

PARISH newsletter



NOVEMBER 2025

Guide's Garden

Thank you to Guide Leader Sue Chapman and her Granddaughter Lilah for their recent work on revamping the Guide Garden on the South side of the church.

It looks superb.



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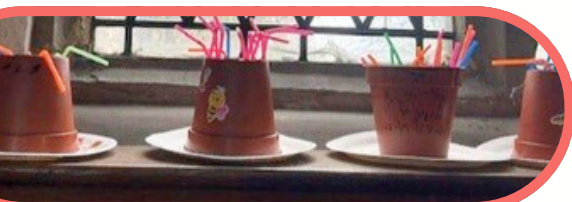
Services at St Paul's and Rainow Parishes

Harvest Celebrations

Community Pages

... and much more

Uniformed Flower Pots



Did you spot the fabulous flower pot people made by our Uniformed Groups for the Harvest Services?

The looked absolutely brilliant. Thank you to the groups that made them and helped make the church look very autumnal for harvest.

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(£5 per year)



November is a month that carries us gently but purposefully from remembrance into hope. It begins in quiet reflection and ends with the growing light of Advent, drawing us towards the promise of Christmas.

As the month begins, we hold in our hearts the tender memories of All Souls' Day. Although our All Souls' Service has already taken place at St Paul's, it was a truly moving occasion, beautifully led by Canon Veronica. We gave thanks for those we love but see no longer, and for the assurance that they rest in the eternal love of God. It is always a poignant moment in the life of our church family — a reminder that we are surrounded by "a great cloud of witnesses" who have walked this path before us.

Shortly afterwards, we turn our hearts and minds to **Remembrance Sunday on 9th November**, when we gather once again — young and old together — to honour those who have given their lives in service of others. Our **All Age Service**, with the participation of our uniformed groups, will help us reflect not only on the cost of war, but also on the call to live as people of peace in our own generation. The act of remembrance is never merely looking back; it is also a promise to live differently because of what we have learned.

Then, as the leaves fall and the days shorten, the rhythm of the Church year draws us onward to **Advent Sunday — which this year falls on 30th November**. Advent is a season of waiting and of promise, of holy anticipation as we look forward to the coming of Christ — both at Christmas and in the fullness of God's kingdom.



Our **10.30 am Advent Communion** will give us space to reflect not only on that divine promise, but also on our own response to it. Advent invites us to consider how we give of ourselves — our talents, our time, and our treasure — in gratitude for all that God has already given us through the gift of his Son. May this month of remembrance and expectation deepen our faith, strengthen our hope, and renew our love, as together we journey towards the light that no darkness can overcome.

With every blessing,
Simon

CONFIRMATION SERVICE

If anyone is interested in being confirmed, young or older please speak to Simon. Bishop Mark Tanner (Bishop of Chester) is coming to St Paul's to conduct a confirmation service at 4pm on the afternoon of 14 June 2026. This will be a service open to Rainow congregation and others from the Deanery. If somebody would like to be confirmed but has not yet been baptised they could be baptised by the Bishop at the same service. Please speak with Revd. Simon if you have any questions.



HARVEST AT ST PAUL'S



Beetle Drive fun on the Saturday evening



A huge thank you to the 'Flower Fairies' for their wonderful work in making the church look so beautiful this Harvest time.



Here's a photographic look back on a fabulous Harvest weekend.



All Age Harvest Service with our Uniformed Groups.



Choral Evensong with our Wonderful Choir

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST PAUL'S

EVERY WEEK

Mornings

Afternoons

Evenings



Mondays
10am | Chair Yoga
11.30am | Tiny Talk
Baby Signing

5.30pm | Yoga

Tuesdays

6.30pm | Brownies
7.45pm | Guides

Wednesdays

9.15am | Pilates

1.30pm | Knit and Natter

6.00pm | Beavers
7.30pm | Cubs

Thursdays

2.15pm | Cantata Choir

6.00pm | Rainbows

Fridays

10.00am | Toddler
Group

7.30pm | Scouts

Saturdays

9.30am-12noon /
Breakfast Café

NOVEMBER

5 Wed	11.00am	Mid-week Morning Prayer with Lay Minister Robert (Parish Centre)
9 SUN	10.30am 6.30pm	Remembrance Service with the Churchwardens Celtic Style Eucharist Evening Service
16 SUN	10.30am	Safeguarding Sunday Parish Communion with Revd Simon - more information about Safeguarding Sunday is below (Young People Church away visit to Rainow Church)
19 Wed	11.00am	Mid-week Communion with Revd Simon (church)
23 SUN	10.30am	Family Communion with Canon Veronica
29 Sat	10.30am-12.30pm	ST PAUL'S CHRISTMAS FAIR - FURTHER INFORMATION ON PAGE 14
30 SUN	10.30am	Advent Sunday Thanksgiving Service

