



The church of St Paul Burton upon Trent



November 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

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

Donations for St Paul's Church will be gratefully accepted

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November 2025 for St Paul's Newsletter



The image above is of the envisaged Old Brewery Quarter off Burton's High Street. The scheme now has passed an important milestone with the granting by East Staffordshire Borough Council of planning permission for the ambitious project.

The whole site has been given the name The Old Brewery Quarter, to celebrate Burton's world-renowned brewing heritage, whilst also pointing to ambitions for our town's future growth.

This site takes in Bass House, for which permission has been granted for it to become an 'immersive Brewing Heritage and Social History Experience', featuring interactive exhibits, a working pilot brewery and a home for the National Brewery Heritage Archive. Having seen myself an impressive presentation of the planned 'Experience', it will take visitors on a journey beginning with the water on which Burton's brewing brilliance was based.

To be delivered in phases, The Old Brewery Quarter joins together multiple projects that celebrate Burton's proud brewing legacy while creating new education and leisure opportunities for residents, visitors and businesses.

The Washlands Enhancement Project has been completed, with the riverside area transformed with a new natural timber play space, new boardwalks and trails, and greater accessibility. The redesigned Garden of Remembrance now offers new landscaping, seating and pathways.

News of all of this is quite fitting in being announced at this time of year, especially for us in the Church.

As I write, we are entering a season in which Remembering is a core element.

November begins with our celebration of All Saints and All Souls – remembering the great saints respected by so many parts of the Church in its different traditions, and also the 'saints' we have known closer to home, those who have inspired us, taught us about God in Jesus Christ, prayed for us and gone before us into God's eternal rest, promised to all people.

Hot on the heels of All Saints and All Souls, comes Remembrance Sunday and Armistice Day, when we once again recall the sacrifices made in war – in foreign fields and on the home front - to maintain our freedom from oppression.

This season leads us up to the feast of Christ the King, celebrating the reign of our Lord over all things – remembering who it is we love and serve, because he loves and served us first.

Similarly to The Old Brewery Quarter scheme, this season of remembering has us both looking back and looking forwards. Back into the glorious, rich heritage of the Church seen in the faith of the saints (whether famous or known only to us), and to the bravery and commitment of those who gave their lives to stand against extremism in war.

But it is vital we don't remain confined to the past. We rightly, continuously, draw on the immense spiritual and missional riches of our Christian tradition, but we do so to inform and guide us as we seek to transform the present and the future for good, not evil.

Fr Simon

PARISH NOTES

Morning and Evening prayer sessions have now finished for the time being.	Standing Committee meeting Thursday 20 th November at 12.45pm
Deanery Synod will meet on Thursday 13 th November at 7.30pm at St Paul's. Volunteers to help make coffee from 7.00pm would be appreciated.	We are urgently needing volunteers to make coffee on a Sunday after the Mass. Please speak to John Woolley if you can help.
Fr Simon and Isaac are braving the elements by taking part in the sleepout on Friday 7 th November. Sponsors greatly appreciated for the YMCA.	There will be an Advent study course on "The Lord's Prayer" on Mondays 1 st , 8 th , 15 th and 22 nd December at St Paul's at 7.00pm.
Don't forget to bring your Christmas Shoe Box on Sunday 16 th November when they will be blessed and then transported.	There is a display at the back of the church about what the cellar looked like before the clean up and after. It is amazing how big it is.
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.	

PLOUGHMAN'S LUNCH



Thanks to everyone who supported the Harvest Ploughman's Lunch. Colin provided a marvellous buffet and it was enjoyed by all. Thank you Colin. Thanks also to Pat and volunteers to helped wash up afterwards.



