

2024-2025

PROGRAM BROCHURE



St. PAUL'S
Episcopal Church

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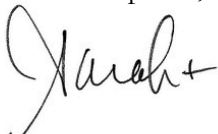
FROM OUR RECTOR

People come to St. Paul's in a variety of ways. Their unique stories often share a joyful resonance with the warmth of this vibrant community shaped by Jesus' love. Jesus enjoys this uplifting energy, too, in the Gospel of John, when he calls himself "the vine" and his friends, "branches." In this sacred relationship of mutuality, Jesus asks us to abide. In community, God provides what we need to trust and rely on in the abundant grace that flows freely through Christ, our vine.

As you consider opportunities to grow at St. Paul's in the year ahead, you may sense the Holy Spirit inviting you to more. You might long to deepen your prayers or acts of service. Perhaps you feel moved to renew your fellowship or try an outreach project. Maybe your intellect lights up at the stimulating voices in this year's preacher series. I pray you trust these stirrings. Bring your questions. Share your passions. Join a group. Serve in some new way. Lean into Christ's life of joy and freedom, flowing in these spiritual branches. Because you are an essential part of our witness to Christ's risen life in the world, which God is manifesting in fresh shoots of possibility that are greening this community.

May we trust Jesus' promise to abide with us, in every season. And if you find yourself contemplating a personal milestone this year, I welcome you to speak with me about communal resources available here to nourish your spirit. The final page of this brochure also outlines foundational sacramental experiences in our Episcopal tradition and could be a useful resource as you grow in faith at St. Paul's.

Grace and peace,



THE REV. SARAH C. STEWART



Beloved Traditions & Touchstones

September 8	Welcome BBQ 11:15am
October 4-5	Rummage Sale
October 6	St. Francis Sunday Animal Blessings 8am & 10am
October 12	Shining Saturday
November 3	All Saints' + Pledge Sunday Bishop Austin's First Visit 10am
November 10	All Souls' Sunday
November 24	Advent Festival 11:15am Giving Tree Kick-Off + <i>Great Host</i> Vinyl Release
December 8	Advent Lessons & Carols 4pm
December 15	Christmas Concert <i>ticketed</i> 4pm
December 24	Christmas Pageant 4pm Christmas Eve 10pm
December 25	Christmas Day 11am
January 5	Epiphany Sunday
January 20	MLK, Jr. Day of Service
January 26	St. Paul's Sunday

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

*Grow
Together*

SERVE

Rummage Sale Set-up
October 4-5 | 10am-3pm
The Circle needs your help with sale set up! Contact Susan Group to get involved.

MENTOR

Christmas Pageant Team
Wednesdays in December | 4-5:30pm
We need teen leaders, adult supervisors, and child participants for our annual Christmas Pageant. Contact [Jocelyn](#) to get involved.

Beloved Traditions & Touchstones

February 2	Annual Meeting 11:15am Youth Choir Festival West Portland, Oregon
March 2	Shrove Sunday 11:15am
March 5	Ash Wednesday
March 21-23	Parish Retreat at Bishop's Ranch
April 13	Palm Sunday
April 17	Maundy Thursday 5:30pm Agape Meal 7:30pm Eucharist + Footwashing
April 18	Good Friday 7pm
April 19	Easter Vigil 8pm
April 20	Easter Sunday 9am & 11:15am Easter Egg Hunt 10:30am
May 2-3	Rummage Sale
May 4	Youth Sunday 10am
June 8	Day of Pentecost
June 15	Trinity Sunday
June 22	Pride Sunday
June 29	Lincoln Bon Voyage Choral Eucharist 10am
July 6	Feast of Pauli Murray

HOLY WEEK
& EASTER

REST

Bishop's Ranch Retreat
March 21-23 | Healdsburg, CA
Come away & play! Singles, kids, youth, & families all belong here!
RSVP to Tom Power
by February 7, 2025.

SHARE

Agape Meal & Egg Hunt
April 17 & April 20
We need volunteers to help host these experiences, rich in love, prayers, and service.
Contact Jocelyn to help with these special festivities.

Explore
our life together
and discover new ways
to get involved
by visiting
stpaulsburlingame.org

GROWING IN FAITH: PREACHER SERIES

This year, St. Paul's engages urgent realities and timely opportunities in a world that asks us to strengthen our resolve to embody Christ's justice and love, in all our spheres of connection and influence. Join us on Sundays as we learn and grow together!