DECEMBER

3 Wed	11.00am	Mid-week Morning Prayer with Lay Minister Robert (Parish Centre)
6 Sat	2.00pm	Family Christmas Craft Trail
7 SUN	10.30am 3.00pm	Parish Communion with Revd Simon (Young People Church) Christingle Service (in aid of the Childrens Society)
14 SUN	10.30am	Christmas All Age Service with St Paul's Uniformed Groups



FOR MORE CHRISTMAS SERVICES AND EVENTS - PLEASE SEE ADVERT ON PAGE 15

ALL SERVICES ARE FOLLOWED BY REFRESHMENTS AND FELLOWSHIP



Safeguarding Sunday 2025 is on November 16, and is a national awareness campaign to help churches create safer environments. The theme for 2025 is "Action Speaks Louder". Many churches and dioceses, from both the C of E and the Catholic Church, participate by reflecting on safeguarding practices and highlighting the work they do to protect vulnerable people.



Churchwardens Nick & Matt

We are steaming ahead to the end of the year now. It's unbelievable isn't it how quickly time is going.

We had a fabulous Harvest weekend with a delightful supper and beetle drive. Thank you to everyone who made the night a great event. We then had our Harvest All Age Worship the next morning and were treated to some lovely performances from Rainbows and Brownies. A good congregation (110) enjoyed the service and took away with them the thoughts of being a Star and having Heart not just at Harvest but all year round. We were then treated to a wonderful choral evensong led by our Choir. We hope that there will be more Evensong services in the future. Thank you to the choir for this wonderful time of worship.

We are now headed into Remembrance Season and then into Advent and Christmas. A busy time for us both with more events as well as working full time, and to throw into the mix for Matt, a house move! I (Matt) have certainly felt the pressures of getting ready to move house as well as still dealing with losing mum earlier in the year.

It has been lovely to look back on all the memories as I have sorted the house out and had many opportunities to give thanks to God for both mum and dad and the love and care that they gave me. It can be hard suddenly being on your own. Everything changes. You feel different and you know that things you could do easily in the past become bigger tasks. You often feel lonely, but then a message pings through from a good friend checking in on you. This makes you feel that bit better. Everything is an adventure into the unknown.

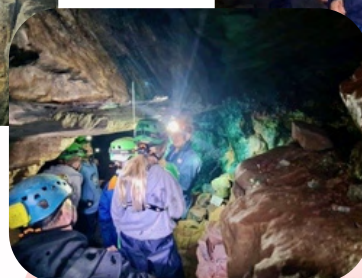
I found this Blessing on a postcard that I have called 'Adventure into the Unknown'. The postcard picture is all about trusting God for the next step. Following Jesus requires a solid trust, allowing him to be in charge. The blessing reads "May you have the strength to trust in God for what lies ahead. May you know His presence with you and may your hand feel His hand leading you ahead on the adventure into the unknown. Amen." (From: Chris Duffett Art)

As we head towards Advent and Christmas, may you know and trust in God for what lies ahead for you.

Love, Matt & Nick. xx

CUBS CAVING

Our Cubs and Scouts recently had an exciting evening of caving at Alderley Edge! What an experience for them. We are led to believe there is a video somewhere of Churchwarden Nick emerging from one of the caves!



Canon Veronica shares an article from The Observer on the appointment of the new Archbishop of Canterbury:

She is an answer to the prayers of all those who long for change in society

*Article from The Observer: Sunday 5 October 2025
by Lucy Winkett*

She has said she feels both peaceful, and at the same time excited. I can't believe that she isn't daunted too. Sarah Mullally, the first woman to be appointed archbishop of Canterbury, is a trained midwife, has worked as a cancer nurse and has already exercised senior leadership in not one but two national institutions, overseeing complex and diverse communities in the NHS as chief nurse and in the Church of England as bishop of London.

For "diverse" read "polarised" – within the church, anyway. Theologically, archbishops are required to be what the church calls "instruments of unity".

She has much experience of leading in this way, having been one of the female leaders who has most closely supported what the Church of England has decided are "five guiding principles" governing the relationships between ordained women such as her and the priests or bishops who do not accept that women can be ordained at all.

She holds to the Church of England's traditional teaching about marriage while at the same time welcoming the prayers for couples in same-sex relationships as "a moment of hope for the church".

The 63-year-old is a person who understands the levers and cogs of a historic institution such as the Church of England or a national institution such as the NHS. She is the first archbishop of Canterbury for a generation who has already had experience of the House of Lords, and her speeches on assisted dying have been informed by her life as a medical professional as well as a religious leader.