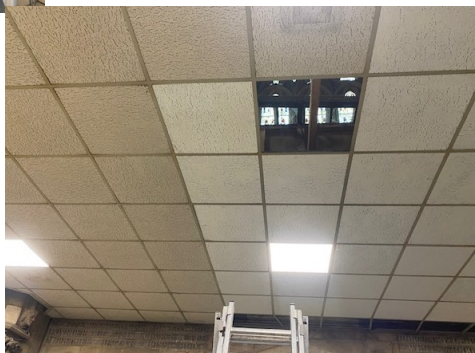
We have newly introduced Fidget Bags to help keep the little ones busy sitting by the side of their adults during the service. They are at the rear of the church for easy access.





the HALFWAY POINT!

Refurbishment of the hall is continuing. The photos show the work in progress. Look at the difference. Thanks to Sue G., Tom, David, John and Mike for all their hard work. It is a very mucky job!



CRAFTS, KNIT & NATTER.



The Group celebrated their second anniversary with delicious cake. The task this month was painting fridge magnets, whilst some people brought their knitting and crochet, and others just nattered. Lots of interesting topics were discussed and some were quite hilarious. Next session is on 18th November at 10.00am. Long may the group continue....



We now have a contactless card reader for donations to the church. The machine is located on the bookcase in the baptistery and is visible as you walk into church by the south door.



To all at St Paul's Church, Burton:
7th October 2025

Thank you so much to you for your recent generous donation to our food bank, following your Harvest Festival. We cannot do what we do without the help of others, so please accept our most heartfelt thank you for your support.

During such difficult and challenging times for so many individuals and families, our vital services are needed more than ever. With your donations, we can help to fulfil this need within our local community, providing food items for emergency food parcels so that nobody needs to go hungry. Last year, we continued to experience a very high level of demand for our foodbank service, issuing over 3,000 food parcels to those in need, and this year so far we have given out over 2,100. Each food parcel contains 24 core food items with a value of £30.45. We were able to support over 6,000 individuals with this essential service, with over 1,700 of those being children. This is our harsh reality, and we are doing everything that we can to meet this need and to support those living with food poverty.

On behalf of all of us at YMCA Burton, thank you very much again for your kindness and thoughtfulness in supporting our charity.

Yours sincerely

Julia Taylor

Food Bank Co-ordinator

COFFEE MORNING

Our next Coffee Morning is on Tuesday 4th November. Please come and enjoy the delicious cakes on offer and the company. The Christmas Coffee Morning is on Tuesday 9th December. Thank you to all who support these events.

PCC SUMMARY 2ND OCTOBER 2025

- 1 Finance – The contactless card reader machine has now been fitted
- 2 Kitchen – the kitchen is now locked due to the disappearance of certain items
- 3 Refurbishment of the hall – we have made a start - the ceiling tiles are now being painted
- 4 The pathways are slippery especially in wet weather
- 5 Safeguarding – Sue Ganley has updated the Safeguarding Board in the church hall. The Domestic Abuse Policy was passed.
- 6 Forthcoming Events – Advent Study Group, Carols at Shobnall Community Centre. Carol Singing at the Oak and Ivy, Carols by Candlelight, Carol Singing at the Plough, Horninglow Road
- 7 Fundraising Events – suggestions include coffee mornings, quiz. Bingo, car boot/table top sales
- 8 Website – we are having up to 1,000 hits each week on the churchnearyou website
- 9 First Aid Box to be replenished
- 10 We are a dog friendly church

PRAYER DIARY NOVEMBER 2025

1	ALL SAINTS St Gwenfyl	Setting a good example
2	ALL SOULS 4 th SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT St Eve	the faithful departed
3	Richard Hooker, priest 1600 St Winefred	The situation in the Middle East
4	Charles Borromeo, Bp of Milan	Our Coffee Morning

