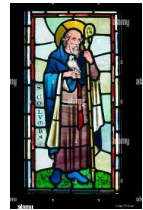




Newsletter



31 May and 7 June 2026

Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth 31 May

St Columba of Iona 597AD 9 June

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Services for Sunday 31 May 2026 Trinity Sunday

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St Andrew's 11am **Morning Praise** lead David Martin, preach Heather Martin

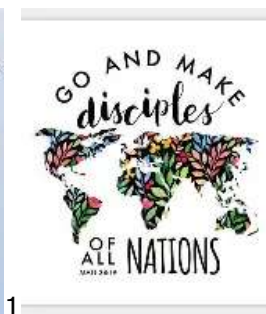
Services for Sunday 7 June 2026 Trinity 1

St Paul's 10am **Holy Communion** preside and preach **Rt Rev Matthew**

Porter, Bishop of Bolton – invite your friends and family!

St Andrew's 11am **Morning Praise** lead and preach Rev Andy Smith

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Readings for Sun 31 May

Isaiah 40: 12-14,27-end

(1) *The majesty of God the creator*

Matt 28: 16-end

(2) *Make disciples of all nations*

Readings for Sun 7 June

Genesis 12: 1-9

(3) *The call of Abram*

Matt 9: 9-13, 18-26

(4) *Mission of the Twelve*

Wed 3 June: Ps 123; Mark 12:18-27 Wed 10 June: Ps 16:1, 6-end; Matt 5:17-19

Rev Hilary writes about the importance of renewing our baptism vows during the Trinity season. Today is **Trinity Sunday**. It marks a change in the church year. Since Advent we have been reading about and exploring who Jesus is and his life on earth, from before his birth to his death and resurrection. Last week we celebrated Pentecost and the coming of the Holy Spirit on the disciples. Now we will spend the next few months thinking about what it means for us to be a disciple of Christ. One of the readings for today is from the end of Matthew's Gospel. Jesus appears to the disciples and says "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you".



Can you remember your baptism and the promises made? Many of us were baptised as infants and our Godparents made the promises on our behalf: even if you can remember, it may have been a while since you were baptised. So at St Paul's on Wednesday 10th June and St Andrew's on Sunday 28 June, there will be an opportunity to renew our baptismal vows. Renewing these vows can be important because it gives us a chance to reaffirm our faith in God and our commitment to living a Christian life. It is a way of remembering the promises made at our baptism- for those of us baptised as infants made on our behalf by our parents and godparents- and choosing to accept those promises again, personally and sincerely. It can also help us to reflect on our spiritual journey, reject sin, and continue to follow the teachings of Christ with renewed faith and dedication.

If you haven't been baptised, it will give you an opportunity to think about the importance of baptism: you will be welcome to receive a blessing.

If you want to know more about baptism, please speak to one of the clergy or church wardens.

Blessings from *Rev Hilary*



Our Prayers. We continue to pray for Tracy Kehoe (special presentation at APCM on her retirement as Parish Treasurer), Maureen Roberts, Annie Thomas, Barbara Plumb, Doreen Minshull, John Battye, and for Mike as he recovers from his recent surgery. The Diocese has asked us to pray for the key areas of our shared vision. This week we pray for our Sunday School members using the words of the Diocesan

prayer for Growing Younger: *God of every generation, we thank you for all children, young people and families across our Diocese. Strengthen us in our calling to nurture younger disciples. Bless those who already follow Christ, and guide those who are searching after him. Give courage, imagination and hope to all who serve in churches, schools and chaplaincies, that together we may see new generations grow and flourish. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

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Whit Walk Bank Holiday Monday

25th May: thankyou to all 13 members of the parish who took part in this year's very well-attended ecumenical walk. Wonderful weather, and great to see Lisa and John!!



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Revd Mike is very appreciative of all the prayers, good wishes and cards he has received after his recent surgery. He continues to recover well at home and is looking forward to being back at St Paul's and St Andrew's as soon as possible. Thank you and blessings, **Jean.**

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Annual Parish Meeting (APCM): thankyou to all who came and took part: attendance was excellent. Our new Churchwardens are David Martin (St Paul's) and Brenda Platt (St Andrew's); Deanery Synod rep Brenda Platt; lay members Tony Grimshaw, Beverley Robinson, Paul Smeeton. Our thanks go to Sian Crosby and Debbie Dickinson who are standing down this year.

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Monthly fundraising and social event programme update

May: Sun 31 May- **last chance to buy £1 bags**

June: Sun 21 June- St Paul's **Midsummer and John the Baptist service** followed by lunch. £5 - [tickets on sale from 31 May](#)

Selling items on eBay? Do it via Alan Pendry - he will use church charity number and proceeds from sale of more expensive items to go to church funds

Annual Parish Weekend Away 9-12 October 2026 at Thornleigh, Grange-over-Sands. £316.00 all-inclusive. You can pay in instalments- see Alan Pendry for details.

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Details of Services and Events for the next 2 weeks

Tuesday 2 June: Homegroup 7pm at 5 Moorside Road

Wed 3 June: Holy Communion 10am led by **Rev Lisa Battye**

Saturday 6 June: 7 Churches Walk starts 9.30am from St Paul's. First stop: St Andrew's

Monday 8 June: Leaders' meeting 7pm 5 Moorside Road

Tuesday 9 June: Time Out St Paul's 1.30pm Rev David Cooper Rector St Mary's on fostering

Wed 10 June: 10am St Paul's **Morning Praise** led by Rev Hilary Shedlock with **Renewal of baptism vows**

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