Nuclear Disarmament & Our Call to Peace

September 15 | One 10am Service

11:15am Faithful Forum

The Rt. Rev. William E. Swing, Founder
& President Emeritus of United Religions Initiative



Resourcing God's People

for Whole & Healthy Relationships

September 22 | 8am & 10am Services

11:15am Training for Leaders & Families

Ms. Caren Miles, Diocese of California



Mission Work in Our Neighborhoods

October 20 | 8am & 10am Services

11:15am Faithful Forum

Audrey & Perry Sakai, Harbor House Ministries in Oakland



Confirming Faith on All Saints' Sunday

November 3 | One 10am Service

9am Faithful Forum

The Rt. Rev. Austin K. Rios, Bishop of California

GROWING IN FAITH: PREACHER SERIES

“Preach the Gospel at all times, use words, when necessary,” St. Francis of Assisi once said. We all have a call to preach through our actions, attitudes, and words so that Jesus’ risen life may be evident in our faith, hope, and compassionate action.

San Quentin and Saint Paul

January 26 | 8am & 10am Services

11:15am Kairos Prison Ministry Project

Mr. John D. Nibbelin, San Mateo County Attorney



Becoming Beloved Community after Genocide

February 23 | 8am & 10am Services

11:15am Faithful Forum

Ms. Jocelyn A. Sideco, Auburn Aegis Scholar



Exploring This Expansive Faith

March 9 | 8am & 10am Services

9am Faithful Forum

Ms. Debie Thomas, Author



Pride in One Another

June 22 | 8am & 10am Services

Ms. Anne Casscells, Investor and Community Advocate



FAITH FORMATION

BIBLICAL EXPLORATION

Biblical readings in Sunday worship give us much to consider. We gather between services to discuss Scripture together, in small groups that welcome curiosity and perplexity. Whether you find us in Higbie Library or the Columbarium, we invite you to bring your perspective and experience to these stimulating seasonal conversations!

FAITHFUL FORUMS

Community forums invite conversations to provoke deeper reflection on our call to live as people of faith who contribute to the common good.

Challenging Segregation with Just Action* | Wednesday, September 18 | 7-9pm

This third part in a multi-faith speakers series which St. Paul's has co-sponsored will focus on restorative actions communities can take to help people who have been excluded from the financial benefits of home ownership, access to good public schools, more protected environments, and better community services.

*at St Mark's Episcopal Church, 600 Colorado Avenue, Palo Alto

Faithful Forum on Housing | Sunday, October 27, 11:15am-12:45pm

St. Paul's partners with several community organizations to serve people affected by challenges with access to affordable housing. We are thrilled to offer this special opportunity to examine some root causes of such housing-related needs in Burlingame and San Mateo County. Please help us welcome local officials who bring extensive subject matter expertise to this timely conversation with the St. Paul's community.

WATCH & PRAY

We select a film or series to watch on our own, pray about what we are learning, and gather to share our prayers. This year's opportunities feature:

Philadelphia 11. A documentary about the eleven women first ordained as priests in the Episcopal Church on July 29, 1974. Stay tuned for our forthcoming conversation date.

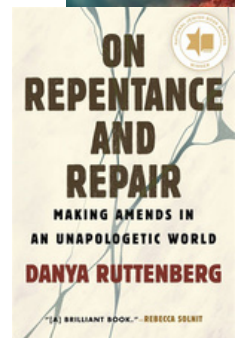
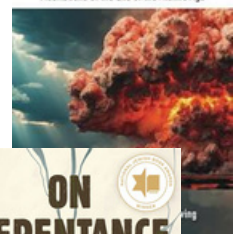
The Chosen. A multi-season TV show about Jesus. Conversations take place in 2025: January 12 & 19 at 11:15am.

ST. PAUL'S COMMUNITY BOOK READS

Our tradition of discussing authors who challenge us to wrestle with the needs of our beautiful and broken world continues in 2024-2025.

Fall Conversation | *God and Nuclear Weapons* | September 15

Spring Conversation | *On Repentance and Repair* | Date TBD



COMMUNITY CELEBRATIONS

**ALL CHURCH
FALL BARBECUE**
September 8
11:15am

Join friends and families from St. Paul's to welcome in the fall program year. This gathering includes a delicious grilled lunch seasoned by fun and fellowship. Connect with old friends and new in the Nursery School playground immediately after the 10am service.

**LUMINOUS
LITURGY 2.0**
September 30
7:30-9pm

Training for Acolytes, Lectors, Intercessors, and Eucharistic Ministers. This hands-on Monday night workshop will focus on best practices for acolytes, lectors, intercessors, and Eucharistic ministers. If you presently serve on one of St. Paul's Sunday ministry teams or aspire to, this session will boost your skills and connect you with friends who also lead in worship at St. Paul's. Please RSVP to Jocelyn.

**BLESSING of the
ANIMALS**
October 6
8am & 10am

Bring your pets to church for the blessing of the animals at all our Sunday morning services as we celebrate and delight in every creature God has made!

**15th ANNUAL
NORTH PENINSULA
MULTIFAITH
CHORAL CONCERT**
October 13
5pm | burlpres

Show us how to love. The Choir of St. Paul's is delighted to continue to sing in this benefit concert for the LifeMoves ministry for the homeless. The 2024 concert is hosted by burlpres church at 1500 Easton Drive in Burlingame.

