



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND



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St Paul with All Saints Church

Our Vision:

'St Paul with All Saints Church seeks to be an inside-out Church reaching into our community with the love of Jesus'.

Who we are: We are a warm, welcoming and passionate Anglican church with a heart to grow in the love of Jesus and share his love, care and compassion with the local urban community.



The Bubble Church Team

The parish is rich in diversity though struggles with many challenges such as poverty, mental health issues and unemployment. The thriving congregation reflects the area and, as church together, we embrace these challenges as opportunities for growth and deeper reliance on God. Trusting in His power and in humble obedience, we boldly proclaim His glory. (Ephesians 3:20-21).

'Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever!'

Half a mile from Chatham centre, the Parish population of approximately 13,000 lives in a mix of social and private housing. There are a number of families who have lived in the area for generations and there has been a significant growth of residents from all over the world. West Africans form the largest migrant group currently, along with a significant Eastern European presence.



The parish serves two of the four poorest wards in the Medway area and is the poorest Parish in Rochester Diocese. In response to this, the church fellowship are actively involved with our Community Centre (All Saints Community Project Trust), which offers a wide range of support



including Foodbank, Mental health services, advice work, community café, uniform swaps and activities for the local Primary School (All Saints) and a drop in for parents & residents

concerning the local secondary school (Victory Academy). The church is committed to the 'All Saints Good Neighbour Project'; working alongside the community centre and school, we draw our inspiration from Luke 10, the parable of the Good Samaritan; loving, responding and supporting those in need.

The Leadership team of the church includes:

Olu Ajayi – lead of Men’s Group
Pat Aylmer – lead of Little Saints
Rachel Begbie – Church Warden
Kirsty Fiddymment – Youth coordinator
Linda Fiddymment – head of Pastoral Care
Karen Freeman – lead of Lunch Club
Tracey Gurr – Parish Administrator
Brian Jones – Reader
Linda Jones – Church Warden
Louise Mahoney – Children’s minister
Bruce McCready – head of Tech
Hellena Pasipanodya – Parish Safeguarding Officer
Pete Petersen – Caretaker
Julie Portland – LLM in training (due to be licenced in May 2025)
Steve Tomlin – Webmaster
Allan Warrington – Treasurer
Rev Jenny Warrington – Priest in Charge

Volunteers

We have over 60 safely recruited volunteers, including 16 Children’s & Youth volunteers (not including Young leaders in Bubble Church), 10 trained preachers, 3 trained house group leaders, 12 in tech team, 11 musicians/singers, welcomers, tea-bar team and so on.

Church Activities:

Bubble Church - a monthly 30 min fun, kids & family friendly service.

Clothes Rail - a range of good condition clothes & shoes available

Eco-Church- 45 trees planted, barrel pond, bird boxes, silver award

Hall Lettings - affordable rents available of hall and meeting room

Links - with All Saints School, All Saints Community Centre, Children’s Hub, 26th Medway Scouts, Chatham ecumenical group, CtiM, Arches Local & many more

Little Saints - Baby & Toddler Group Tues 9.30-11.30am term time

Lunch Club - 2 course meal for £2 on 2nd & 4th Wed 1pm

Men’s Group - meet monthly @ The Magpie Centre

Prayer - Sunday Mornings, Prayer circle, Prayer Days, Candle station, Monday mornings, Prayer breakfasts, Sofa space and more

Safeguarding - we take safeguarding children and vulnerable adults seriously, with all volunteers vetted, trained & safely recruited.

