



The church of St Paul Burton upon Trent



September 2025 Newsletter



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SERVICES

<u>St Paul's</u>	Sundays	10.45am	Sung Mass
	Thursdays	12 noon	Holy Communion
<u>St John</u>	Sundays	9.15am	Sung Mass
<u>the Divine</u>	Wednesdays	9.30am	Holy Communion

ST PAUL'S CHURCH IS OPEN 10.30am – 4.00pm MOST DAYS

For Baptisms and Weddings please contact the clergy

Fr Simon's day off is Friday

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Donations for St Paul's Church will be gratefully accepted

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SERVICES AND EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER

SUNDAY	10.45am	Holy Communion at St Paul's
MONDAY	8.30am	Morning Prayer
	5.30pm	Evening Prayer
TUESDAY	8.30am	Morning Prayer
	5.30pm	Evening Prayer
WEDNESDAY	8.30am	Morning Prayer at St John's
	9.30am	Holy Communion at St John's
	10.45am	Holy Communion at St Modwen's
	5.30pm	Evening Prayer
THURSDAY	8.30am	Morning Prayer
	5.30pm	Evening Prayer
	12 noon	Holy Communion at St Paul's
SATURDAY	10.00am – 12 noon	St Modwen's open for Coffee and private prayer

**Please note that there will be no Morning or Evening Prayer
between 15th -25th September**



'It all feels so hopeless.'

'I don't know where my hope has gone.'

'What's the point of hoping? Nothing's going to change.'

Just some of the comments that have been shared with me in conversations recently; pastoral conversations that I keep in confidence, so no-one is named. We might well be forgiven for feeling that way, when we see and hear about the huge (and ever-rising) death toll of the war on Gaza, on the West Bank, on Ukraine, in yet another mass shooting at a school in the USA, as so many innocents lose lives on both sides of wars; as the climate emergency worsens.

Where do we find hope when all this is going on? Where do we find hope when we suffer and struggle in our own families, relationships and communities.

In his letter to the Romans, St Paul – no stranger to being on the receiving end of violence, hardship and living in the shadow of death – writes: *‘We also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.’*

Paul’s words do have the grain of truth within them. A bit like the cliché: ‘What doesn’t kill you makes you stronger.’ In the midst of suffering, important things can be discovered - strength we never knew we had, ‘stickability’ to keep going (and the only way to go through suffering is **to go through it**) and, if we are able, we might just say that we came through all of THAT and are still breathing.

However, might those words be taken as a trite, simplistic way of shrugging off the agony of painful experiences? I wonder how those words would be greeted by our Palestinian Christian sisters and brothers, by their neighbours, or those, Palestinian and Israeli, whose loved ones have been killed or taken hostage?

How might they sound in Gaza, where the most regular asked first question on a text message or call is not ‘How are you?’, but ‘Are you still alive? Are you still there?’

How can we speak of hope in such circumstances? When, as one of my favourite musicians, Martyn Joseph, has sung, you don’t have ‘the luxury of despair’; when the constant threat to survival outweighs any ability to feel despondent.

For those of us not caught right in the middle of such unimaginable horror, thankfully, but who still feel a loss or absence of hope - what might we do?

One way forward is rather than to just ‘*have* hope’, instead to ‘**make** hope.’ To do what we can, as little as it might feel, to create hope.

The theme of this year's Greenbelt festival, in the grounds of Boughton House in Northamptonshire, over the August Bank Holiday weekend, drew some 11,500 or so people to explore 'Hope in the Making'.

We can, and we do, make a difference when we hope together and act together. Hope is a practice, an attitude, a commitment, often shaped by collaborating with others, all of us bearing the image of God.

At Greenbelt, we were reminded that we are rooted in the Bible's ancient story of hope and that the seeds of goodness have been planted in us. We can draw strength and encouragement by realising that we are not alone in facing the turmoil of the world.

'Hope in the Making' reminded us that rather than allowing ourselves to be overwhelmed by the 24-hour news cycle, we can choose to do something – to roll up our sleeves, open our hearts and be reminded that, collaboratively, we can be the change we want to see in the world.

For example: among the speakers was Patrick Grant, judge on TV's *Great British Sewing Bee*, who spelled out the immense damage that 'fast fashion' does to the world, as the link between those who produce 'fast fashion' and those who buy and wear it has been broken. That there are something like 100 million items of clothing by one retailer languishing on the online site Vinted because no-one wants it.

John Bell, of the Iona Community, explained that we feel hopeful when we DO something to make hope.

