

## Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2025 WEEKDAY SERVICES AND EVENTS

SUNDAY	10.45am	Sung 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
	12 noon	Holy Communion at St Paul's
	5.30pm	Evening Prayer
SATURDAY	10.00am – 12 noon	St Modwen's open for Coffee and private prayer

notes:

- 1 A Confirmation service has been booked for January at St John's. Anyone wishing to be confirmed, please contact Fr Simon
- 2 MacMillan Coffee Morning – Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September

**On our parish prayer list we remember** Monica Srinivasan, Carolin Ellis, Jean Towler, Terry Harrison, Simon Lesley

### THE DEPARTED- Julian Mason, Michael Johnson

From the Anniversary of Death book we remember Margaret McKernan, Brian Ward, Arthur Underhill, Frederick Caldwell, Ron Staley, Barbara May Gooding, Doris Selmes, Queen Elizabeth II, Norma Totty

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Welcome to  
The Church of St Paul Burton upon Trent

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2025**  
**TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY [Proper 18]**



### Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

### Post Communion

God of all mercy, in this eucharist you have set aside our sins and given us your healing: grant that we who are made whole in Christ may bring that healing to this broken world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

### 10.45am Sung Mass

*Reader: Valerie Cammack Prayers: Mike Mear*

*Offertory: Olwen & Alan Sharpe*

*Hymns :*

<i>Introit</i>	<i>508</i>	<i>Lord of all power, I give you my will (t.507 Slane)</i>
<i>Gradual</i>	<i>515</i>	<i>Lord, thy word abideth (t.Ravenshaw)</i>
<i>Offertory</i>	<i>264</i>	<i>The heavens declare thy glory, Lord (t.415 Warrington)</i>
<i>Communion</i>	<i>307</i>	<i>Jesu, we thus obey (t.577 Carlisle)</i>
<i>Final</i>	<i>578</i>	<i>Stand up, stand up for Jesus (t.Morning light)</i>

Date	Reader	Prayers	offertory
14 <sup>th</sup> September	Mike Mear	Colin Dawson	Lilian Keen

**THE CHURCH IS OPEN MOST DAYS 10.30am – 4.00pm**

**DEUTERONOMY 30.15-20**

See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

**PSALM 1**

**RESPONSE: Lord, my delight is in your law**

1. Blessed are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the assembly of the scornful.

2. Their delight is in the law of the Lord  
and they meditate on his law day and night. [R]

3. Like a tree planted by streams of water  
bearing fruit in due season,  
with leaves that do not wither, whatever they do, it shall prosper.  
4. As for the wicked, it is not so with them;  
they are like chaff which the wind blows away. [R]

5. Therefore the wicked shall not be able to stand in the judgement,  
nor the sinner in the congregation of the righteous.  
6. For the Lord knows the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked shall perish. [R]

**PHILEMON 1-21**

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, to Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow-soldier, and to the church in your house: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of

your love for all the saints and your faith towards the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother. For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for ever, no longer as a slave but as more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

**LUKE 14.25-33**

Large crowds were travelling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, ‘Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, “This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.” Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.