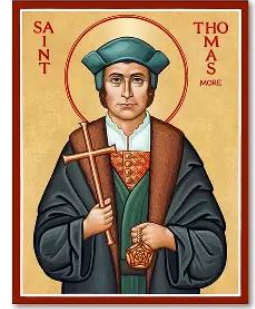




SS Peter and Paul 29 June

# Newsletter

## 28 June and 5 July 2026



St Thomas More 6 July

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### Services for Sunday 28 June 2026 Trinity 4

St Paul's 10am **Morning Praise** lead and preach David and Heather Martin  
 St Andrew's 11am **Morning Praise with Renewal of Baptism Vows** lead and preach Rev Hilary Shedlock

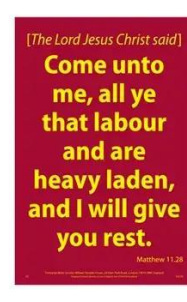
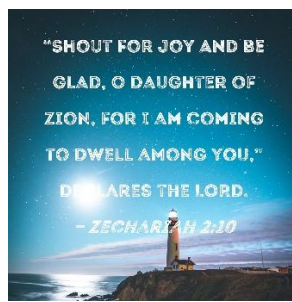
### Services for Sunday 5 July 2026 Trinity 5

St Paul's 10am **Holy Communion** preside and preach Rev Mike Dyson  
 St Andrew's 11am **Holy Communion** preside and preach Rev Avis Gordon



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Readings for Sun 28 June

Genesis 22: 1-14 (1) *The command to sacrifice Isaac*

Readings for Sun 5 July

Matt 10: 40-end (2) *Whoever welcomes me*

Zechariah 9: 9-12 (3) *Rejoice O daughter of Zion*

Matt 11:16-19, 25-end (4) *Come unto me*

Wed 1 July: Ps 50:7-14; Matt 8: 28-end Wed 8 July: Ps 115:3-10; Matt 10: 1-7

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It's rare for us to experience water shortage, and when we do we tend to blame it on the water companies. Unlimited supply of drinking water is still an unattainable luxury in many parts of the world. By avoiding excessive use of water we help to ensure that supplies in this country are sufficient without the creation of more reservoirs and we remind ourselves of the

many people in our world who have no access to clean drinking water – let alone the chance to flush the toilet with it! How can we help? Choose two or three of these:

- Fix dripping taps - Turn off the tap while brushing your teeth - Have a shower rather than a bath - Shower less than 2 minutes per day - Wash your car using a bucket (not a hose pipe) - Only do full washing loads - Use economy settings on washing machines - Wash up in large batches - Only run the dishwasher when it's full - Replace your toilet's flushing mechanism with a modern low-water consumption design - Get a 'hippo' for the loo/Place a brick in the cistern - Don't wash the car - Collect rain water for use in your garden.

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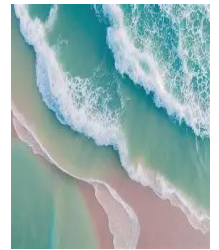
- Research the amount of water used in making products so that you can avoid products manufactured with an intensive use of water OR Investigate installing a rain water system to flush the loo (and for washing clothes)




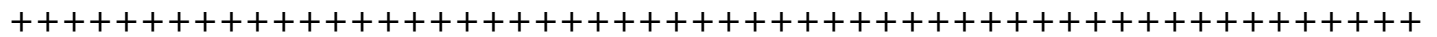
**We are connected in creation  
by water which gives us life.  
Tides move in our blood,  
and on distant shores  
our kindred lift their heads  
in the salt air**

Yvonne Morland

**and scan the horizon  
for a trace of our mark on the earth.  
Let our marks be gentle.  
Let us respect the sacredness of water  
which moves between us  
as a blessing from the hand of God.**



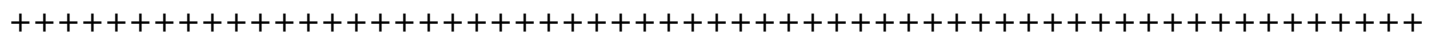
 **Our Prayers.** We continue to pray for Tracy Kehoe, Maureen Roberts, Annie Thomas, Barbara Plumb, John Battye and Rev Mike as he returns to work. We pray for Simon and Paula as they are ordained Deacon and Priest respectively this weekend. This week's prayer for our Diocesan vision is for **Developing Missional Leaders**: *God of love, we thank you for all whom you are calling to lead and serve in your church. We ask you to continue raising up missional leaders, lay and ordained. Deepen our faith, develop our gifts, and form us into the likeness of Christ. Open our eyes to see where you are at work and give us courage to follow you boldly and faithfully. Amen.*



**St Paul's School** is holding a special assembly in school at 9.15 on 3 July to say farewell to Tracy Kehoe as she retires from her role as School Business Manager. Everyone is welcome to the school's end of year service in St Paul's Church at 9.30am on Friday 17 July.

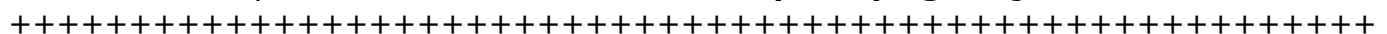
**Simon Mars' ordination as deacon to the Mission Community** on Sunday 28 June in the Cathedral at 10.30am (ticket only): lunch afterwards at 12.30pm in the Social Area of St Paul's (note: no coffee after the service on Sunday morning.)

**Annual Parish Weekend Away** 9-12 October 2026 at Thornleigh, Grange-over-Sands. £316.00 all-inclusive. A few places still available. All payments must be completed by **19 July** at the very latest. See Alan Pendry for details.



**Monthly fundraising and social event programme update**

**July:** Sun 12 July- St Paul's **Presentation Sunday service** followed by pizza, games and bottle tombola (donations welcome). **August:** 'Say it with flowers' flower arranging demo and afternoon tea 22 August- tickets at £10 on sale soon. **September: Heritage Open Days** 12-13 Sept at St Paul's- talks and churchyard tours. **October: Stewardship campaign** begins.



**Details of Other Services and Events for the next 2 weeks**

**Tuesday 30 June: Homegroup** 7pm at 5 Moorside Road

**Wed 1 July: Holy Communion** 10am led by Rev Steve Williams

**Sunday 5 July: Archdeacon Rachel's farewell service** 5.30pm Manchester Cathedral

**Monday 6 July** 7pm PCC in St Paul's

**Tuesday 7 July: Time Out** St Paul's **11.30am** last event of the year- **Oh I do like to be beside the seaside!** Games, activities, morning coffee, lunch, singsong and ice-cream. £4.00



**Wed 8 July:** 10am St Paul's **Holy Communion** led by Rev Mike Dyson- welcome back!

**Thur 9 July: Homegroup** 7pm at 47 Agecroft Road

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