Splurge - Friday Summer fun and food for families

Services - for all ages, Sundays (livestreamed) & Thursdays,

Sunday Children & Young People - Creche, Bible Explorers (4-7yrs), Bible Builders (8-10yrs), NuGen 11-16yrs, Young Leaders group (up to 18yrs)

Warm Space - 1st & 4th Wed 12.30pm over winter. A space to meet and have a bowl of soup & a roll @ Magpie Centre. Keeping you ‘Warm & Fed’

Wayfinders – 18-30’s group meet monthly on a Sunday evening

Weddings, Funerals & Baptisms - being there when needed

Young People - Friday Youth Club (11-16yrs) 7-9pm in term time

Children's Groups:

Over the last couple of years, both our children's and youth groups have grown significantly, led by an amazing, inspirational and hugely capable team of volunteers leaders who go 'above and beyond'. In September 2023 we employed Louise, as a part-time children's minister,



who has overseen the splitting of the ever-growing children's group into two: ' Bible Explorers' (4-7yrs) & Bible Builders' (8-10yr).



Louise was also integral in starting 'Bubble Church' (for younger families) and supports our recently formed and highly popular 'Little Saints', mother and toddler group.



Youth Groups & Opportunities

The Sunday youth group have almost doubled in number and in the next six months the numbers could grow further as the children move up from Bible Builders (8-10yr) into NuGen (11-16yr).



Opportunity: We would like to help these young disciples transition well from the children's to the youth groups.



The older youth members (up to 18yrs) completed the Youth Alpha Course in 2024 and are currently engaging with the CPAS, Growing Leader's (Youth) and have had to meet monthly in the next-door community centre due to their numbers. This group of young people are passionate about Jesus and many of them speak boldly about becoming Christ-like leaders.



Opportunity: We would like to help these older young people find their place in church and in the world, beyond their groups.

Once the Growing leader's course has finished, we will need to divide the secondary school groups into two, as the age range is too wide.



Opportunity: We would like to set up two Sunday groups for our secondary school aged young people and explore appropriate discipleship material for them.



Apart from Sunday morning groups, we have a regular Friday night youth club (TGF), which attracts young people (11-16) from the local estates. This is a very relational, activity based club, led by our volunteer youth coordinator. Again, numbers have grown in the last year, with members being almost exclusively non-church goers.



Opportunity: We would like to continue to support and grow this group and create space to explore faith with those who are searching.

Although we've been delighted to see attendance at all these groups increasing, we are hugely aware of the massive mission field that we are barely beginning to reach. We recognise that evangelism to young people is always best done by the young people themselves and so seek to equip our own teenagers to share their faith with their friends and are keen to enable and support this in new and innovative ways.



Opportunity: We would like to explore opportunities to create a worshipping youth congregation and space to encourage, support and grow disciples.

Safeguarding:

We are committed to safeguarding children, young people and adults. We recognise the importance of following good safeguarding procedures. We have adopted the Church of England's "Promoting a Safer Church" Safeguarding policy and the code of 'Safer working practice,' and actively use the safeguarding 'dashboard' and culture cube to keep Safeguarding a priority in our church.

Working together with Rochester Diocese:

We are committed to growing missionally as church, missional leaders and missional disciples. We are actively supported by Rochester Diocese Youth and Children's team.



They have supported Louise through Catalyst training and are funding a series of events for our young people - Loud Speaker (loudspeaker.org.uk) and Kids Matter parenting courses which we hope to start in June.



Working together with Chatham Cluster



St Paul with All Saints is part of a cluster of Anglican churches with:

St John's Chatham <https://www.stjohnschatham.co.uk/>

and Christ Church, Luton (https://www.facebook.com/CCLuton/?locale=en_GB).

We have worked together on Worship events, preaching training (Hearing & Speaking God's Word) and are coming together to support our young people through Loud Speaker events. There may be opportunities to work with St John's youth drop in and other projects.



The future

We truly believe that God is on the move in Chatham and our children and young people are pivotal in His plans.

'When He saw the crowds, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then He said to His disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into His harvest.'

Are you drawn to working in Chatham; to use your gifts to encourage, develop and expand God's kingdom among the young people here? If so, we'd love to hear from you.

For more information and to arrange an informal visit, please contact Rev Jenny Warrington revjennywarrington@gmail.com or ring 07981 942760