

# ST PAUL'S tervuren

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## Ash Wednesday & Lent

**Nathan writes 18<sup>th</sup> Feb 2018...** We are in the season of Lent, which depending on your past church traditions could be a new concept to you or something you are very familiar with. Lent is a period of preparation before the celebration of Easter.

Lent is often seen as solemn time, a time of confession and denial. In some church traditions you are not allowed to say 'Hallelujah' during lent or allowed flowers in church, people often give up things for lent, because of this negative appearance people are turned off from engaging with the season.

Although Lent is a solemn time it is not a negative one: we think about our sin, but that only serves to make us more grateful to Jesus. And although the traditional observance is fasting we don't have to do that – there are many other ways that we can discipline ourselves. In recent years a more positive approach has arisen. People have attempted to take on new challenges, to read the Bible and pray more, to support a charity, to do more acts of kindness. The resurrection is the single most important event in history. It is the resurrection that means that we can have a relationship with God, it is the resurrection that means we can look forward to an eternity with God: it is the resurrection that proves that Jesus' death really did defeat Satan. It is the resurrection that means that we can be saved. So why not spend some time leading up to this glorious celebration remembering just how much we needed saving – just how much Jesus has forgiven us for? Being aware of our sin means that we appreciate our forgiveness – and the real miracle of Easter!

Lent is a season when we take time to realise on the one hand how bad we are and on the other how good God is! We ask God's help to make us better and better able to live life in a way that glorifies him.

We have produced a Prayer Diary to give some prayer pointers through Lent and you can sign up to the Church of England's #LiveLent e-mail or download the app with daily reflections and prayer to guide and encourage you through this lent.

## Our Services Today

9am Holy Communion @  
Church Centre  
10.30am Holy Communion  
& MEGA SPLASH @ BSB

**Next Week 25<sup>th</sup> February**  
9.00am Holy Communion @  
Church Centre  
10.30am Morning Worship  
@ BSB followed by lunch.

## MEMORY VERSE

Psalm 46:1  
God is our refuge and  
strength, an ever-present  
help in trouble.

**Collect** 1<sup>st</sup> of lent: Heavenly Father, your Son battled with the powers of darkness, and grew closer to you in the desert: help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer that we may witness to your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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### Please pray for.....

- The Turning Mission Week.
- The Alpha as it continues after the break.
- All those who are battling with being unwell & for those caring for others long distance.
- See Lent Prayer Leaflet

### Volunteer Management

**Workshop.** Open to all. Tuesday evenings 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> April 8-10pm St. Paul's Church Centre, Please see Ann Start for more information.

**24<sup>th</sup> Feb** A day together. A seminar for couples to invest in their relationship. @ Christian Centre, near Waterloo. Register [www adaytogether.org/brussels](http://www adaytogether.org/brussels)

**Lifestream 2018** Summer Festival, Herentals, Belgium. July 29<sup>th</sup> – Aug 3<sup>rd</sup> [www.life-stream.eu](http://www.life-stream.eu)

**BSB Gate Security.** If you are missing the latest grey "C 2017-2018" car window sticker on your car when entering BSB, please ask Roger Morgan or Ann Tyndall for a sticker after the Sunday service. Thanks, The Gaters.

**Save the Date!** Sam and Sara Hargreaves from Engage Worship will be coming to St Paul's to lead a Worship Workshop on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> Mar 12-5.30pm. This worship workshop is open to any who may be thinking of getting involved in either team (worship and/or sound), or indeed anyone who is just keen to learn more about worship in general?

**Bring and Share Lunch.** Everyone is welcome to stay on after the 10.30am service on 25<sup>th</sup> Feb to have lunch together. Please bring a dish of food to share (it would be really helpful if you could let Nita know if you are bringing savoury/sweet/both. [nib61@outlook.com](mailto:nib61@outlook.com)

**Join us for a sponsored cycle ride** in Nairobi, Kenya from: 7<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> July. In addition to the ride you will have the opportunity to:

- Collaborate with local cycling clubs & churches
- Teach children in the slums to ride a bike and make simple repairs
- Experience AE's impact through slum projects
- Tour independently

To get more information or to join the team please contact: Lynn Nwagbara at [l.nwagbara@aeint.org](mailto:l.nwagbara@aeint.org). Donations can be sent to African Enterprise Europe vzw account: BE71 3101 6614 9669 with the communication 'maternity clinic'. [www.africanenterprise.com](http://www.africanenterprise.com)

### The Turning: Mission Week & Follow Up

We are joining with other churches around Brussels (about 15) to take the good news of Jesus on to the streets of Brussels. There are three ways we can all be involved in this

1. The Mission Week 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb - 3<sup>rd</sup> Mar
2. Follow Up: We hope that some of our conversations will lead to people wanting to know more.
3. Pray

If you are interested or would like to know more please speak to Nathan ([nathan@stpaulstervuren.be](mailto:nathan@stpaulstervuren.be))

### **Come & Join us for Messy Church**

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February 3-5pm @ Church Centre.

**VBS Save the date.** 20-24<sup>th</sup> August 2018