But she takes up her role at a time when the church, in common with many historic institutions or areas of public life – including the BBC, the NHS, the judiciary, banks, political parties, police and the armed services – all continue to face, to varying degrees, an erosion of trust in their work and leaders.

When women take up historic roles previously unavailable to them, there is often a disproportionate level of both opprobrium and expectation. The appointment of the first woman as the leader of the global Anglican communion will by itself neither destroy nor save a church subject to the same deep and persistent challenges that face other cultural, religious and political organisations in a world more conflicted and siloed than ever before.

But in this situation, the church has a unique vocation as articulated by one of the new archbishop's predecessors, William Temple, who believed that the church is the only institution in society that exists for the benefit of the people who do not belong to it.



The real and enduring impact of Anglican churches is felt in villages, towns and cities across the UK, across the world, where people gather to pray, run food banks, host AA meetings, reach isolated elderly people, invite parents and toddlers to play, and offer shelter for people who are hungry or homeless.

The challenge for the established church, praying for every soul, not just those who come to Sunday services, is to get our doors open, keep them open, welcome everyone without exception and never allow the church to become a cosy club of the already initiated.

To that end, our trailblazing archbishop is a sign of hope for all who long for change in society that things don't have to be as they are.

The Rev Lucy Winkett is rector of St James's Piccadilly and priest in charge of St Pancras church, Euston Road, and a writer, broadcaster and musician



FAMILY COMMUNION

At our recent Family Communion Service at the end of September, Canon Veronica encouraged us to commit ourselves to redress the imbalances of our society in whatever way we feel we can and looking to grasp a hoped-for future. "When peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendours fling, and all the world give back the song which now the angels sing."



FROM THE PARISH REGISTER

BAPTISMS

19 October Jonah Simon Ben-Smith

It was lovely to welcome Jonah Simon into the church family recently. A beautiful service followed by a lovely celebration for friends and family. May God bless and guide Jonah his life through.

INTERMENT OF ASHES INTO OUR GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE

26 October Audrey Mary Thomson

May you rest in peace and rise in glory.





The roof appeal
fund total is:
£47,716.43
(end October 2025)

A reminder of what our thoughts for 'first phase' of the project are:

- Re-roof the upper and lower rooves of the church, including modifications to the guttering to prevent water getting into the building in the future
- Replace and re-plaster all internal ceilings panels
 - Re-plaster internal walls where needed
 - Redecorate the building internally
- Re-light the building with energy efficient lighting
 - Modernise the sound and media system
- Reheat the building in an energy efficient way
 - Repair the spire where issues are arising

Matt, Nick and Vicar Simon had a positive meeting recently with Architect Ed Kepzyck and Sheena Wilson (Diocesan Buildings Advisor) about how to really begin to move the project on. Lots of discussion was had around what stages we need to complete to feel ready to move to the next stage. From the meeting we are going to do the following:

- Create a project brief (what do we want and why)
- Gain PCC approval for a Feasibility Study for the project to be completed by the Architect. APPROVED BY PCC IN JULY 2025.
- Arrange for Quinquennial Inspection to take place to aid the study. This is taking place on 25 November.
- Re-meet once completed and look to send the study to the Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC) for first thoughts and then wider sharing to all stakeholders.

The PCC have approved the undertaking of a Feasibility Study by the Architects, Butress of Manchester. This is a costly piece of work (Approx £13,000) but a vitally important part of any project to be completed. The study will look at what we want, consultations completed, a survey of the building (above and beyond the Quinquennial inspection) options of project style including re-ordering. It is looking likely that this is something that we will have to consider extremely seriously to ensure the future of the building, ensuring worship space remains the focus but with a flexible community space to help us become a beacon of light in our community.

If anyone wishes to have a look an example study then please do ask and we will ne happy to show you.

The study will take 2-3 months to complete from start date and we anticipate the start to be happening soon.

This is really an exciting time for St Paul's as we move towards the biggest refurbishment of the building in it's 180 year history and look to secure the future of the church and have a legacy to pass on to future generations. We are both genuinely excited by the opportunities that await us.

Please do raise any questions with us (Matt, Nick, Vicar Simon) as we want to ensure everyone has the opportunity to have their say and share their feelings.



Just to get you thinking, here are some AI generated images of what the church could look like as a big open space.
These are ONLY artificially generated and not final decisions of actions to be taken.
Matt & Nick

ROOF APPEAL GIVING

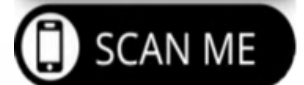
Here is the link to donate online for the roof appeal:

<https://givealittle.co/campaigns/9da68a7a-9297-4ebf-8046-c78a2f4c2331>

If you wish to make a cash or cheque donation to the appeal, please put it in an envelope and hand to either the Treasurer (Malcolm Brown) or the Wardens with the envelope clearly marked 'For the roof appeal'. This then means it is placed in a restricted account just for the roof appeal and cannot be used for anything else.

