

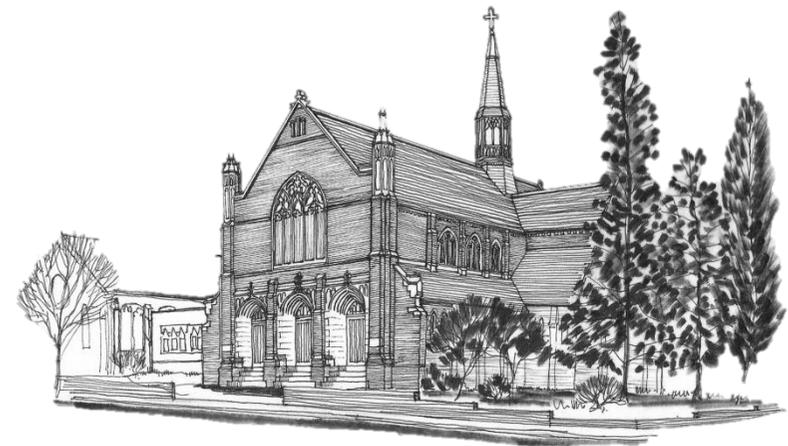
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# ST. PAUL'S

## UNITED REFORMED CHURCH



*The*  
**United  
Reformed  
Church**



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## Welcome

St Paul's Church is a place and a community where we come together to worship God and to celebrate His goodness and love. We believe that God loves us all, regardless of lifestyle and we pray that we will be guided in our daily lives to be witnesses of that same love and compassion and so serve the community as God would have us do.

We believe that we are loved by God, that His son Jesus showed us this love and that through His life, death and resurrection we are offered healing, wholeness and fullness of life. This is the Good News for now and our hope for the future.

When we celebrate Holy Communion we declare that all who love the Lord Jesus are welcome, including those who feel unworthy and would like to love Him better.

## The United Reformed Church

In 1972 the Presbyterian Church of England and the Congregational Church in England and Wales joined together to form the United Reformed Church (URC). In 1981 they were joined by the Association of Churches of Christ in Great Britain and later in 2000 by the Congregational Union of Scotland.

The URC consists of about 1500 local churches from Orkney to Cornwall. They are grouped into 13 regional Synods and St Paul's is part of the Southern Synod.

## Background

St Paul's Church is situated about two miles from the centre of Croydon and only 10 miles from the centre of London which can be readily accessed via good rail links from South Croydon BR (journey time less than 20 minutes). The Church and buildings are Grade II listed; the exterior is red brick with white Portland stone; internally there are attractive stained glass windows, including memorial

windows and superb wood carvings. The Lewis organ is one of the very few surviving in its original condition.

Originally a Presbyterian Church of England Pastorate, the congregation is a 'gathered' one with members travelling some distance for fellowship. The Church was built in 1905 in Gothic style and has a Large Hall (which served as the original church built in 1901). We utilise the sanctuary and the halls for both religious and social events (e.g. a Church of Pentecost congregation makes use of the premises Sunday afternoon and also Wednesday and Friday evenings).

The church buildings are well used for musical concerts, flower festivals, barn dances, quiz nights etc. and hired out to the local community for celebrations, parties, social events and also to local small businesses for dance lessons, social and personal development clubs etc. to give but some examples.

## Services

Our main service is held at 10.30am every Sunday, this includes Junior Church for children and young people as well as a crèche for the very young; coffee and tea are served following the service.

The average attendance at these weekly services is 40, slightly more at Communion Services. Holy Communion is celebrated usually on the first Sunday morning of each month, there being additional occasions especially at Easter and Christmas.

Festival services are frequently lead by the Junior Church. Parade services are held during the year in which the uniformed organisations take part. Full access is available for the disabled and a loop system for the hard of hearing.

Baptism, marriage and funeral services are held by specific arrangement with the Minister