Choirs will also be participating from burlpres church, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Congregational Church of San Mateo, UCC, and St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church, Burlingame.

**BISHOP VISIT &
PLEDGE SUNDAY**
November 3
10am

Bishop Austin will preach and preside on All Saints' Sunday!

St. Paul's will celebrate loving financial support provided by the congregation for our 2025 annual budget. When the offering is presented in worship, all are welcome to bring forward their pledge cards indicating their intentions to participate in the community throughout the coming year.

This year, Bishop Austin will worship with us for the first time and celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. Bishop Austin also will meet with Confirmands, their families, mentors, and folks from St. Paul's before the service as well as enjoy fellowship with all of us at Hospitali-tea & Coffee afterwards.

COMMUNITY CELEBRATIONS

ADVENT FESTIVAL
November 24 | 11:15am

Advent Giving Tree. Sundays through mid-December find this long-time, treasured tradition in Foote Hall as St. Paul's community helps 5 Samaritan House client families with Christmas food and gifts for their children.

Great Host Vinyl Release. First chance to get your copy of the recent album recorded by the Choir of St. Pauls!

Advent Wreaths. Design your own fresh Advent Wreath!

Candle-Lighting. Pray with our Acolyte Team.

Seasonal Sharing. Personalize containers to gather personal prayers and sacred intentions for sharing, saving, and spending your energies in life-giving ways in the coming year.

ST. PAUL'S SUNDAY
January 26 | 11:15am

Explore our patron saint's story and local experiences of God's love among our neighbors experiencing incarceration.

Visit with John Nibbelin and learn about prison ministry in San Quentin.

Write notes to connect with those who are often forgotten.

**2nd ANNUAL YOUTH
CHOIR FESTIVAL WEST**
February 1 & 2
in Portland, Oregon

The Choir School travels to Oregon to join the youth choirs of Trinity Cathedral Portland & St. Mark's Cathedral Seattle. These combined choirs will premiere Roxanna Panufnik's *Hymn of the Trees*, underwritten by the Marcia McCowin Estate Fund, at an Evensong for Candlemas.

ANNUAL MEETING
February 2 | 11:15am

We gather to reflect on the many ways people contribute to the vitality of our community. Our official meeting business includes electing members of the Vestry, Diocesan delegates, and Trustees; hearing highlights from leadership from the prior year; and introducing the Vestry-approved Operating Budget for the new year.

**SHROVE SUNDAY
PANCAKE BREAKFAST**
March 2 | 11:15am

Enjoy a pancake brunch as we prepare to begin Lenten fasting this week. Our Outreach Team is excited to host breakfast and share opportunities for serving in our wider community.

ASH WEDNESDAY
March 5 | 12:15pm & 7pm

Make a holy start to the season of Lent with Eucharist and the Imposition of Ashes.

LENTEN RETREAT
March 7-8

Join us on Friday evening and Saturday for this reflective time in community with Debie Thomas, who is a contributing editor for *The Christian Century* and has written several books: *Into the Mess and Other Jesus Stories* and *A Faith of Many Rooms*.

COMMUNITY CELEBRATIONS

**PARISH RETREAT at
Bishop's Ranch**
March 21-23

This year, we are especially focused on welcoming St. Paul's families. Come to relax together in the beauty of God's creation and enjoy connections with new and familiar friends. The Ranch offers space for refreshment, nourishing meals, and many leisure activities, from hiking to enjoying gardens, swimming to savoring the peace and quiet. Space is limited, so please email your indication of interest to Tom Power. Financial assistance is available by contacting Rev. Sarah.

**MAKING PALM
CROSSES**
April 6 | 11:15am

Learn how to make palm crosses for Palm Sunday! Altar Guild members will be on hand to show us how as we prepare crosses for members of St. Paul's. There will also be candles to get ready for the Easter Vigil. All ages are invited.

**MAUNDY THURSDAY
AGAPE MEAL**
April 17 | 5:30pm

Build friendships over a simple meal. Reflect on how love calls us to serve. Create "blessing bags" for sharing in San Mateo County.

EASTER SUNDAY
April 20 | 9am & 11:15am
services

Celebrate the mystery of God's love that raised Jesus from the dead in this Choral Eucharist with chamber orchestra. Decorate our community cross with blossoms and greens brought from your home or chosen from supplies available on Easter morning. Enjoy a festive community coffee hour between services as we cheer little ones in their classic hunt for sweet treats hidden around the campus.

EGG HUNT | 10:30am

YOUTH SUNDAY
May 4 | 10am

Our youth share their faith, their doubts, their gifts, and their leadership with us. Come to encourage and be encouraged. Come to follow Jesus and take notice of those among us who are doing the same.