Please also share whether we are able to reclaim gift aid on the donation too as this will make a huge difference for us! We can claim from HMRC 25p for every £1 donated to us at no extra cost to you or us. If you are posting a donation, please pop a note inside to the same effect.

If you wish to donate via bank transfer then please do contact us for the bank details (office telephone number 01625 501773). Thank you for your support.

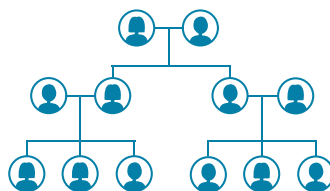


You can also donate by scanning the QR code

WHO ARE YOU?

Family History Research

Would you like to know more about your UK ancestors?



How I can help you:

If your ancestors lived in England and Wales, I can carry out an online search. This will usually trace families back to the late 18th century, although this can be tricky for very common surnames. Some online records go back further.

Searching in Ireland, Northern Ireland, Scotland, Isle of Man or the Channel Islands will usually incur additional costs, and records are not so readily available.

Health Warning:

If you would be offended to find examples of ILLEGITIMACY, INSANITY or CRIMINALITY in your family, then do not search for your ancestors or cousins. These phenomena can be found in practically ALL families!

(But it can be quite interesting!)

The Deal

- Tell me as much as possible about your parents and grandparents.
- (If you have any birth or marriage certificates it would be helpful if I could see them.)
- I will do the research and produce a report and a family tree at no charge to you.
- You can decide how much the work is worth to you and make a suitable donation to St Paul's.

Note: I can guarantee to LOOK, but I cannot guarantee to FIND!

Dave Williams

FUNDRAISING PHOTOSHOOT IN AID OF THE ROOF APPEAL



It was lovely to welcome Kasia, (wife of Piotr, our Cub Leader) to hold a photoshoot for families in the church recently. A steady stream of families took the opportunity to have festive photos taken and at the same time supporting our roof appeal as the proceeds from the event were kindly donated to the roof appeal. Thank you both of you and we look forward to welcoming you again for another photoshoot session!

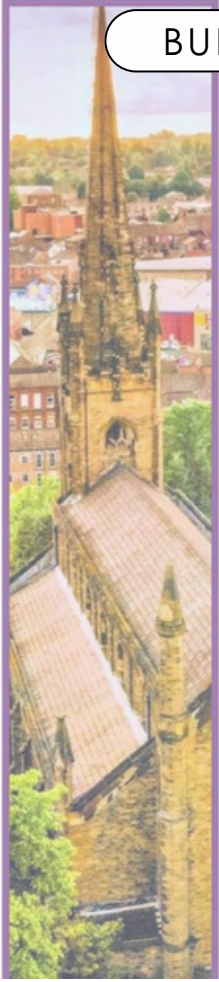
CAUGHT ON CAMERA

A fabulous picture of St Paul's with the backdrop of the Teggs Nose Country park and the hills appeared on facebook recently.

It was such a lovely photo, Churchwarden Matt checked with the owner of the picture (Roy Dixon) whether he would be happy for us to use the image in the newsletter.

We are glad to say he was and here it is:





BUILDINGS UPDATE

The recent rain found its way in in the usual places when the wind is in a certain direction! Bailey Steeplejacks are arranging to come and look at the tower and see if they can assist with the issue of the water coming in. In the recent windy weather (Storm Amy) some masonry was dislodged outside and fell over the vestry doors. We are monitoring this closely.

An issue of the rain coming into the tower has meant that the Bell Rope gets wet and as such the rope has frayed meaning that we cannot ring the bell at the moment. We will look to a temporary repair to the rope so that we can ring it.

We continue to monitor the plaster work in some parts and you may have noticed a few pews roped off. This is due to damaged plaster that has dried out and gone powdery falling. We are looking at what remedial work we can do to remedy this. Please bear with us.

We are still awaiting Bailey Steeplejacks to come along with their big ladders to replace some of the upper level lightbulbs for us. We are hopeful that they will complete this when they come to do some remedial work on the lightning conductor that failed a recent inspection. The necessary work to repair the conductors is booked in.

Electrical testing has been completed and there is some remedial work to be completed which is in hand with the contractors.

PAT Testing has also been completed. Lots of electrical items that failed the test have been disposed of. It is very important that nothing electrical is brought from home to be 'donated' to church now that we have the testing in place. **PLEASE DO NOT THINK CHURCH WILL HAVE IT!** We have to ensure its electrical safety and then if we can't use it we then have to dispose of it. The office will be instructed not to take anything electrical unless prior discussion has taken place with us first.

Services of the church boiler and centre boiler have been completed.

