

Newsletter

15 and 22 November 2026



Hilda Abbess of Whitby 19 November **St Catherine of Alexandria 8 November**

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Services for Sunday 15 November 2026 Safeguarding Sunday



St Paul: 10am **Morning Praise** lead and preach Rev Simon Mars with Chris Reid Safeguarding Officer **Stewardship campaign update at both churches**
St Andrew: 11am **Holy Communion** preside and preach Rev Avis Gordon
St Paul: 3pm **Memorial Service** lead Rev Andy Smith

Services for Sunday 22 November 2026 Christ the King

St Paul: 10am **Holy Communion** preside and preach Rt Rev David Walker Bishop of Manchester
St Andrew: 11am **Holy Communion** preside Rev Avis Gordon, preach Rosemary Williams

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Readings for Sun 15 November	Micah 6:6-8	*God's challenge to us*
	Luke 10: 25-37	*The Good Samaritan*
Readings for Memorial Service	Ecclesiastes 3: 1-4	*Times and seasons*
	Romans 8: 35, 37-39	*God's love in Christ Jesus*
Readings for Sun 22 November	Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24	*God the true shepherd*
	Matt 25: 31-end	*The judgement of the nations*

Wed 18 Nov: Psalm 150; Luke 19: 11-28 Wed 25 Nov: Ps 98; Luke 21: 12-19

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Eileen Booth writes about the **SHOE BOX APPEAL** for Christmas 2026.

A huge thank you to everyone who contributed in any way to the Link to Hope Shoe Box Appeal 2026. Thank you to those who gave money or contents for the boxes, or made things, or packed boxes, or helped load the boxes when the van came. You are all stars!!

When we showed the YouTube clip of boxes being delivered to Eastern Europe, I could see that we were all moved at the reaction of such very needy people receiving the gift of a shoebox.

It is true that it is one present that we will give and expect nothing in return except the knowledge that we are fulfilling the true meaning of Christmas- the gift of Jesus to the world.

And so we start again for 2027!! There are two ways you can help throughout the year - if you have any empty shoeboxes, please bring them along. And, if you buy those little desserts that come in glass jars, please can we have the jar as it makes a great candle holder!!







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love in action. It must be sacrificial. As your Parish Safeguarding Officer, I am tasked to perform many duties to ensure that we fulfil our legal requirements as a parish. I am also asked to ensure that all the many volunteers in the parish have adequate DBS checks, training and ongoing support. This 2026 year may we all pray that Safeguarding will not be an onerous task but one of joy. May we think of Safeguarding as the defining mark of Christian love. May we who receive the abundant love of God work earnestly to spread this love and protection to all those around us. Chris Reid, Parish Safeguarding Officer.

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Our Prayers We pray for those who are in need of prayer at this time: Maureen and Debbie Roberts, Tracy, Sandra, Flo (in hospital), Pat, Antje and others known to us. Please join us at our **Memorial Service** for those who have recently died at 3pm at St Paul's on 15 November.
Diocesan prayer for Safeguarding Sunday: Loving God, we pray that our churches, schools and chaplaincies may be places of welcome, security and compassion. Keep us watchful yet caring, trusting yet ready to question, that all who worship may do so in safety and in the knowledge of your love, though Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Our Stewardship campaign: update on 15 November A reminder to return your pledge form in the envelope provided on 15 November, when David will update us on progress. Help us to cover our ever-rising costs in future years and thus remain as a Christian presence and beacon of hope in our two communities. Thanks to those who have done so already.

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St Paul's School celebrated Remembrance Day with a special assembly and made these beautiful displays. We look forward to the 50th anniversary of the opening of their current building on 27 November.



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Advance notice: ***Advent course*** for everyone- 3 sessions on Tuesdays from 7-8pm in St Paul's Social Area. 24 Nov: Star; 1 Dec: Light; 8 Dec: Emmanuel. A mixture of Bible readings, pictures, hymns and songs, discussion and seasonal refreshments. Come along and enjoy!

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Monthly fundraising and social event programme update 2026

Nov: Christmas wreath-making Sun 29 Nov **SOLD OUT**
Dec: Christmas Afternoon tea 20 Dec **1.30pm** St Paul's Social Area
See flyer for details of Christmas services and events

Details of Other Services and Events for the next 2 weeks

Mon 16 Nov: Leadership Team to meet with Archdeacon 7pm 5 Moorside Road
Tue 17 Nov: St Paul's **Time Out** 1.30pm **Mothers Union speaker** plus bingo
Wed 18 Nov: St P 10am **Holy Communion** with Rev Mike Dyson and Rosemary Williams
Mon 23 Nov: St Paul's 7pm **PCC**
Tue 24 Nov: St Paul's 7pm **Advent course 1- Star**
Wed 25 Nov: St P 10am **Holy Communion** with Rev Mike Dyson and Rev Simon Mars
Fri 27 Nov: St Paul's School 2pm **50th anniversary of the opening of St Paul's School building in Nevile Road -all welcome**

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