5		safety for Firework Parties
6	S Bertille, abbess 707	Emergency Services
7	St Englebert	The YMCA sleepout
8	St Gernad	Fr Simon
9	REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 3rd SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT St Benignus	Those who gave their lives for their country
10	St Cummian St Justus	The situation in Ukraine
11	St Martin	Our organists
12		Reconnect in Burton
13	S Christian & St Malcolm	our Government
14	St Dubricius	The people in the Caribbean recovering from Storm Melissa
15	St Maclovis	The homeless
16	2nd SUNDAY BEF ADVENT S Margaret, Queen of Scotland	The Christmas Shoe Box appeal
17	St Hugh, bishop of Lincoln	Doctors
18	St Fergus	Our Knit & Natter group
19	St Hilda, abbess of Whitby	Orphans
20	S Edmund, King and Martyr	The police
21	St Albert	the deaf
22	Cecilia, Martyr of Rome	The work of Christian Aid
23	SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT St Alexander	patients & staff at St Giles Hospice
24	St Firmina	outcasts
25	St Catherine	scientists
26	St Innocent	People affected by war in Sudan
27	St Facundus	Church leaders
28	St Patrician	Those suffering from Ebola
29	St Blasius	those who have had their homes re-possessed
30	ADVENT SUNDAY – YEAR A St Francis Xavier St Andrew	The cost of living crisis

**From our anniversary of death book
we remember**

Pamela Carter, Anne Osborne, Ronald
Anderson, Lily Welch, Sarah Rutter,
Dorothy Lenton, Anthony Sewell,
George Keates, Annie Lenton, Gladys
Pickering, Terry Bailey & Chris
Shepard

*Almighty and eternal God,
from whose love in Christ we cannot
be parted, either by death or life:
hear our prayers and thanksgivings
for all whom we remember this day;
fulfil in them the purpose of your
love;
and bring us all, with them, to your
eternal joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

A prayer of commemoration for the fallen

*Father of all, remember your holy promise,
and look with love on all your people, living and departed.
On this day we especially ask that you would hold forever
all who have suffered during war,
those who returned scarred by warfare,
those who waited anxiously at home,
and those who returned wounded, and disillusioned;
those who mourned,
and those communities that were diminished and suffered loss.
Remember too those who acted with kindly compassion,
those who bravely risked their own lives for their comrades,
and those who in the aftermath of war,
worked tirelessly for a more peaceful world.
And as you remember them, remember us, O Lord;
grant us peace in our time and a longing for the day when people of every
language, race, and nation will be brought into the unity of Christ's kingdom.
This we ask in the name of the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.***



A poem for Armistice Day

Remember Me (The voice of the dead)

Remember me
Duty called and I went to war
Though I'd never fired a gun before
I paid the price for your new day
As all my dreams were blown away

Remember me
We all stood true as whistles blew
And faced the shell and stench of Hell
Now battle's done, there is no sound
Our bones decay beneath the ground
We cannot see, or smell, or hear
There is no death, or hope or fear

Remember me
Once we, like you, would laugh and talk
And run and walk and do the things that you all do
But now we lie in rows so neat
Beneath the soil, beneath your feet

Remember me
In mud and gore and the blood of war
We fought and fell and move no more
Remember me, I am not dead
I'm just a voice within your head

Harry Riley

FORGIVENESS

Failure to forgive
Locks us in to endless
bitter re-enactment of the past,
steals our future from us,
stops us from moving on,
destroys the bridge
that we ourselves may need to cross.

Unable to forgive,
we won't be able to ask and receive forgiveness
for the wrongs we do ourselves,
will not be reconciled to others
and therefore not to God.

But Jesus died for us
while we were still in sin,
broke in himself
the cycle of unforgiveness,
joined us in our suffering,
Showed in Himself
The depth of loving mercy.

If we but look on Him, hold nothing back,
let go, and open up to saving grace,
let our hearts be touched,
first to accept forgiveness, forgive ourselves,
then recognise our pain,
see ourselves reflected there,
healed by His wounds,
by His pierced heart changed,
then He will work in us.

We may even learn compassion there,
go beyond forgiveness,
stretch out our arms,
embrace all those who've wronged us.

