

Our History

Origins

The origins of St Paul's Church and the reason for its existence lie in the proximity of the ruins of the Abbey (now called St. Augustine's). It is believed that it was built as a chapel by the abbey for local people and overseen by them as a place of worship and instruction.

Later developments

Sometime in the last quarter of the 13th century the Church was enlarged eastwards and northwards. A further extension took place around 1320 southwards creating a second larger aisle and a great east window. The south wall was pulled down to be replaced by Purbeck marble pillars and a further wall.

St Paul's from the Reformation to the 19th century

In 1681 St Paul's was united with the ancient church of St. Martin.

The 19th Century

The tower was substantially rebuilt and a third aisle built southwards creating the space we enjoy today.

Later changes

In 1985 there were interior changes and in 2012-2013 a further reordering took place.



Our Worship

8am: Prayer Book Holy Communion
(2nd & 4th Sunday only).

10.30am: Sung Parish Holy Communion

This is our main Sunday service accompanied by the parish choir with hymns and an anthem. Also Sunday Zone which is children's activities for those of Play School and Primary School ages.

St Paul's@teatime - an informal service including tea
3.30-5.00pm on third Sunday of each month

For evening worship please see newsletter and forthcoming events.

Our Contacts

For all enquiries about Weddings, Baptisms, please contact the Rector.

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For Children and Families, Students, Choir

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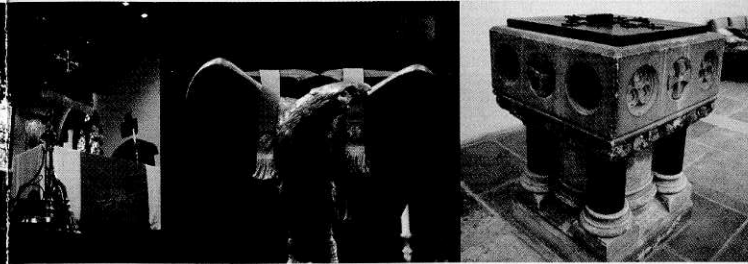
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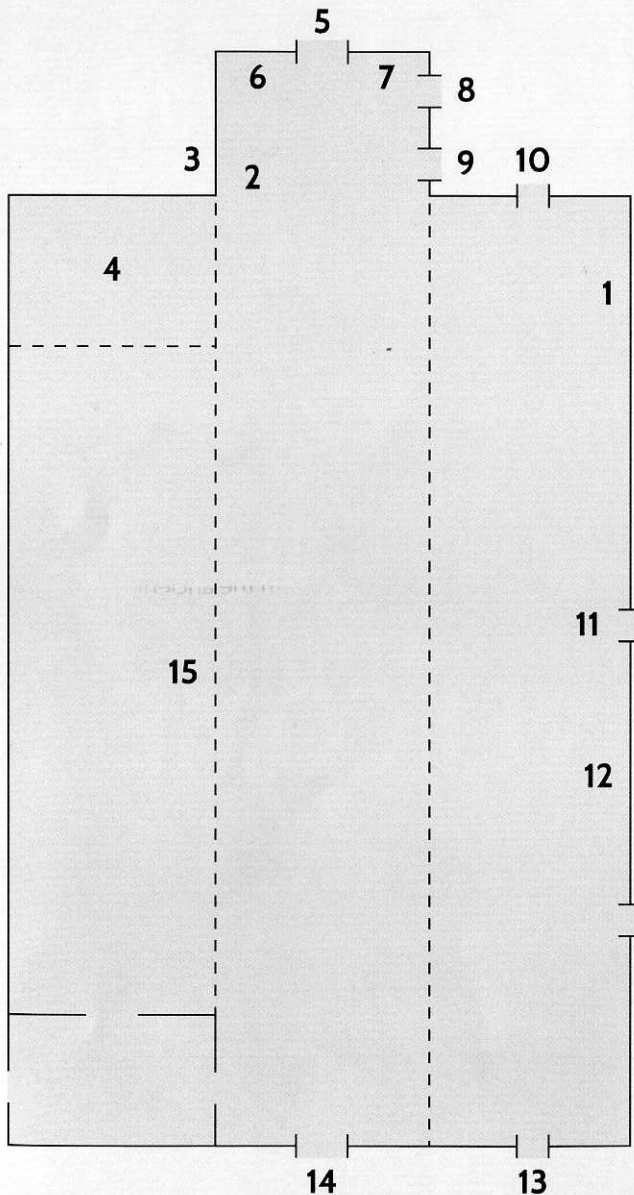


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St Paul's Without the Walls
Canterbury



St Paul's floor plan



1. THE FONT

The start of the Christian journey at Baptism.

2. THE LECTERN

The Bible is read from here.

3. THE ORGAN and 15. THE CHOIR STALLS

Music is an important part of Christian worship.

4. THE CHAPEL ALTAR

Candles may be lit here. Pause for prayer and reflection.

5. THE EAST WINDOW

Tells the story of the Christian faith from the Nativity to Pentecost.

6. and 7. THE MURALS

Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, writers of the four gospels.

8. and 9. SOUTH EAST WINDOWS

Scenes from the Early Church in the Acts of the Apostles. The Resurrection and Paul in prison.

10. SOUTH EAST AISLE WINDOW

Moses lifting up the serpent in the wilderness, Jesus lifted up on the cross. Joseph is rescued from the pit, Jesus rises from the dead.

11. SOUTH AISLE WINDOW

12. THE WAR MEMORIAL

Men from the parish who died in the First World War.

13. THE SOUTH WEST WINDOW

Jesus in Gethsemane, Jesus as the Good Shepherd, Jesus welcomes the children, Behold I stand at the door and knock.

14. THE WEST WINDOW

Two missionaries, St Augustine and St Paul.

St Paul's Church Activities

St Paul's is one of two churches in this parish. St Martin's church is also open to visitors on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays and is about 10 minutes walk from here.

St Paul's is a Christian community working to make known the gospel of Jesus Christ in word and action. We welcome people wherever they may be on their journey of faith and whatever their personal circumstances.

The following are just some of our activities, in addition to our Sunday services:

- Groups for Babies and Toddlers and a Play Group for children aged 3-5 in the Parish Centre
- Bible study groups in homes around the parish
- An active choir
- Occasional talks and discussions on a variety of subjects in Advent, Lent and at other times
- A monthly *Messy Church* activity for children and young people on a housing estate
- A weekly after school club in a local primary school

If you want to know more please see contact details on the back of this leaflet.