We also have had a visit from Ecclesiastical Insurance conducting an inspection. We await the report from this but suspect there are a few areas that will need some reviewing and work completing.

We need to look into doing some work on the Louvres of the south side of the church as these have become incredibly dislodged and will almost certainly be letting rain water in. We have been in contact with a contractor who could help and they are fully booked up until early 2026! We are going to ask for a quotation so we can have an idea of cost.

The Quinquennial inspection of the church has been arranged for 25th November with the architects.

For a further update on the refurb project, please read the information in the roof appeal section of the newsletter.

Thanks to everyone who helps in anyway with the upkeep of the church and Parish Centre.

Matt & Nick.

RAMBLINGS OF A READER

As we are moving quickly to the end of the year, my mind is thinking back to all we have done during the past twelve months; people we have met and places we have visited and holidays we have been on, which started me thinking of my childhood and all the holidays I had been on with my Dad and sister, one holiday in particular comes to mind.

My Dad's cousin Doris, along with her parents were over from Canada, and they came on holiday with us to Folkestone where we were staying for two weeks. I don't remember much of that holiday except one exciting trip my sister, Dad, his cousin and myself did, we went on a day trip to France!

My sister and I were so excited that we were going to a foreign country! But the first thing we had to do was go to the post office to get a day passport. Yes such things did exist in the late 50's. Passport in hand, the day arrived and we set off very early to get to the port and to board the ferry. I don't remember much of the ferry crossing, but I remember walking off the ferry along a road to get on a coach. By the roadside was a stall selling very large fresh peaches. Dad bought one for my sister and I to share,

we had never had a fresh peach before; tinned yes, but not fresh. I have loved fresh peaches ever since, but not the furry skin!

I don't remember a lot about the day but I do remember our final destination before we

came home, and the real reason Dad wanted to do the trip was for the war grave cemetery at Dunkirk.

Before the second World War, my Dad learnt to play the accordion and joined an accordion band.

Apparently, they were very popular around the Manchester area and played in many venues. When the war started my Dad was too young to join up but some of the band including their band leader was called up. The group continued for a while, but as more and more were called up the band finally closed. Dad knew that his band leader, who's name I can't remember, was killed at Dunkirk and he wanted to see if he could find his name on the monument, which he actually did. The only time I had seen my Dad with tears in his eyes.

Since that first visit to a war cemetery, I have been to others including Vimmy Ridge the Canadian National Memorial for those who lost their lives in the 1st world war. Tyne Cot the largest Commonwealth war cemetery near Passchendaele in Belgium and the Menin Gate in Ypres.

Each time I am horrified by the rows and rows and rows and rows of headstones, and the list of names. Each one is moving in its own way, but it always makes me sad at the loss of so many young lives, and the phrase that is sometimes used, that we won the war, grates on me, no one wins a war, everyone loses in one way or another.

Loy Minister Fran Hiles





That doesn't mean we should never forget, and as Armistice Day and Remembrance Sunday comes around, it's even more important that we remember the sacrifices of so many. I believe our world is in a very scary place at the moment, where leaders of many of the countries of the world seem to be on a power surge to prove they are bigger and better than others.

I have been asked on a number of occasions how I can believe in a God of love and peace when such horrible things are going on in our world and to be honest, I sometimes find it hard to answer, and many times I have been angry at God and cried out to him why. But I do believe one day the words written in Isaiah will come true.

'Wolves and sheep will live together in peace' Isaiah 11:6

'He will settle disputes among the nations, They will hammer their swords into ploughs and their spears into pruning knives. Nations will never again go to war, never prepare for battle again.' Isaiah 2:4

I hope and pray it will be soon.

Love Fran. X



WATCH US ONLINE

Please **SHARE the weekly email and links** to the online services with friends and family.

WE ARE GROWING the number of online subscribers and the number of people watching our services online is really encouraging.

DON'T FORGET - please hit the



LIKE and SUBSCRIBE



buttons, this gives us great feedback.

JUST SEARCH FOR ST PAUL'S CHURCH IN YOUTUBE AND YOU'LL SEE THIS MONTH'S SERVICES IN THE 'VIDEOS' SECTION

5 Oct: Parish Communion | [5 October](#)

12 Oct: Harvest Celebration All Age

Service | [12 October](#)

12 Oct: Choral Evensong

[Choral Evensong](#)

19 Oct: Parish Communion with Baptism

[19 October](#)

19 Oct: All Souls Service | [All Souls](#)

26 Oct: Family Communion | [26 October](#)

If you are reading a digital version - click on the red links to go straight to the video



MACC
Macclesfield Afternoon Community Choir

A CHRISTMAS WELCOME

Come and join in the festive fun for M.A.C.C as they bring you a selection of folk carols from around the UK and abroad

THURSDAY 4th DECEMBER 2025
ST PAUL'S CHURCH, GLEGG STREET

REFRESHMENTS: 2.00PM CONCERT: 2.30PM

TICKETS: £10 (Under 18s £5)

Contact Cantata Music Education on:
☎ 01625 269721
✉ cantata16@gmail.com



Tickets available from choir members or contacting Cantata Music Education by phone or email





Our Christmas Fair is on the 29th November and we would be grateful of the following donations:

* **Good quality bric a brac** – not random things please as these get left at the end of the fair and we have to take them to the tip! Think, would you want to buy it? If the answer is no, please don't send it.