Taken from Watching for the Wind
By David Hodges

St Andrew – feast day 30th November



St Andrew was initially a follower of John the Baptist. In St John's gospel, John (baptist) showed Jesus to Andrew by saying "look, there is the lamb of God"; and Andrew immediately followed Jesus' call and became his first disciple. On the next day he found his brother Simon Peter declaring to him "We have found the Messiah". Andrew appears in St John's gospel at the feeding of the five thousand where he points out the boy with five barley loaves and two fish to Jesus. Andrew appears with Philip on several occasions when the people want to approach and see Jesus.

In the other gospels Jesus calls Andrew and his brother Simon Peter away from their fishing to follow him. Luke's gospel also describes the miraculous catch. Andrew and Simon Peter are later named as the first of Jesus' twelve apostles.

St Andrew is patron saint of Greece and Russia where, according to tradition, he preached. He was possibly martyred in Greece, by being bound to a cross; and is said to have preached there for two days before he died. Andrew is patron saint of Scotland as the remains of St Andrew may have been taken there.

His emblem in art is the saltire cross (on the flag of Scotland), maybe with rope, but also may have a fishing net or fish, and may be shown carrying a martyr's palm. In St Paul's church St Andrew is shown in a window in the Lady chapel.

JWW



News from the Woolleys – John, Maureen, Ali, James, Mick & Mandy took part in the Rolleston Club quiz night in October– and we won by scoring 85 out of 100. Our team name was “I dunno me dears”. It was a very enjoyable evening.

Forthcoming Events

Advent Study Group Mondays 1st, 8th, 15th & 22nd December at 7.00pm at St Paul's	Coffee Morning 4th November & 9th December at 10.00am
Crafts, Knit & Natter Tuesday 18th November & 2nd December at 10.00am	Carols at the Shobnall Community Centre Tuesday 9th December
Christmas Crafting Red Lion House Monday 1st December 10.00am - 12 noon price: £5 to include materials	
Carols by Candlelight with the Tutbury Band Thursday 18th December 7.30pm	Carol Singing in the Oak & Ivy Tuesday 23rd December 7.00pm

Puzzle time

Quiz about abbeys and monasteries of England:

1. Which monastery in Canterbury was founded in 598?
2. Netley Abbey in Hampshire is the most complete example of an abbey built by which order of monks?
3. Netley Abbey was the inspiration for which novel published in 1817?
4. Whitby Abbey in North Yorkshire was founded by St Hild in about what year?
5. What caused considerable damage to Whitby Abbey in 1914?
6. Who said of Rievaulx Abbey in North Yorkshire that there was 'Everywhere peace, everywhere serenity'?
7. Which Abbey is located on Holy Island just off the Northumberland coast?
8. Which part of Battle Abbey traditionally marks the spot where King Harold was killed in the Battle of Hastings?
9. Which Shropshire town has an Anglo-Saxon Monastery?
10. Which Monastery in Norfolk provides evidence of the Cluniac monks love of decoration?
11. How did Hailes Abbey in Gloucestershire become one of the most significant pilgrimage sites in England?
12. How did Thornton Abbey in North Lincolnshire survive the suppression?
13. The architecture of which Cistercian Abbey may have inspired the design of the Rose window in York Minster?
14. Lilleshall Abbey in Shropshire twice entertained which King in about 1240?
15. Which Abbey in Surrey had been used as a backdrop in the films Elizabeth (1998) and Disney's Into the Woods (2014)?

ANSWERS-

HARVEST WORD WHEEL – how many words? Did you get more than 31?

