

YOUTH MINISTRY NOTICES

We are still in urgent need of volunteers for Resonate and DC. Please consider whether you could help once a month or once a term. See Marc or Nicky or contact Sam Talbot at fcyouthministry3@gmail.com or [07805 446509](tel:07805446509)

ADVANCE NOTICE OF SUMMER SERVICES

Here are the details of where we'll be over the summer weeks of joint services:

Sunday 29th July - children's holiday club joint service at St James'

Sunday 5th August - joint service at St Alban's

Sunday 12th August - own churches – Holy Communion at St Alban's

Sunday 19th August – Holiday at Home service at MLBC

Sunday 26th August – joint service at St Paul's

Unless announced otherwise, there will be no children's or youth work for joint services (creche facilities are available).

Fridge magnets with these details are available!

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Fair trade goods are available in the church lounge on

Wednesdays and Thursdays 10-11.30am

Welcome to St Alban's on a big sportsday!
World Cup final, and Wimbledon men's final both happen this afternoon. These are huge occasions for the players involved, and for the nations who they are representing. They make a huge impact for a short time, but it's soon forgotten, and apart from for the individuals concerned, there's nothing lasting. As we begin a series in Paul's letter to the Ephesians, Paul is keen to stress the lasting and indeed eternal nature of what Christ has done for us: that God had chosen us from before the beginning of time, and that our choice to follow Jesus will have an impact far beyond this life, but will allow us to share in Jesus' inheritance in glory for all eternity. Paul invites us to look beyond the here and now, and raise our eyes and hearts to God.

Events this week

Sunday 15th	10.30am	Morning Worship
July	1.00pm	No 3rd Sunday
		lunch this week –
it will happen next week after Gwendoline's baptism		

Wednesday 18th	2.30pm	Holy Communion
July		

Events next week

Sunday 22nd	10.30am	Baptism service
July		with celebration
		lunch afterwards

WEEKLY PRAYER DIARY – Week beginning 15th July 2018

This week we are asked to pray for young people (see notice on the next page). Here are some prayer pointers for young people locally:

SUNDAY: We are reminded in our reading today (Ephesians 1:3-14) that God has adopted us as His children, that we are chosen by Him. There are many children who are lost, and who need adopting – some physically, but all spiritually. Pray that those who are without parents in this city, or without effective parenting, will find God to be their Father, and choose to be in His care.

MONDAY: As the Premier prayer time for our young people begins, pray for the physical places where young people gather in our area: for the recreation ground near St Paul's church; for Graveney school and the sports facilities just next door; for Furzedown Youth Centre. Pray that these will be safe spaces for young people to meet and enjoy each others' company, and that where God's people are involved, that there will be a sense of peace and harmony which attracts young people.

TUESDAY: Knife crime remains a great problem in London, and young people have been threatened at knifepoint and robbed in Furzedown recently. Pray that God will give wisdom to the authorities – the police, Mayor of London, councils, central government and schools – to put in place policies, and to provide the resources to back them up, which will encourage young people out of gangs and out of fear. Pray that young people won't feel the need to carry knives for protection, or as a 'badge' of belonging to a gang.

WEDNESDAY: Thank God for the youth work which churches have been engaged in for decades, and for the fact that the church has invested in youth workers and ministers: they are the biggest employer of youth workers in the country. Pray that the resources which are already in place will be used effectively to reach out to young people who are at risk of harm, or at risk of doing harm to others. Ask the Lord to help the church take a lead in this area, doing the risky work which can only be done because of the faith we have in God.

THURSDAY: Pray for schools in our local area, and for wisdom for teachers and other staff in spotting children and young people who may be at risk of joining gangs or being targeted by them. Pray that they will be able to access help both within and outside school when needed. Pray that they will instil the right values in young people, and that the rising generation of young people will hear the message, and turn their backs on violence, gangs and fear.

FRIDAY: Pray specifically for Furzedown Youth Centre today: for Bethany Goddard, and Steve Matthews, as they plan and lead activities, and for Steve in particular as he does outreach work on the recreation ground. Pray for all the volunteers who help on a club night, and ask that they will be able to testify to God's love and goodness in their lives, and show an example to the young people which they will want to follow. Pray for continuing safety for everyone there, and that it will be known as a place of peace and acceptance.

SATURDAY: Pray for Gwendoline as she is baptized tomorrow. Thank God for her upbringing in the Christian faith, and for her desire to commit her life to Jesus. Pray for her that her baptism will be a very special experience of God's anointing and blessing, and that she will continue to grow in Him in the years to come. Pray especially for her teenage years, that she will draw ever closer to Jesus, rather than be pulled away from Him.



Pray for our young people

Join the prayer movement starting on Monday 16th July!

Premier Christian Radio is calling the Christian community together to pray for our young people and specifically the epidemic of violence we have seen of late in our towns and cities. From the 16th July for 7 days, during the "Peace on the streets" campaign we will send a text-message containing a prayer at midday. Our aim is to have thousands of Christians praying together for our young people.

To join, simply text PEACE to 66777 or go to the Premier website at <https://www.premierchristianradio.com/Premier-Tonight-Knife-Violence-Special/Pray-for-our-young-people>

In addition, Furzedown Churches will be gathering to pray at midday each day on 'Thrale Corner', at the junction of Mitcham Lane and Thrale Road, to pray specifically for young people in our area. Do join in if you are able.