* **Raffle prizes**

* **Bottles for bottle bola**

* **Cakes** for the cake stall- bring to office on Friday 28th November or the morning of the fair.

A list for help on the day will appear at the back of church very soon!



Christmas Ukrainian Shoebox Appeal 2025



Boy
Girl
Age 2 - 4
Age 5-9
Age 10-14

What to do...

- Tick Boy or Girl and age category on this leaflet
- Fill a shoebox with Christmas gifts
- Wrap the shoebox in Christmas wrapping, with the lid wrapped separately.
- Remove all packaging from the gifts
- Attach this leaflet on top of the box
- We'll be sending the boxes over to Ukraine from October to December.
- Contact Val or Ray to arrange your shoebox collection.

Gift suggestions

- Cuddly toys
- Small toys/cars
- Socks/Gloves
- Sweets/Chocolates
- Skipping rope
- Hair Accessories
- Craft Items
- Slippers
- Small Games/Lego
- Toiletries/make-up
- School stationery
- Puzzles, card games



If you would like to help with transport costs, please tape £1 to the box

PLEASE RETURN THE BOXES ON A SUNDAY, OR TO OUR SATURDAY CAFE BY 6 DECEMBER

Please ring the office (501773) for other available drop off dates/times

FIRST LOOK AT CHRISTMAS AT ST PAUL'S

SUNDAY 30 NOV | 10.30AM

THANKSGIVING & ADVENT SUNDAY PARISH COMMUNION

SATURDAY 6 DEC | DROP-IN 2.00-3.30PM

FAMILY CHRISTMAS CRAFT TRAIL (CREATIVE FUN FOR ALL)

SUNDAY 7 DEC | 3.00PM

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE (SUPPORTING THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY CHARITY)

SUNDAY 14 DEC | 10.30AM

ALL AGE CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION SERVICE (WITH ST PAUL'S UNIFORMED GROUPS)

SUNDAY 21 DEC | 6.30PM

SERVICE OF READINGS AND CAROLS

THE STORY OF THE BIRTH OF JESUS IS TOLD IN SHORT BIBLE READINGS, INTERSPERSED WITH THE SINGING OF CHRISTMAS CAROLS, HYMNS AND CHOIR ANTHEMS

MONDAY 22 DEC | 7.00PM

COMMUNITY CAROLS IN THE CHURCHYARD

WITH MACC YOUTH BRASS BAND, FIRE PITS, MULLED WINE & MINCE PIES

CHRISTMAS EVE

CRIB SERVICE | 4.00PM

MIDNIGHT MASS | 11.30PM

CHRISTMAS DAY

SHORT CHRISTMAS COMMUNION | 10.00AM

JOY

Cranmer
Awards
Chester

**ARCHBISHOP CRANMER AWARDS
FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 11 - 18
AT CHESTER CATHEDRAL**

Young people aged 11 – 18, from the Diocese are invited to take part in this year's Archbishop Cranmer Awards for the Diocese of Chester.

The competition is one in which young people are invited to read aloud short sections from the Book of Common Prayer.

The aims of the competition are to introduce young people to the beautiful devotional language of the Prayer Book and to encourage the skills of reading aloud with fluency, enjoyment, expression and confidence.

The young people, accompanied by their sponsors and families compete in two age groups, and the winner of each group is invited to represent Chester at the National Final, which will be held early in 2026 at Hampton Court Palace.

Full details of the competition can be found at: <https://www.pbs.org.uk/cranmer/>

As in previous years there will be a distinguished panel of judges for the local heat, including the High Sheriff of Cheshire.

The competition for the Diocese of Chester will be held at Chester Cathedral during the morning of Saturday, 8th November.

