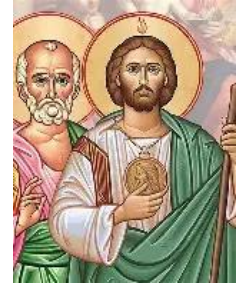




Newsletter

19 & 26 October 2025



United Nations Day 24 October

SS Simon and Jude 28 October

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Services for Sunday 19 October 2025 18 after Trinity

St Paul's 10am **Bi-annual Lunen Service** led by Revd Avis Gordon

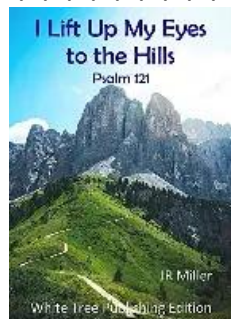
St Andrew's 11am **Holy Communion** preside and preach: Revd Hilary Shedlock

Services for Sunday 26 October 2025 Last after Trinity Bible Sunday

St Paul's 10am **Holy Communion** preside Revd Andy Smith; preach Anthea Darlington

St Andrew's 11am **Holy Communion** preside and preach Revd Mike Dyson

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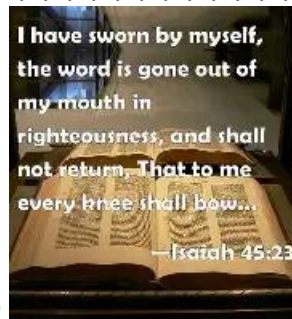


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Luke 18:3

And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, 'Grant me justice against my adversary.'

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Readings for Sun 19 October
(St Andrew's)

Readings for Sun 26 October

Psalm 121

Luke 18: 1-8

Isaiah 45: 22-end

Luke 4: 16-24

(1) *I lift up my eyes to the hills*

(2) *Grant me justice*

(3) *A word that shall not return*

(4) *The spirit of the Lord is upon me*

Wed 22 October: Psalm 124: 1-9; Luke 12: 39-48

Wed 29 October: Psalm 13; Luke 13: 22-30

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A pilgrimage to Iona (Columba's Isle) Rev Hilary Shedlock writes:

At the end of September Phil and I made the long journey to the island of Iona, which is off the west coast of Scotland. We travelled with 25 people from across Manchester and beyond, by train, ferry and coach and car. All week we were blessed with blue skies and gentle breezes in the day and clear, star-filled heavens at night. The island is small, beautiful and peaceful. There are about 120 inhabitants, including 23 children, who were welcoming and friendly, along with sheep and cattle peacefully grazing on the hills.



We stayed at Bishops House which is a retreat house for the Scottish Episcopal Church. At its centre is St Columba's chapel, which we used daily for Morning Prayer, Communion and Evening Compline. Across the next field was the Abbey, where services were held every evening.

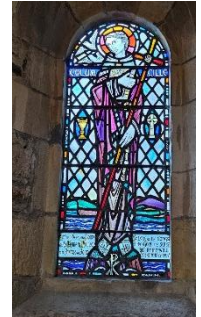
Columba and his twelve monks travelled from Ireland and landed on Iona on the day of Pentecost 563, where they founded a monastery. The monastery was hugely successful and may have played a role in the conversion to Christianity of the people of present-day Scotland, and was certainly central to the conversion of the Anglo-Saxon kingdom of Northumbria, with links to St Cuthbert and St Aiden of Lindisfarne on the east coast.

Led by Revd Daniel Burton and Mark, Bishop of Middleton, we spent our days walking across the island listening and praying, fortified by good food provided by the staff at Bishops House. While staying at the retreat house we had to do our share of the hospitality, clearing the tables after meals and providing worship in the chapel, which helped us get to know each other, and now we have 25 new friends.





One day we travelled by boat to Staffa, the sea was so calm, we were able to sail right inside Fingal's cave.
The current Abbey church is not from St Columba's time but was rebuilt in the early 1900's based on a Benedictine Abbey founded in 1203. It is now home to the Iona Community, who are from many backgrounds and denominations and who seek to promote peace and social justice and to discover new approaches to worship. We attended the Sunday Morning Communion service at the Abbey. At the end we sang;



We will walk with God, my brothers, we will walk with God.
We will walk with God, my sisters, we will walk with God.
We will go rejoicing till the kingdom has come.
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And we were invited to stay for coffee, where we were given two biscuits and invited to share one with a stranger. This, for me, summed up our time on Iona.

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Harvest thanks! A huge thankyou to everyone who contributed towards our three harvest celebrations- at St Paul's, St Andrew's and St Paul's School- and for all the wonderful donations to St James' Food Pantry- two carloads of goods and over £100 in cash. Our special thanks go to Broughton House for their fantastic hampers: it was wonderful to have residents and staff at the service at St Paul's.



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Prayers We continue to pray for our neighbours in the Jewish community in the aftermath of last week's events; we give thanks for the release of the hostages, pray for those returning home to devastation in the north of Gaza, and for a peace which will last. We pray for those who are unwell at this time, including Ruth Hudson, Judith Walsh and Maureen Roberts. We give thanks for the recovery of Rodju Aderogba. We remember with love and friendship our dear friend **Malcolm Chisholm** who went to glory on 5 October and whose funeral took place at St Paul's on 16 October. Our prayers are with his family at this sad time.

News and events

Thankyou from Revd Daniel and the family for the cards, gifts and good wishes received as they left the parish. Daniel assures us we will continue to be in his prayers.
Lunen service. Every two years we celebrate the long links between churches in Salford and in its twin town of Lunen in Germany with a special service attended by churchgoers from both towns. This year it takes place on 19 October led by Revd Avis Gordon. Join us!
Installation of Revd David Cooper as Rector of St Mary's. This takes place at St Mary's Church, Prestwich at 7.30pm on Tue 21 October. The parish will be represented by members of the Leadership Team. Revd David becomes leader of our Mission Community of Prestwich and Kersal. Please see Anthea if you would like to attend. **Bible study is cancelled.**

Next 2 weeks

Tuesday 21 October: Time Out 1.30pm Hearing dogs for the deaf- talk
Tuesday 21 October: NO BIBLE STUDY (leaders at installation service at St Mary's)
Wednesday 22 October: 10am at St Paul's: Holy Communion with **Revd Steve Williams**
Tuesday 28 October: Bible study 5 7pm St Paul's: Samson- empowered by God
Wednesday 29 October: 10am at St Paul's: Holy Communion with **Revd Lisa Battye**
Friday 31 October: Motherhood and Milk group 10-12 noon St Paul's Social Area

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