The actor Adjoa Andoh, who plays Lady Danbury in the series *Bridgerton* and is a person of Christian faith (and a Reader in the Church of England) spoke of the importance of recognising we are all 'unique souls' who are 'gifted and terrific', but we allow that to be limited by others. She finds hope in the Kingdom of God that has come and will be fulfilled.

Journalist Lamorna Ash spoke about her book on the exploring by increasing numbers of young people of religion and a search for meaning.

What might you do - no matter how small a step, and ideally with others - to **make** hope, for yourself and our world? That's how change will come. And as St

Paul writes: *'Hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.'*

Fr Simon

PARISH NOTES

<p>Standing Committee meeting on Thursday 4th September at 12.45 pm in the Church Hall.</p> <p>The next PCC meeting will be on Thursday 2nd October at 12.45pm in the Church Hall.</p>	<p>We have had the fire extinguishers tested and have had to have some updated items. Apparently more will have to be changed next year – another expense!</p>
<p>Unfortunately the radiator in the hall by the kitchen leaked and has damaged the floorboards. We are replacing the radiator shortly.</p>	<p>Preliminary notice – our Harvest Festival will be on Sunday 5th October. Donations of non perishable foods will be greatly appreciated, these will be given to the YMCA Reconnect foodbank.</p> <p>We shall have a Ploughman's Lunch in the hall on Tuesday 7th October at 12 noon.</p>
<p>A Confirmation service has been booked for January at St John's. Anyone wishing to be confirmed, please contact Fr Simon</p>	<p>We are sorry to hear that Michael Johnson has passed away. Michael was a PCC member and a vergger for a few years. Please remember Yasmin in your prayers.</p>

Do you know of anyone who would be interested in a power chair? It is about 6 years old and has hardly been used. The downside is that it needs a new battery and charger which may cost around £100. Please contact John Woolley for more details.

UPDATE ON THE REFURBISHMENT OF THE HALL

There is a group of people doing the enormous task of painting the ceiling tiles. There are 400 tiles to paint – as per the photo Mike Mear has started the job – it is a slow process – only 385 more to do!



Sue is doing a fine job by moving tiles on and off the ceiling.

CRAFTS, KNIT & NATTER

The Group met in July and August. Lots of crochet and knitted blankets were donated to the elderly ward at the hospital. In July the crafters made beautiful jewellery boxes or whatever they wanted to use them for.





In August painting scarecrows was the menu of the day. Lots of chatting over a cup of coffee. A happy time was had by all. Thanks to Colin and Pat Dawson and Gill Bingham for supplying the crafts on offer. The group is growing and very popular. All are welcome to join this friendly crowd. Our next meeting is on Tuesday 2nd September at 10.00am.



COFFEE MORNINGS

We had a good turnout at both our recent coffee mornings. Lots of chatting over coffee and cake. These are very important social gatherings and also the proceeds go to boost our income. Thanks to Colin for the delicious cakes and scones on offer, Sue for organising the raffle and Pat for washing up.

This month we shall have the **MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING** on Tuesday 16th September at 10.00am.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

HOLY BAPTISM

10th Aug Susie Bridget Spence

17th Aug Theodore

PRAYER DIARY FOR SEPTEMBER

1	St Giles of Provence c 710	War-torn areas
2	New Guinea martyrs 1901 and 1942	Our Crafts, Knit & Natter group

3	St Gregory the Great 604	the new school term. Pupils & teachers
4		Those awaiting surgery
5	St Birinus bishop 650	those having difficulty in relationships
6	Allen Gardiner missionary 1851	St Giles Hospice. Patients & staff
7	TRINITY 12	those who care for the housebound
8	Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary	the new born and their parents
9	Charles Fuge Lowder priest 1880	The situation in Gaza
10		Burton Queens Hospital – staff and patients
11		the human and divine nature of Christ
12		for retired priests in the deanery
13	John Chrysostom 407	Job seekers
14	TRINITY 13 Holy Cross Day	the victory of the cross
15	St Cyprian bishop and martyr 258	Those with terminal illnesses
16	St Ninian bishop c 432	The Macmillan Coffee Morning
17	St Hildegard 1179	Ukraine crisis
18		Hosts of Ukrainian families
19	St Theodore of Canterbury c 602 to 690	Students starting university
20	John Coleridge Patterson and others martyrs in Melanesia 1871	the work of the Mothers Union