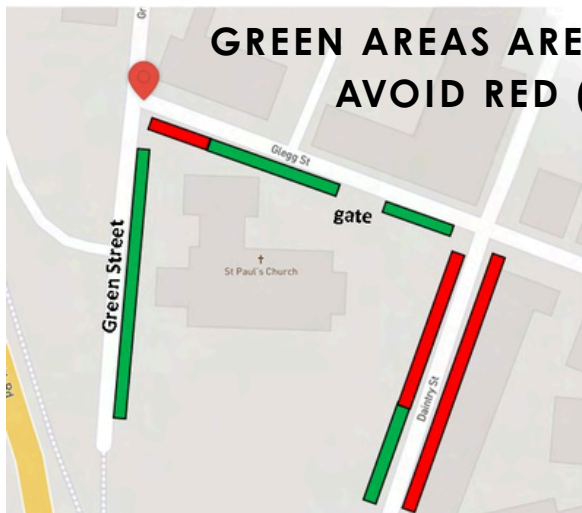
For further details on how to enter please contact local coordinator Nigel Pearson at: nandlpearson@ntlworld.com

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN RAINOW

Every Tues	10.00am	Cosy Cuppa
Every Wed	12.30pm	Light in the Forest (Forest Chapel)
2 SUN	10.00am 3.00pm 6.30pm	Parish Communion (All Saints) & Jr Church Parish Evensong (Forest Chapel) All Souls Service
6 Thurs	11.30am 1.30pm	Holy Communion followed by a Bring and Share lunch in the centre Jolly Tots in the centre
9 SUN	10.00am	Remembrance Service, followed by procession to the War Memorial
16 SUN	10.30am 3.00pm	Parish Communion & Jr Church Parish Evensong (Jenkin Chapel)
20 Thurs	1.30pm	Jolly Tots in the centre
23 SUN	10.00 am	Parish Communion (Christ the King) & Jr Church
29 Sat	10.00 am	Saturday Café
30 SUN	10.00am 6.00pm	Parish Communion, Jr Church & Mothers' Union Presentation Lighting of the Christmas tree & carols round the crib followed by the opening of the Christmas tree festival and refreshments in church
DECEMBER		
Every Tues	10.00 am	Cosy Cuppa
Every Wed	12.30 pm	Light in the Forest (Forest Chapel)
4 Thurs	11.30am	Holy Communion followed by a Bring and Share lunch in the centre
6 Sat	11am-3pm	Christmas Market



PARKING AROUND CHURCH



**GREEN AREAS ARE PARKING FOR 2 HOURS
AVOID RED (RESIDENT) AREAS**

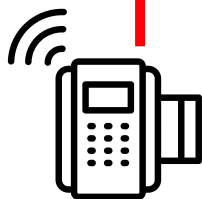


If you have a disabled parking badge (blue badge) you can park without any time limit in any of the bays and also park in the residents only bays too! You must display the badge.



GIVING TO ST PAULS

We have two methods of giving at church services—so it doesn't matter if you don't carry cash around any more.



There will be a contactless card reader at the back of church to use for your offertory on the way in or out. As well as debit & credit cards, you can use your phone with Google Pay, Apple Pay or other contactless payment apps. You can put your card into the reader and use your PIN if you prefer that to contactless.



Also, there will be QR codes in your pew for you to scan with your phone's camera and key in your card details to make your offering.

Don't worry if you are not into technology and the internet. We are still delighted to accept cash or whatever else suits you best to support God's work at St Paul's!

All these facilities will let you Gift Aid your donation, if you wish, allowing us to claim an extra 25% back from HMRC at no cost to you.

If you are reading this online and would like to make a contribution towards our work in the Parish and the maintenance of the church building, you can do so by clicking on the 'DONATE' button.

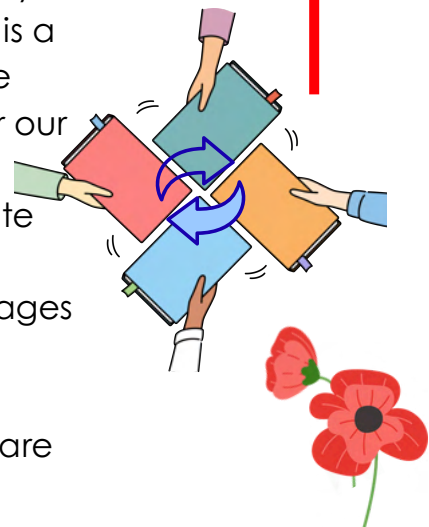
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Or if you prefer you can use your internet browser to go to stpaulsmacc.org and scroll down to the 'DONATE' button there.
THANK YOU!!

BOOK EXCHANGE STALL

Our book table in the hall is really popular and is a good income generator for our funds.

We appreciate donations of books for all ages - including children and adult, which are in good condition.



Please could we ask that if you bring books and the two baskets are full on the table, to please take them back home with you for another time or drop them at a charity shop rather than pile them on the baskets or leave them underneath.
Thank you for your help and support.



**WE ARE COLLECTING
USED STAMPS FOR RNIB**

PLEASE BRING THEM TO CHURCH.
(CUT OUT WITH AN
APPROX. 1CM BORDER)
THERE IS A PLASTIC COLLECTION
BOX IN THE CHURCH PORCH.
THANK YOU.