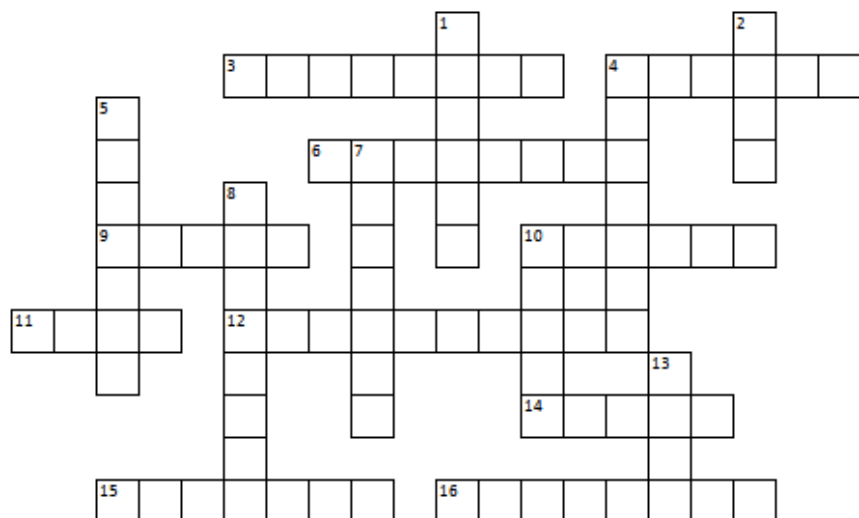
HARVEST WORD SEARCH – Come, ye thankful people come

Answers to the quiz about St Francis of Assisi:

1. Francis did come from Assisi, now in Italy. He spent most of his life in Italy.
2. His mother was a Frenchwoman who baptised him as Giovanni (John). His name was later changed to Francis.
3. He went to war.
4. He stole and sold his father's fine cloth to get money to repair the church.
5. St Matthew
6. "To follow the teachings of our Lord Jesus Christ and to walk in his footsteps.
7. Poor Clares
8. Stigmata
9. Gregory IX
10. Animals

**Thanks to all who have contributed to the
newsletter**

FOR ALL THE SAINTS. Fill in the missing words to this hymn.



1. For all the saints who from their [7dn] rest,
who Thee by [9ac] before the world confessed;
Thy name, O Jesus, be [15ac] blest.
Alleluia, alleluia

2 Thou wast their Rock, their [3ac] and their Might;
Thou, [11ac] their Captain in the well-fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true [14ac]
Alleluia, alleluia

3 O blest communion, fellowship [4ac]!
We feebly [8dn], they in glory shine;
yet all are one in [13dn], for all are Thine.
Alleluia, alleluia

4 And when the strife is fierce, [5dn] long,
steals on the ear the [4dn] triumph song,
and [1dn] are brave again, and arms are strong.
Alleluia, alleluia

5 But then there breaks a still more [6ac] day:
the saints [12ac] rise in bright array;
the [2dn] of glory passes on His way.
Alleluia, alleluia

6 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's [16ac] coast,
through gates of [10dn] streams in the countless host,
in [10ac] of Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia, alleluia

READERS ETC FOR NOVEMBER 2025

<u>Date</u>	<u>Readings</u>	<u>Reader</u>	<u>Prayers</u>	<u>Offertory</u>
2nd Nov ALL SAINTS Fourth Sunday bef Advent	Daniel 7.1-3,15-18 Psalms 149 Ephesians 1.11-23 Luke 6.20-31	Sue Ganley	clergy	Alfredo
9th Nov Third Sunday bef Advent Remembrance Sunday	Job 19.23-27a Psalms 17.1-9 2 Thessalonians 2.1-5,13-17 Luke 20.27-38	Tom Foster	Pat Dawson Maureen Woolley	Svetlana
16th Nov Second Sunday bef Advent	Malachi 4.1-2a Psalms 98 2 Thessalonians 3.6-13 Luke 21.5-19	Margaret Merry	Mike Mear	Rose Jefferies
23rd Nov Sunday bef Advent	Jeremiah 23.1-6 Psalms 46 Colossians 1.11-20 Luke 23.33-43	John Woolley	Margaret Merry	Sue Sweeney Valerie Cammack
30th Nov Advent Sunday [Year A]	Isaiah 2.1-5 Psalms 122 Romans 13.11-14 Matthew 24.36-44	Mike Mear	Colin Dawson	Margaret Merry
7th Dec Advent 2	Isaiah 11.1-10 Psalms 72.1-7,18,19 Romans 15.4-13 Matthew 3.1-12	Susan Monkhouse	John Woolley	Olwen & Alan Sharpe