21	TRINITY 14 St Matthew apostle and evangelist	Administrators and office workers
22		The bereaved
23		Our armed forces
24		Those affected by the floods in Pakistan
25		understanding between different nations
26	Lancelot Andrewes bishop and writer 1626	Authors
27	St Vincent de Paul founder of the Congregation of the Mission 1660	Charity workers
28	TRINITY 15	The famine in Eastern Africa
29	St Michael and All Angels	the glory of God in heaven and messengers to earth
30	St Jerome 420	Lay readers

<p>From the Anniversary of Death book we remember in September</p> <p>Doris Hall, Margaret McKernan, Brian Ward, Arthur Underhill, Frederick Caldwell, Ron Staley, Barbara May Gooding, Doris Selmes, Queen Elizabeth II, Norma Totty, Elizabeth Yates, Nigel Payne, Keith Gooding, Derek Ward, Phillip Chambers</p>	<p><i>Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.</i></p> <p><i>May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.</i></p>
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SAINT MICHAEL FEAST DAY 29TH SEPTEMBER

The book of Revelation chap 12 describes a vision. “A woman, adorned with the sun, standing on the moon, with twelve stars on her head. She was pregnant and in labour. A huge red dragon with seven heads and ten horns appears. It’s tail drags stars from the sky and the dragon stopped in front of woman as she was having the child to eat it as soon as it was born. And now a war broke out in heaven and Michael and the angels attacked the dragon who was defeated and driven out of heaven. The great dragon known as the devil or Satan who has deceived the world was hurled down to the earth.”

There is a splendid wooden statue of St Michael on the north side of the nave. It shows an armoured St Michael the archangel killing a wingless dragon.

In a west window, now in the kitchen, St Michael is shown with other archangels. He is standing on and killing a splendidly depicted winged green dragon.



PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL

Saint Michael Archangel,
defend us in battle.

Be our protection against the wickedness
and snares of the devil.

May God rebuke him, we humbly pray,
and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host,
by the power of God, cast into hell

Satan and all the evil spirits

who prowl through the world seeking the ruin of souls.

Amen.



COLLECT FOR MICHAELMAS – 29TH SEPTEMBER

O everlasting God, who hast ordained
and constituted the services of Angels and men
in a wonderful order:

Mercifully grant that, as thy holy Angels
always do thee service in heaven,
so by thy appointment they may succour
and defend us on earth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



Anchor Church Caves



After seeing and hearing
about these caves on
YouTube and Country File we
decided to pay a visit.



Anchor Church is thought to have derived its name from an Anchorite hermit, St Hardulph, who lived and prayed there in the Anglo-Saxon period. The word anchorite itself is derived from the Greek word meaning ‘to depart into the countryside’.

By the 18th and 19th centuries St Hardulph’s residency had become part of the folklore of the area, with William Woolley describing Anchor Church in 1715 as a ‘most solitary, pleasant place’. However, research in 2021 revealed that it is in fact highly likely that St Hardulph lived there in the 9th century, and that he was not just a saintly hermit but the exiled Anglo-Saxon King Eardwulf.

Eardwulf was deposed from the Northumbrian throne in 806, and lived the remainder of his life as a hermit in the caves of Anchor Church with a group of followers, before his death and burial 5 miles away at Breedon on the Hill in 830. This discovery would make it the oldest intact domestic interior found in Britain.

Local legend tells of another religious inhabitant of the caves. In the later Middle Ages, a deceptive monk named Bernard supposedly occupied them in solitary penance for his sins. He had been paid by the Baron of Boyvill to inform local lord Sir Hugo de Burdett that his wife had been unfaithful to him, as Boyvill himself wished to marry her.

When Burdett heard of this, he flew into a rage, killing Boyvill and cutting off his wife's hand where her wedding ring was placed. The monk, realising the magnitude of his deceit, fled to Anchor Church in shame where he later died.

Whether Hugo de Burdett is indeed linked to the caves, it is known that in the 18th and 19th centuries the Burdett family of Formarke Hall occupied them for leisurely pursuits.

They enlarged them, fitting a door and steps to the entrance in 1845. By that time Anchor Church was part of the romantic landscape of Formarke, and used a summerhouse by Sir Francis Burdett, who with his family and guests would hold picnics as they admired the views over the Trent Valley.

Anchor Church today

Today Anchor Church no longer has the Burdett's fitted door and cosy furnishings, however it remains reminiscent of what may have at the most been an ancient home, and at the very least the site of some rather quirky gatherings!

With carved out holes for the door and windows, and a number of adjoining rooms carved through the rock, it is a hidden gem that provides an intriguing visit to those exploring the Derbyshire countryside's many curiosities.