Please let us have any information or news for our **December/January issue by 16th Nov.**

To the Parish Office or
emma@stpaulsmacc.org

MANCHESTER HALF MARATHON - FINAL RACE REPORT



The morning of 12th October dawned and it was foggy and cold !! However it did not dampen our spirits or deter those of the 28,000 runners who lined up at various wave start times outside Old Trafford for the 13.1 mile route.

My daughter (pictured above with me) and I started together, with her finishing well ahead of me. There was plenty of support along the route, from family members, waving a variety of placards, to a Samba band, and a very accomplished Choir, as well as a variety of other music.

I felt the wave of support from you all at the Harvest Festival Service, the recording of which I watched the following day. Matthew's words at the start of the service were really encouraging and uplifting and I'm sure they spurred me on.

I was very pleased with my time of 2hrs 17 mins (Jemma, recorded 1hr 46mins)

Thankyou to everyone who has so far donated to my Roof Fund Appeal Challenge, it really has been appreciated. It is still not too late to offer your support, every little helps. The gift aid envelopes are still available, or the card machine.

I'll hand everything over to Malcolm at the end of October for the final total.

Again, many thanks for all the encouragement you have given me to undertake and fulfil this challenge.

Love and every blessing, Ann xx



Could you spare a few hours on a Saturday morning to make tea and coffee, cook breakfasts, make toast or just chat to the people attending?

If so, please contact David Furphy who is co-ordinating the volunteer list. David can be phoned or texted on 07887 931574.

We would like to thank all the volunteers who give their time and talents to this wonderful outreach.

Our Saturday Café is a designated 'Warm Space' and registered with Cheshire East Council for the Winter of 2024/2025.

Everyone is welcome to attend this vital and well established community asset.

BOOK YOUR PLACE NOW!

Limited Places

£45
per person

WREATH MAKING WORKSHOP

MONDAY, 1 DECEMBER
2.30pm - 4.30pm
@ St Paul's Parish Centre, Glegg Street,
SK11 7AJ

Tickets include all materials, a glass of
Prosecco or Mulled Wine, tea or coffee
and a mince pie.

ROOF & REFURB APPEAL
St Paul's
Macclesfield

with **LEGACY**
FUNERAL CARE

Join us for a joyful, festive afternoon and create your very own beautiful Christmas wreath. Enjoy a 2 hour workshop with a local florist who will provide all the materials, including fresh greens, ribbons, and decorations.

TICKETS:

- **RING** the office - 501773
- **EMAIL** - emma@stpaulsmacc.org
- **SPEAK** to a Sidesperson on a Sunday

Funds raised for St
Paul's Church.
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tinytalk
Baby Signing
Toddler Talking
East Cheshire

A new class in our church hall on a Monday during term time.

Monday	Wednesday
St Paul's Church, Macclefield BABIES 11:30-12:30	St Mary's Church, Handforth BABIES 9:45-10:45



Suitable for babies from birth - 24 months

Join in the fun - book now!

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Why TinyTalk Baby Signing?

Do you want a calmer, less frustrated baby, whilst also learning BSL signs?

- Support Early Communication - Make signing a natural part of life, whilst encouraging verbal communication as early as possible
- Social Skills - Encourage Independence, Sharing, & Turn-Taking
- Early Learning - Colours, Numbers, Shapes & More!









**STARTING SCHOOL IN
SEPTEMBER 2026?**

**Come and take a look around our
wonderful school!**

9:30am

Friday 10th October 2025
&
Monday 10th November 2025





Email us at admin@pussbank.cheshire.sch.uk or give us a call on 01625 917210 to book in.

Finding Jesus



**Sessions for curious 10-16's
up stairs at**



Sat November 8th 1.30-2.45pm

with refreshments.

New members always welcome

For more info call Helen: 07979674572

Finding Jesus aims to help young people aged between 11 and 16 to develop a relationship with Jesus by looking at Jesus the Man and Jesus the Son of God. We do this through looking at Jesus's teachings in His Parables, His good works as miracles and the relationship he had with his disciples.

All activities are delivered in a fun interesting way and include discussion, brainstorming, watching videos, artwork, team games, quizzes and a variety of interactive challenges.

Our next session is Saturday November 8th and is open to new members every session and always includes refreshments. We meet upstairs in the Hope Centre so young people can just ask in the café below and they will tell them where to go. My advice is always to just come along and observe what we do, there is no pressure to join in or come again.

Thank you for reading!



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Charity Reg. Number: 1210861

Usual opening times: Mon, Tues & Thurs 9.30am-2.30pm, Fri 9.30am-1.30pm

WEBSITES - **A Church Near You:** <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/9984/>
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