ENGLAND BON VOYAGE
June 29 | 10am
June 30 | 7pm
July 1 | 7pm

Join in the spirit of the upcoming journey to England, with three special choral services at St. Paul's. The Choir of St. Paul's, joined by Choir School alumni, will share music they will be singing while in residency at Lincoln Cathedral, England.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

DURING THE 10AM SERVICE

in the church

Sermons. Preachers invite the children to help unpack the Good News. Children's Sermons are offered monthly.

PrayGrounds. Most Sundays at 10am, our chapel is set-up to offer a spacious place to be, to pray, to walk, talk, color, and create. We welcome families to sit, play, pray in this space during worship.

Liturgical Ministries. Children and youth participate as greeters, ushers, acolytes, lectors, musicians, and audio/visual operators.

in the classrooms

Children's Chapel | ages 5-12

Children gather to listen to, pray with, and grow in themes of love, compassion, and community.

Sacred StoryTime | ages 0-4

Children ages 4 and under are invited to play and pray in our nursery room. Two parents opt-in to supervise all the children on a rotating basis.

Spiritual Learning Resources

Children are invited to explore and reflect personally through a variety of resources, including *Drawn to the Gospels*, Jay Sidebotham's visual depictions of the life and teachings of Jesus.

Equity Library. Children can explore themes of diversity, justice, human dignity with the curated books found in the PrayGrounds.

Seasonal Lessons. St. Paul's creates seasonal lessons, prayers, and reflection activities.

Family Newsletter. Sign up for our emails to stay informed about and enjoy local opportunities to build community together!

Listening & Learning. We are participating in a newly-forming cohort that will lean into family-based learning through resources and support provided by the Godly Play Foundation.

Centering Children

Children and their families are invited to explore their faith and reflect together in community. Some opportunities are built within the 10am service, while other moments come in small group experiences beyond worship.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

September 8 | Welcome Back BBQ

Get your backpacks blessed!
Connect and re-connect with others.
Create Sacred Prayer Containers.

November 24 | Advent Festival

Make a wreath with fresh greens!
Choose a tag from the Giving Tree!
Create Sacred Prayer Containers!
Buy your own Great Host Vinyl!

January | Epiphany House Blessings

Rev. Sarah and Jocelyn visit your home and offer a blessing.

March 2 | Shrove Sunday

Enjoy pancakes and learn about service opportunities around us.

April 20 | Easter Egg Hunt 10:30am Nursery Playground

May 4 | Youth Sunday

Children lead morning worship. Teens offer the sermon and share their joys and concerns in a special rendering of the Prayers of the People.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

The Choir School

St. Paul's Choir School offers opportunities for youth in grades TK - 12 to receive vocal and musicianship training in a nurturing Christian environment. Young singers sing the world's expanding canon of sacred music, and make friends with others who love to sing. They build life skills of teamwork, discipline, leadership and self-confidence as they participate fully besides the adults of the choir. Singers rehearse weekly in small groups and sing regularly in Sunday liturgies.

This season, Choristers and Teens travel to sing at the Youth Choir Festival West in Portland, Oregon; in Evensong at Grace Cathedral, San Francisco; and in residency at Lincoln and Ely Cathedrals, England.

For more information on joining the Choir School, contact Director of Music, Dr. Susan Jane Matthews.

Learn more about the Choir School at stpaulsburlingame.org/choirschool.

A Deepening Legacy

Since 2007, St. Paul's Choir School has given first-rate musicianship training anchored in the Royal School of Church Music (RSCM) program to nearly 150 San Francisco Bay Area youth. Need-based scholarships are available. Membership at St. Paul's is not required to sing in the Choir of St. Paul's.

MORE SMALL GROUP EXPERIENCES

Christmas Pageant | December

Children prepare to share the story of Jesus' birth on Christmas Eve. Teens direct (teach and organize) the "production," children ages 13 and under are assigned roles, and adult mentors supervise weekly activities.

Vacation Bible School (VBS) | August

Children learn and teach Jesus' Way of Love, as volunteers and staff introduce our littlest to sacred stories, songs, and playful relationships.

Confirmation | Fall and/or Spring

Youth ages 13 and older create community together through six weeks of sharing, serving, and exploring the prayers and faith practices of the Episcopal Church that connect us with the traditions of Christian faith, supported by clergy, staff, and mentors.

2024 Confirmation Groups Meet

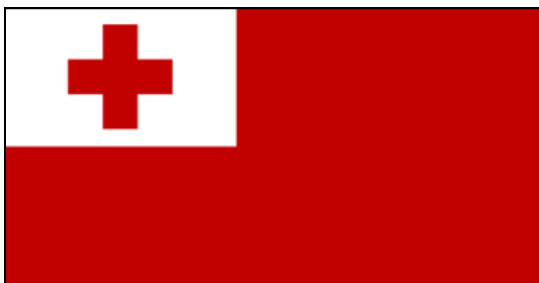
Sundays, September 29 - November 17

Sacrament of Confirmation

Sunday, November 3 at 10am

To learn more or get involved in any of these offerings, contact Jocelyn A. Sideco, Pastoral Associate.