Getting to Anchor Church

Anchor Church is situated in the village of Ingleby, just south of the Peak District, which can be reached from Repton on the B5008 or Swarkestone on the A514.

You can drive through Repton towards Foremark past the Preparatory School. On your right. Parking is on the grass verge. There is a pathway through a field and you then enter a wood. There are signposts and information on a stand telling you about the caves. It is not advisable to go if there has been heavy rain as the pathway to the caves along the river floods.

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Mike Mear

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Crafts, Knit & Natter Tuesday 2 nd September 10.00am in the Church Hall	Macmillan Coffee Morning Tuesday 16 th September 10.00am
PLOUGHMAN'S LUNCH TUESDAY 7TH OCTOBER 12 noon – 1.00pm IN ST PAUL'S CHURCH HALL	

Branston St Saviour’s and Burton, All Saints with Christchurch
WE ARE RECRUITING Parish Administrator

The post -14 hours a week, to be worked on three weekdays. (Days to be negotiated, but it will be necessary for these to be regular.)

Location:

This role follows a hybrid working model, with most hours worked from home. The job will require visits to All Saints Church, Burton each week for tasks that cannot be undertaken remotely. Occasional visits to St Saviour’s Church Branston will also be needed. The Parish Office is in All Saints’ Church, Branston Road.

About the Role

We are seeking a highly organised and approachable individual to support the life and work of Trentside Parish. The Parish Administrator will provide essential administrative and organisational support to the clergy, lay ministers, and congregations, ensuring smooth day-to-day operations and good communication within the parish and with the wider community.

How to Apply

Please send a brief CV (maximum one side of A4) including the contact details for two referees, along with a covering letter explaining why you believe you would be suitable for the role.

Applications can be submitted by email to vicar@trentsideparish.church or by post to: Revd. Capt. Dave Collier, The Vicarage, Church Road, Branston, DE14 3ER

Closing Date: Monday 8th September 2025, 5:00pm
Interviews week commencing 22nd September 2025.

Puzzle time

Answers to the quiz about the United Kingdom:

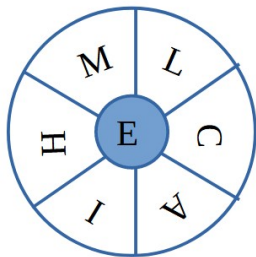
- 1. Cricket**
- 2. European robin**
- 3. The first London Olympics were held in 1908**
- 4. 1707**
- 5. Hoare & Co**
- 6. Red Dragon**
- 7. The Shard**
- 8. Warwick Castle 1068**
- 9. Tan Hill Inn, North Yorkshire**
- 10. Oxford**

Quiz about Angels: September 29th is the feast of St Michael and all angels. Have a go at a quiz about angels in the bible. (Answers will be given next month)

1. What animals had their mouths closed by an angel, saving Daniel's life?
2. What city did Lot convince the angels to let him escape to after rescuing him from Sodom?
3. Who wrestled with an angel?
4. When the apostles were imprisoned by the High Priest, at what time of day the angel release them?
5. When Elijah fled from Jezebel into the wilderness what did an angel provide him with to eat, giving him 40 days of strength?
6. Who was the first person recorded as being visited by an angel?
7. How did the angel of the Lord first appear to Moses?
8. Whose donkey could see an angel in the road, but he could not?
9. Who did an angel stop from sacrificing his own son on a mountain in Moriah?
10. Who did an angel tell to place meat and unleavened bread on a rock?
11. In Revelation, how many angels were given trumpets?
12. What was the punishment for Zechariah for not believing the angel's promise of a son?
13. What does Psalm 78 describe as food of the angels?
14. How many angels appeared with the disciples as Jesus ascended to heaven?
15. Who did an angel say that Cornelius should send for?
16. Who received Paul as though he were an angel of God?
17. When Hagar was visited by an angel what did he find her by?
18. What did Manoah offer to prepare for the angel of the Lord?
19. What does the Greek word for angel ("aggelos") mean?
20. What did David do that caused God to send an angel to destroy Israel?

