

On The Mark

September 11, 2011
The Thirteenth Sunday after
Pentecost

Get Set...GO!

Sunday, Sept. 11, 2011

8:00 Darien 9/11 Memorial
Service – Middlesex
Middle School grounds
8:30 Cell
8:45 1st Service
10:00 Fellowship
10:30 2nd Service
12:15 Prophetic Team
5:30 Youth Group

Monday, Sept. 12, 2011

Tuesday, Sept. 13, 2011

9:30 Art Group
9:30 MOPS Steering – Rm #3
10:00 Holy Eucharist & Healing
12:15 Agape Luncheon
6:00 Band Rehearsal
7:00 Vestry Meeting

Wed., September 14, 2011

Thursday, Sept. 15, 2011

8:30 Community Bible Study
(CBS)
7:00 Prayer

Friday, September 16, 2011

7:30 Christian 12-Step

Saturday, Sept. 17, 2011

7:30 Men's CBS

Sunday, Sept. 18, 2011

8:30 Cell
8:45 1st Service
10:00 Fellowship
10:30 2nd Service
12:15 Prophetic Team
12:15 Fall Picnic

THIS WEEK'S LESSONS

Psalm 103 (p. 587)
Romans 14:1-12 (p. 1102)
Matthew 18:21-35 (p. 952)

NEXT WEEK'S LESSONS

Jonah 3:10-4:11 (p. 898)
Philippians 1:21-27 (p. 1138)
Matthew 20:1-16 (p. 954)

Gluten-free wafers are now available at all services at St. Paul's. Just ask the priest when you come forward to receive.



Newcomers and guests at St. Paul's are invited to come to the Prayer Room after the service for a personal word of encouragement from the Lord. Our prophetic prayer team is ready to listen to God and ask Him to speak to you

9/11 Forgiveness

It's hard to believe that ten years have passed since 9/11. The image of fire and smoke billowing from the World Trade Center will be forever seared in my mind. The terrorist attack left more than wreckage on ground zero, it left wreckage in our souls. I've heard the stories from folks at St. Paul's who lost friends, family, and loved ones on that day. Even though the rubble is long cleared away, and we are rebuilding, I know that, for some of us, the pain at this anniversary is still very real.

In the painful wake of such radical hate stands an even more radical answer: the cross of Christ. If anyone has the right to linger over violent injustice that was dealt him, it is our Lord. From the moment he was born, we attacked him, yet Jesus came and lived among us. Though he could strike back with legions of angels, he allowed us to mock him. Even today, as people around the world – many calling themselves Christians – defame his name, Jesus stands at the throne of God and holds out nail-scarred hands. He too has been wounded.

What would compel him to do this? Love! A more radical and amazing love than we could ever understand. It is humanly impossible to extend real forgiveness and love those who hurt you. Just try it if you don't believe me! Yet Jesus who was both human AND God, did that exact miracle on the cross. Because of his divine death, what was naturally impossible for us is now supernaturally possible.

So give it a try! Are you tired of pain? Are you weary with old wounds? Are you beyond your own power to forgive? Then, I implore you, go to the cross of Christ today! Ask Jesus for the divine ability to forgive those who have hurt you, be they Arab terrorists or next door neighbors. Better yet, ask him to give you love for your enemies. This is not normal. It is radical. But I promise you, in him it is possible.

Your brother,

Jordan

The Rev. Jordan Easley
Assistant



Fall Picnic!

Sept. 18, 2011

Next week, after the 10:30 service, please join us for our annual "Back-to-School PICNIC. We supply meat & buns, paper goods & drinks. You supply salads, side dishes, desserts – and the FUN!



“Alpha is one of the most effective evangelism tools for the 21st century,” says Rick Warren, and this fall, St. Paul’s is hosting TWO Alpha courses **outside its walls**. One course will be held at the New Canaan YMCA; the other at the Norwalk YMCA. The Alpha course is designed to bring non-believers into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. So, if you are a Christian who has never seen Alpha in action, then consider joining us to help run it. Or, better yet, invite a non-Christian friend. Each course has different needs. If you want to help with Alpha in New Canaan, please contact **Leah Easley** at leaheasley1983@gmail.com ; to help with Alpha in Norwalk, contact Lisa Schell (lisa.schell@me.com). For information about the Alpha program in general, check out www.alphausa.org .

Alpha at the New Canaan Y begins on Monday, September 19.

Alpha at the Norwalk Y begins on Tuesday, September 20.

Pivot Green

Our friends at Pivot Ministries announced with joy that Pivot Green, their greenhouse project, opened this weekend. The greenhouse has a dual purpose: it will provide green training and jobs not only for Pivot’s men but for the community at large, and it will provide fresh vegetables for both communities. Please continue to pray for the success of this venture.

Evening Community Bible Study

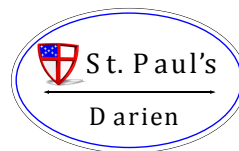
Mondays, beginning September 19, from 7:15 to 9:00 p.m., Community Bible Study, an international, interdenominational organization will begin study of **The Gospel of John**. This in-depth Bible study includes core groups for men, women, couples and young adults (18-35) and is hosted by Presbyterian Church of Old Greenwich. For info., go to www.greenwichevecbs.org or talk to Nancy Donovan at 203 642-3569 or ndonovan80@hotmail.com. *Remember St. Paul’s hosts a Women’s CBS on Thursday mornings and a Men’s CBS on Saturday mornings.*

Attn: St. Paul’s ARTISTS!

Nigel Goodwin is a British actor and founder of *Genesis Arts*, an organization that encourages the artistic community in its quest to make good art to God’s glory. He is a missionary to artists, a man who invites Christians and non-Christians alike into conversation, creating a safe space for them to be themselves, to ask questions about Christ, to gain a new understanding of how faith and art work together. Nigel is coming to St. Paul’s on **Wednesday, September 28** at 7:30 p.m. So mark your calendars. This is a world class artist you don’t want to miss!

Save the Date!

In the evening on Wednesday, October 5, 2011, Bishop Bill Murdoch of the Anglican Diocese of New England will lead a joint healing service for St. Paul Lutheran, Westport, and St. Paul’s, Darien. Let our region be ignited with Holy Spirit power! Please pray, mark your calendar and bring friends. More details will follow.



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To Know Christ
And to Make Him Known