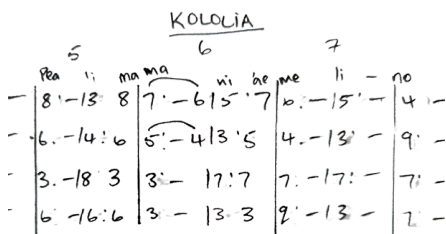
THE SA PAULA TONGA COMMUNITY



Who We Are

Sa Paula Tonga's multigenerational ministry celebrates the traditions, language, culture, and connections of Tongans living in the Bay Area through regular Tongan-language worship and music, communal meals, and cultural festivities.

Sa Paula Tonga members also nurture spiritual friendships within the wider St. Paul's Community by participating joyfully in parish-wide celebrations, service projects, ministry activities and annual events, as well as faith formation opportunities throughout the year.



Excerpt from the score of *Kololia*, the Tongan Gloria

Worship Life

Sunday worship is offered at 1pm several times monthly. Services include Tongan language prayers and songs, with music led by the Tongan choir director and volunteer choir. Our rector presides at the Eucharist in English and sermons are offered in both Tongan and English, as preaching is shared by clergy and lay leaders.

Young people serve as acolytes, lectors, and preachers, too. Sacraments like Baptism and Confirmation, Nativity reenactments, and memorization of Scripture help younger Tongans grow in the Christian faith, equipped for lifelong ministry and leadership in the church.

Ministry Calendar

Find the current schedule of worship services, communal meals, and monthly Bible study on St. Paul's website at stpaulsburlingame.org/tongan-congregation.

Seasonal Celebrations

Annual Misinale | September 29

Celebration of congregational giving

St. Andrew's Day | December 1

Worship service & lunch with alumni of St. Andrew's Episcopal School in Tonga

Tongan Nativity | December 22

Sa Paula Tonga youth tell the story of Jesus' birth story and sing Tongan carols

THE SA PAULA TONGA COMMUNITY

Scripture Study

The monthly Sa Paula Tonga Bible Study began in person during summer 2024 to create space to explore Scripture more deeply together. These times for prayer, reflection, and conversation on the weekly lectionary invite participants of all ages and backgrounds to share personal experiences and listen for the guidance of the Holy Spirit. We seek to align our attitudes and actions with Jesus' call to let the Living Word take root and bear fruit in our lives. These opportunities to learn with one another enliven our ways of serving together in the Body of Christ.

Leadership and Service

Sa Paula Tonga is led by our rector and a dedicated team of lay leaders who organize and direct energies of the congregation to create Tongan-language worship, music, and fellowship. A Sa Paula Tonga leader often serves on the Vestry of St. Paul's to strengthen partnerships. Joy flows in the sharing with which Sa Paula Tonga offers gifts within the wider church, when contributing to St. Paul's festive liturgies, community coffee hours, and rummage sales, and when serving in liturgical or ministry leadership within the Diocese of California.

Easter Camp | April 17-20

Youth grow in their experience of faith and community during an immersive 3-day camp filled with friends, faith, and fun! Focusing on those in high school, Easter Camp is a place to ask questions, enjoy the company of teens who attend other schools, and participate in building lasting relationships. Easter Camp is about encountering the love of God in a tangible way and deepening our understanding of the Easter story.

God is inviting us to be intentional in our relationships with youth, listening to their questions, doubts, and joys, and pointing them towards the hope found in Christ. We are called to pray for them, mentor them, and show them the way to a deeper relationship with God.

- Taiana Fa'avae

For more information or to get involved in Easter Camp, contact Taiana Fa'avae.



MUSIC AT ST. PAUL'S 2024-2025

Sundays at 4pm

August 18 Bach Organ Concert+
Susan Jane Matthews

January 19 Marcia McCowin Concert
Great Host Vinyl Live

Wednesday at 6pm
October 2
Choir School
Sponsor Soirée

September 15 Choral Evensong

February 16 Choral Evensong
in Epiphany
CA Premiere: Panufnik
Hymn of the Trees

October 20
Choral Evensong



Sunday at 11:15am
November 24
Great Host Vinyl
on Sale at
Advent Festival

December 8 Advent Lessons and Carols

March 16 Choral Evensong
in Lent

May 18 Choir School Concert

December 15 Christmas Concert
Ticketed Benefit for Lincoln

June 8 Choral Evensong for Pentecost Choir
Celebration Dinner *Tickets for Dinner*



Out and About with the Choir of St. Paul's

5pm Sunday, October 13 15th Annual Multifaith Concert
burlpres church
1500 Easton Drive at El Camino Real

February 1 & 2 Choir School at
Youth Choir Festival West
Trinity Cathedral, Portland, Oregon