Answers to saint names and their emblems/symbols

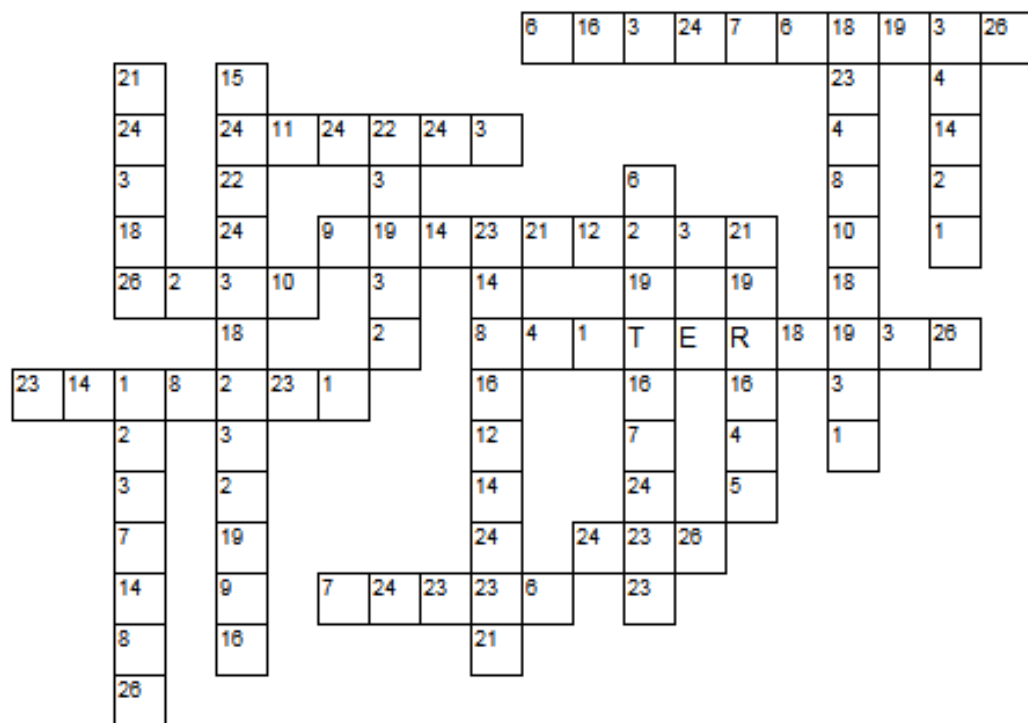
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2. Raphael – fish	1. Bartholomew - knife
4. Laurence - gridiron	3. Cecily - harp
5. Matthias - axe	6. John - eagle
7. Christopher - child	7. Beatrix - candle
8. Adrian - anvil	9. Agnes - lamb
10. James - shell	11. Hugh – lantern
13. Ambrose - beehive	12. Peter - keys
16. Lucy - eyes	14. Ivan - horse
18. Thomas - spear	15. Sebastian - arrows
19. Oswald - silverdish	17. Alban - cloak
22. Simon - lance	20. Judas - silver
24. Patrick - shamrock	21. Augustine - heart
25. Paul - sword	23. Matthew - angel



Wordwheel

**HOW MANY WORDS OF 4 OR MORE LETTERS
CAN YOU MAKE USING THE CENTRAL LETTER**

Codeword – can you find the English Cathedral Cities -



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READERS ETC FOR SEPTEMBER 2025

<u>Date</u>	<u>Readings</u>	<u>Reader</u>	<u>Prayers</u>	<u>Offertory</u>
7th Sept Trinity 12	Deuteronomy 30.15-20 Psalm 1 Philemon 1-21 Luke 14.25-33	Valerie Cammack	Mike Mear	Olwen & Alan Sharpe
14 th Sept Trinity 13 Holy Cross Day	Numbers 21.4-9 Psalm 33.22-27 1 Corinthians 1.18-24 or Philippians 2.6-11 John 3.13-17	Mike Mear	Colin Dawson	Lilian Keen
21 st Sept Trinity 14 St Matthew	Proverbs 3.13-18 Psalm 119.65-72 2 Corinthians 4.1-6 Matthew 9.9-13	Sue Ganley	John Woolley	Alfredo
28 th Sept Trinity 15	Amos 6.1a,4-7 Psalm 146 1 Timothy 6.6-19 Luke 16.19-31	John Woolley	Pat Dawson Maureen Woolley	Svetlana
5th Oct HARVEST	Deuteronomy 26.1-11 Psalm 100 Philippians 4.4-9 or Revelation 14.14-18 John 6.26-35	Tom Foster	Clergy	Valerie Cammack & Sue Sweeney
12 th October Trinity 17	2 Kings 5.1-3,7-15b Psalm 111 2 Timothy 2.8-15 Luke 17.11-19	Susan Monkhouse	Mike Mear	Rose Jefferies