

Sunday 30th November 2025 WEEKDAY SERVICES AND EVENTS

SUNDAY	10.45am	Holy Communion at St Paul's
WEDNESDAY	9.30am	Holy Communion at St John's
	10.45am	Holy Communion at St Modwen's
THURSDAY	12 noon	Holy Communion at St Paul's
SATURDAY	10.00am – 12 noon	St Modwen's open for Coffee and private prayer

notes:

- 1 Crafts, Knit & Natter – Tuesday 2nd December at 10.00am**
- 2 Christmas Crafting** - A morning of Christmas Crafting will be held at 10am to noon on Monday 1st December at Red Lion House, Horninglow. Come along and make various Christmas-themed items. Cost is £5, to include materials and refreshments. If you wish to join in, please sign up on the sheet in each church or call Jane Archer on 01283 902157 (Burton Vicarage) and if there is no reply do leave a message
- 3 Coffee Morning – Tuesday 9th December at 10.00am**
- 4 PCC – Thursday 4th December at 12.45pm.**
- 5 Advent Study Group - Mondays 1st, 8th, 15th & 22nd December 7.00pm in St Paul's Church Hall**

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

THE DEPARTED- Mary Walsh

From the Anniversary of Death book we remember Terry Bailey, Chris Shepard

Clergy contacts:

Rev'd Simon Archer – Tel: 01283 902157

Rev'd Prebendary Phillip Jefferies – Tel: 07964 892230

website: <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/4195>

Donations for St Paul's Church will be gratefully accepted

Lloyds Bank

P C C St Paul's Burton

Sort code 30-91-47

Account number 01542702

Contactless card reader is located by the south door.



Welcome to
The Church of St Paul
Burton upon Trent



Sunday 30th November 2025
ADVENT SUNDAY- YEAR A

COLLECT

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility: that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

10.45am Sung Mass

Reader: Susan Monkhouse Prayers: Colin Dawson Offertory: Margaret Merry

Advent Prose:

Drop down, ye heavens from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness

Hymns:

Introit: 24 Come, thou long-expected Jesus (Cross of Jesus)

Gradual: 32 O come, O come Emmanuel (Veni Emmanuel)

Offertory: on sheet Longing for light (Christ be our light!)

Communion: 26 Hark, a thrilling voice is calling (Merton)

Final: 31 Lo, he comes with clouds descending (Helmsley)

Date	Reader	Intercessor	offertory
7 th Dec	Mike Mear	John Woolley	Olwen & Alan Sharpe

THE CHURCH IS OPEN MOST DAYS 10.30am – 4.00pm YEAR A

ISAIAH 2.1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

PSALM 122

RESPONSE: I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to God's house"

- 1 I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'
2 And now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem; [R]
- 3 Jerusalem, built as a city
that is at unity in itself.
4 Thither the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord,
as is decreed for Israel,
to give thanks to the name of the Lord.
5 For there are set the thrones of judgement,
the thrones of the house of David. [R]
- 6 O pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
'May they prosper who love you
7 'Peace be within your walls
and tranquillity within your palaces.' [R]
- 8 For my kindred and companions' sake,
I will pray that peace be with you.
9 For the sake of the house of the Lord our God,
I will seek to do you good. [R]

ROMANS 13.11-14

Brothers and sisters, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

MATTHEW 24.36-44

Jesus spoke to his disciples: "About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."