wills.

Mark is concerned to ensure that any senior who wants to help our wonderful parish this way is not deterred by the potential cost of so doing. Mark can be contacted via the parish office – (02) 9747 4327

JOIN US @ ST PAUL'S

HOLY COMMUNION

Sundays throughout the year:

Said Eucharist – with hymns 8:00am

10:00am Choral Eucharist – with the Choir of St Paul's

Wednesdays:

10:30am Eucharist

Fridays:

5:30pm **Evening Prayer**

6:00pm Eucharist

Seasonal Services:

Choral Eucharist – with the Choir of St Paul's 6:00pm

> Special services are held during the year to mark Feast Days and other days of seasonal significance. These are advertised in the pew bulletin and on our website.

CHORAL EVENSONG

Sundays as advertised:

5:00pm Choral Evensong – with the Choir of St Paul's

For further information please visit our website: stpaulsburwood.org.au



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