5:30pm Thursday, February 27
Evensong with the Cathedral Choir
Grace Cathedral, San Francisco

ROAD TO LINCOLN



The Choir of St. Paul's has been invited to be the choir-in-residence at Lincoln Cathedral, England in July 2025, following earlier residencies at Gloucester Cathedral (2017) and Wells Cathedral (2022). Singing daily services in Lincoln's magnificent Gothic architecture built from the 11th to the 14th centuries will be a tremendous life experience for choristers of all ages. The choir will sing seven choral services in the amazing acoustics of Lincoln Cathedral,

beginning with the daily 5:30pm Choral Evensong on Monday, July 7 and concluding with the 10:30am Holy Eucharist & 3:45pm Evensong on Sunday, July 13.

There also will be time to explore local sites from the Lincoln Castle and the Magna Carta to the North Norfolk coast. Following the Lincoln residency week, the choir will travel to Cambridge to sing Evensong at Ely Cathedral and attend the BBC3 broadcast of Evensong from Selwyn College as guests of Sarah MacDonald, director.

To be eligible, local singers must be dedicated members of the Choir of St. Paul's (choristers, teens and adults) from September 2024. Choir School alumni will also be joining in this journey. Even if you never leave Burlingame, the choir hopes to take you on a journey in music for the residency sung at St. Paul's, including the works of the great Renaissance composer William Byrd, organist at Lincoln from 1563 to 1572.



Lincoln Cathedral Residency Bon Voyage Services

Sunday, June 29	10am Choral Eucharist
Monday, June 30	7pm Choral Evensong
Tuesday, July 1	7pm Choral Evensong

July 7-13 Lincoln Cathedral Residency

July 14-16 Ely Cathedral / Cambridge

BUILDING COMMUNITY

Monday Journey | Mondays @ 1pm | September-June

The women of Monday Journey gather in the Higbie Library to form connections and to examine their values. Their goal is to share and learn together.

Beginning September 9, the group continues its exploration of the Proust Questionnaire and begins a study of the Lives of the Saints.

T'ai Chi | Wednesdays @ 5pm

This gentle practice engages the body and mind with mild stretching and slow balanced movements. We gather in Foote Hall or outdoors, depending on the season so dress in layers! Family and friends can join the dozen or so participants that turn out weekly. Contact Jay Janton or Rev. Sarah with questions about getting involved in these open class sessions.

Tea 'n Talk | Quarterly | Mondays @ 2pm

TNT is a beloved program of St. Paul's that invites folks we lovingly call "our sages" to join together for an afternoon tea and program in which we enjoy fellowship, share memories and wisdom, and of course have a cup of tea (or coffee).

October 28 | Halloween Happening

February 10 | Valentine's Day Movie Matinee

May 12 | Spring Fling Tea

Fall Fellowship | hosted meals in September and October

These gatherings cultivate connections as people share a meal together in community. Small groups enjoy lunch or dinner, including these options this year:

Saturday, September 21 (Lunch)

Monday, October 14 (Dinner)

Sunday, September 29 (Dinner)

Monday, October 21 (Dinner)

Saturday, October 5 (Dinner)

Wednesday, October 30 (Dinner)

Saturday, October 12 (Dinner) *especially suited to families with young children

Stewardship | *Strengthened in Faith, Overflowing with Thankfulness*

St. Paul's will renew our invitation for everyone to participate in supporting St. Paul's during this season of gratitude, as we remember the traditions, blessings, and opportunities for a strong church. *Together we will...*

Remember our blessings as we enjoy opportunities to hear members of our community reflect on St. Paul's.

Touch bases with our deep Episcopalian traditions as we welcome two bishops in our 10am Sunday worship services on September 15th and November 3rd.

Join together in making pledges of financial support on Pledge Sunday, which will be on November 3rd, or by contributing online at www.stpaulsburlingame.org/support.

BUILDING COMMUNITY

Sponsor the Choir School

The generosity of Choir School Sponsors has sustained the Choir School since its founding in 2007. For the 2024-25 season, we seek to raise \$45K by September 22 to cover the gap between tuition and expenses. All sponsorships received by that date will receive an invitation for two guests to the Choir School Sponsor Soirée at 6pm on Wednesday, October 2, which includes a concert and reception.

As a Choir School Sponsor . . . You can support the school's commitment to needs-blind admission and affordable tuition rates for all singers, to life-changing experiences including choir tours and festivals, to singing the world's expanding canon of sacred music with the Choir of St. Paul's, and to the first-rate musical training of young singers in the St. Paul's Choir School for future generations.

Choir School Sponsor Levels \$15,000+ Angel; \$5,000+ Platinum; \$2,500+ Gold; \$1,500+ Silver; \$500+ Choir Family and Friends. Payment may be made by check payable to the Choir School and mailed to St. Paul's, or made online at www.stpaulsburlingame.org/support, noting that your donation is for a Choir School Sponsorship.

