



Battle of Britain Day 1940 15 Sept

Newsletter

6 and 13 September 2026



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Services for Sunday 6 September 2026 Trinity 14

St Paul's 10am **Holy Baptism** Lead and preach Rev Avis Gordon

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

Services for Sunday 13 September 2026 Trinity 15

St Paul's 10am **Morning Praise for Heritage Open Days** lead and preach
Anthea Darlington

St Andrew's 11am **Holy Communion** preside Rev Avis Gordon, preach Dapo Ajibua

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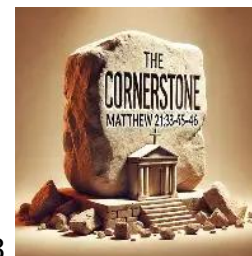
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Readings for Sun 6 Sept

Exodus 12: 1-14 (1) *The first Passover*

Matthew 18: 15-20 (2) *where 2 or 3 are gathered in my name*

Readings for Sun 13 Sept (P)

Psalms 122 (3) *the peace of Jerusalem*

1 Peter 2: 4-10 (4) *Christ the cornerstone*

Matt 21: 12-14 (5) *Jesus enters the temple*

Wed 9 Sept: Ps 45:11-end; Luke 6: 2-26 Wed 16 Sept: Ps 33: 1-12; Luke 7: 31-35

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To celebrate Heritage Open Days weekend, here's the first part of a short **history of St Paul's**.

On 10 October 1850 a meeting of local landowners and businessmen was held to discuss opening a subscription list for building a new church to serve the community of working people living in Rainsough and on Kersal Moor. Col. Clowes, the major landowner, had persuaded the Bishop of Manchester to give permission for part of the former grandstand for the races on Kersal Moor to be used as a church and schoolroom. It proved hugely popular and from it came the suggestion to raise funds to build a proper local church and school. Then came the intervention of Robert Gladstone, cousin of the Prime Minister and hugely wealthy, who was keen to build a church big enough to entice his minister at St Anne's in town to become the first Rector (it worked!). Over £10,000 was raised, and the land was given by Col. Clowes and Miss Eleanor Atherton. The foundation stone was laid on 28 August 1851 by Col Clowes and James Prince Lee, Bishop of Manchester. The building was designed by Andrew Trimen of London in a mixture of 13th and 14th century Gothic architectural styles. The tower is based on Magdalen College Oxford and the twin spires on Carisbrooke parish church in the Isle of Wight. There was enough seating for everyone in the parish with 744 pew seats to rent plus 374 free seats- a sign of changing times. There was a three-decker pulpit in the middle of the nave and the chancel arch was decorated with flowers and a verse from the psalms. In the mid 1880's the church was reordered by a local architect who attended the church, Hugh Davies-Colley, with a new organ chamber built on, the chancel arch widened to accommodate new choir stalls (the gallery at the west end which had housed organ and choir was removed), plus a new less draughty porch



and a 'shed' on the north side, where we keep the lawnmower today. At the same time the brass eagle lectern made by Thomas Potter was donated by a local family. The clergy vestries were added in 1904 and a new alabaster pulpit installed in 1909 (removed after the fire). The

mosaic pavement in the sanctuary was designed by Bishop Fraser, a regular worshipper at St Paul's, on his deathbed. His monument is to the right of the chancel arch. Mrs Alice Boutflower whose husband was principal surgeon at Salford Royal Hospital donated the east window in c. 1905 in his memory, and in 1924 she gave the 2 murals of St Paul in the chancel, by Walter Pearce of Chorlton on Medlock, Manchester, fine examples of the art of opus sectile. After WWII new windows were installed in both transepts at the expense of a local parishioner (the Ramsbottom bequest) and a war memorial altar in the north transept in 1955. In the 1970's the city of Salford cleaned the exterior of the church, removing 120 years' worth of dirt and grime to reveal the natural colour of the stonework. In the 1980's a community room was constructed in the north aisle named after the church's long-term Reader Joe Harrison. It was designed by a parishioner, architect Ron Lovell, whose wife Dorothy was Churchwarden. *Anthea Darlington*



 **Our Prayers.** We continue to pray for Tracy Kehoe, Maureen Roberts, Flo Eccles; and for those lost or bereaved in the floods in Nepal. Make sure you have a current copy of the **Parish Prayer Diary** so that you can pray for us all in turn day by day.

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Message from **Rev Hilary Shedlock**, whose last service before retirement was on 30 August. Thank you so much for your cards, prayers and generous gifts. I am touched by your kindness. I have yet to decide what to use the money for, but there will be something that reminds me of you all. As Phil and I step into this new chapter, we will carry many wonderful memories of our time at St Andrew's and St Paul's and our ministry with you, including your generosity, support and prayers over the years. Thank you again for making my retirement even more special. We will continue to



pray for you, and hope to see you all again one day. With every blessing *Rev Hilary*

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'Say it with Flowers' event: thanks to everyone who took part in this wonderful event held on 29 August- to Lorraine for a wonderful demonstration; to Pam and Paul for a fabulous afternoon tea and to everyone else who made it so special for the 70+ people who attended. We raised £1200, including a donation from Pam and George Russell to celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary, which has enabled us to purchase many more new chairs- we now have 50!



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Monthly fundraising and social event programme update

September: Heritage Open Days 12-13 Sept at St Paul's- talks and churchyard tours.

Presentation Sunday 20 September with games and refreshments. **Macmillan Coffee**

Morning 23 Sept

October: Stewardship campaign 4,11,18 Oct, 15 Nov

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Details of Other Services and Events for the next 2 weeks

Tue 8 Sept: St Paul's Time Out 1.30pm Our heritage at St Paul's- talk and exhibition

Wed 9 Sept: churchyard waste clearance

Sat Sun 12 & 13 Sept: Heritage Open Days at St Paul's

Mon 14 Sept: Leadership Team meeting 7pm Moorside Road **Tue 15 Sept: Bible Study**

Heroes of the Old Testament- all you need to know and more! **1: Moses** 7pm 5 Moorside Road

Friday 18 Sept: St Paul's School building 50th anniversary 2pm in school

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