The Circle of St. Paul's

The Circle of St. Paul's is one of the longest running ministry teams, formed in the 1930's. The major work of this group centers on the semi-annual rummage sales, which draw thousands of people locally. Proceeds contribute to St. Paul's operating budget and donations are made to local non-profits to support a diverse range of causes. Our Annual Christmas Tea and Holiday Boutique is another highlight of the season for family and friends.

Fall Sale | October 4 & 5 | 9:30am-3pm
Spring Sale | May 2 & 3 | 9:30am-3pm

Christmas Tea & Holiday Boutique
December 7 | 1-4pm

Outreach Team

St. Paul's Outreach Team orchestrates opportunities for people connected with St. Paul's to use our time and gifts to make a difference within and beyond our local community.

LifeMoves Breakfast | September 6-7 and November 15-16

Shop, prepare & pack food at church, and deliver to a family shelter in San Mateo.

MLK Day of Service | Monday, January 20

Peninsula Multifaith Coalition coordinates service projects involving neighboring churches, houses of worship, and faith communities. St. Paul's shows up to sort donated books, clear brush in county parks, and make hygiene kits for people with insecure housing. Sign-ups go live in December. Invite friends and select a project!

Corazon House Build

We partner with Corazon, a non-profit that constructs homes and unlocks doors of opportunity for our neighbors in Northern México.

BUILDING COMMUNITY

Healing Team

The Healing Team prays for one another, our church, and for the many needs in the world. Our presence in the St. Paul's community and the world matters; we believe in the power of individual and collective prayer. We nurture relationships during our monthly meetings, held on the second Tuesdays at 6:30pm in the Higbie Library and invite you to join us!

Every group member participates as each feels called. Some organize seasonal nature hikes. Others share Eucharistic visits with homebound members of the congregation. Others offer healing blessings, make artistic contributions, or host meaningful gatherings.

We look forward to your presence and participation in these highlight moments this year:

Community Vigil | Wednesday, October 23 | 6pm | Labyrinth

Gather in community around a sacred fire to pray for justice, peace, and healing for our world. In this highly charged time of transition and tumult, we want to offer shared space for prayer and connection in Skillings Garden and in the church.

Remembering on All Souls' Sunday | November 10 | 9am | Columbarium

This outdoor gathering honors those who are laid to rest at St. Paul's and dear ones who have died, with prayers, the presence of friends, rituals, blessings, and remembrances.

Blue Christmas Service | Wednesday, December 11 | 7pm | Church

This moving service offers space to acknowledge the complexity of our emotions amid this sometimes difficult season. Pastoral wisdom and the presence of St. Paul's Healing Team shape our communal prayers and practices for this quiet evening.

St. Paul's Sunday | January 26 | 11:15am | Foote Hall

Explore our patron saint's practice of writing letters while in prison. Bring curiosity about ministry with incarcerated persons as we remember and pray for those whom our society often forgets.

Young Adults

Singled or partnered, people between the ages of 18-40 gather for community-building and faith-sharing. Young adults also participate in St. Paul's community life through liturgical ministries, outreach, and service. We share life here through these energizing, organic ways:

Movie Club. Like a book club, we select a movie to watch over the course of the month and find a day to get together and discuss.

Holy Hikes. Quarterly, we pick a trail and enjoy time in nature together.

Casual Brunches. Spontaneous fellowship and good food abounds!

We also celebrate milestones together. St. Paul's acknowledges high school graduates each May, offers care packages to college-age adults, and hosts a Christmas Break brunch where young adults can reflect on college life and friendships with one another.

SERVING TOGETHER

Office Volunteers

Volunteers assist as needed with mailings and office staffing to ensure St. Paul's ministries are supported with administrative help. Contact Nora Park to get involved.

Property Team

Systems of maintenance and care for these beloved buildings, grounds, and gardens are orchestrated by St. Paul's herculean Property Team, who also galvanize volunteer efforts to keep our campus running smoothly and looking its finest throughout the year.

Shining Saturday | October 12 | 9am-1pm

Join the team to spend a few hours ensuring St. Paul's shines brightly this fall!

Altar Guild

The Altar Guild sets the Lord's table for all worship services and decorates the church for holidays.

Sunday Altar Flowers | weekly

Honor cherished people and occasions by donating altar flowers for worship.

Decorate for Christmas | Tuesday, December 24 | 10am - 12pm

Help the Altar Guild decorate the church for Christmas.

Making Palm Crosses | Sunday, April 6 | 11:15 am | Foote Hall

Join the Altar Guild in making crosses out of palm leaves that will be blessed and given to parishioners in Palm Sunday worship services.

Decorate for Easter | Saturday, April 19 | 10am - 12pm

Help the Altar Guild decorate the church for Easter.

8am Service Ministries

The 8am Community prays in the chapel most Sundays. They contribute as greeters, lectors and intercessors, cup bearers and coffee hour hosts.

Acolyte Ministry

Acolytes dress in robes of red and white, black and white, or a simple white alb. They lead liturgical processions with the processional cross and torches. A vital part of worship, acolytes assist at the altar and on the chancel, helping liturgies flow smoothly.

Audio-Visual (A/V) Team

This team takes responsibility for producing the live-streamed services each week.

Bakers

The bakers make homemade communion bread for services of Holy Eucharist.

SERVING TOGETHER

Choir

Youth of the Choir School join equally with adult singers in the choir ministry at the 10am Sunday Holy Eucharist and monthly *Sundays at 4pm*, including Evensong.

Cup Bearers

These Eucharistic Ministers gather around the Holy Table at the start of the Great Thanksgiving so that they can offer the cup when Holy Communion is distributed.

Lectors and Intercessors

Lectors proclaim the Scriptures in worship. Intercessors lead the Prayers of the People. Sign up to participate on Sundays using the link in the Friday eNews and attend our equipping workshop this fall to grow with friends who serve in this liturgical ministry.

Ushers

As part of St. Paul's welcoming ministries, ushers greet visitors and congregation members, hand out service bulletins, take up the collection, guide people during communion, and clean up the sanctuary after each service.

Welcome Team

This team gathers to consider how best St. Paul's can support the newest among us, creating opportunities to connect and to build deeper relationships with people and ministries. This team pays special attention to particular aspects of our life in community: Welcome Cards, Greeting Ministry, Newcomer Brunches, Outdoor Banners and Website Communications, along with Welcome Bags for children and families at Christmas and Easter.

Greeters

Greeters amplify the welcoming presence that we pray imbues every encounter for all who come to participate at St. Paul's, whether regularly or for their very first visit.

Hospitali-tea and Coffee Volunteer Team

Volunteers set up, host, and clean up after our communal "coffee moment" that follows Sunday worship at 10am. Light refreshments are served in the Skillings Garden when weather is nice or in Brewer Hall when warming up indoors is more enjoyable. Please use the link in the Friday eNews or our QR code to choose a date that works for you!



Media and Images

Thanks to Susan Jane Matthews for the two images of our community included here, our chapel entrance and Skillings Garden on the cover and a summer Sunday group photo. We hope more people share images of our life together in the year ahead!

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Baptism

Holy Baptism immerses us in God's all-embracing love. Baptisms at St. Paul's take place during communal worship services on: Contact Rev. Sarah about baptismal preparation at St. Paul's. We also celebrate baptismal reunions, customarily in January, to appreciate how our life of faith in community continues to unfold.

All Saints' Day (observed the first Sunday in November)

The Feast of the Baptism of Jesus (usually the second Sunday in January)

The Great Vigil of Easter (the Saturday before Easter)

The Feast of Pentecost (seven weeks after Easter)

Contact Rev. Sarah to explore getting baptized. We also celebrate baptismal reunions, customarily in January, to appreciate how our life of faith in community continues to unfold. Help us celebrate with you by sharing your baptismal date with us!

Confirmation

Confirmation deepens our connection to Christ and our awareness of traditions, prayers and practices in the Episcopal Church. Preparation invites personal reflection in community. We offer a six-session group experience annually that culminates in a Eucharistic celebration with our diocesan bishop. Contact Jocelyn for more information.

Weddings

St. Paul's weddings incorporate classic traditions in *The Book of Common Prayer* to honor a couple's desire to create a worship experience that celebrates God's love in human relationships. Readings, prayers, and music are selected in consultation with St. Paul's Rector and Director of Music. Weddings customarily are not celebrated during the season of Lent (the six weeks prior to Easter). Contact Rev. Sarah about your plans as soon as possible, to see how St. Paul's customized marriage preparation process can support you.

Funerals

God's grace embraces us in community, particularly during major life transitions. St. Paul's liturgies offer flexibility to choose readings, prayers, and music that honor the lives of those whom we remember, drawing on the Prayer Book. Our caring clergy and staff will assist you in creating a service of joy and dignity. St. Paul's Celebration of Life Team can also consult about receptions at St. Paul's after your memorial, to surround your planning preparations with grace and peace.

Our Columbarium

St. Paul's Columbarium and Cloister Garden was consecrated in 2005, offering a final resting place for people in our community who wish to be interred within this spiritual home. Contact Rev. Sarah to learn more. This meditative outdoor space affords year-round sanctuary for many who come seeking comfort and peace, in times of personal reflection, prayer, and communal remembrance.



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8am Holy Eucharist in the Chapel

10am Holy Eucharist with Choir, live streamed on YouTube

1pm on many Sundays, Holy Eucharist in Tongan language

Office Hours

Monday, Wednesday: 10am-12pm, 1pm-3pm

Thursday: 1pm-3pm & Friday: 10am-12pm

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