

Ladybirds to close end June 2026

The group is still desperately looking for two new leaders to run the weekly meetings. The current leader kindly extended her time and with the help of parents has committed to managing the group until the end June. Unless any leader interest is found, then very sadly this group **will definitely close**.

Please please please consider helping this lovely group continue to learn new skills, play games, create fabulous arts and crafts, go on adventures and celebrate being part of St Paul's church. The current leader will help establish you as a new leader.

Ladybirds is a church group for girls aged 5 – 7 who meet at 6.15pm for an hour on Wednesdays during term-time in the church hall. Please contact Liz on 07951 901011 for a discussion about what being a Ladybird leader involves.

Diary Dates

St Paul's PCC - next meeting 28 April 7pm at Vicarage
Christian Aid Lunch - Sunday 10th May

Online Banking

Our bank details for direct donations are:

St Paul's	20-72-67	506 706 93
St Michael's	20-72-67	607 141 43
Ashworth St James	08-92-99	673 196 53

You may need to add 'Parochial Church Council' or 'PCC' after the church name

No Cash with you?

All our churches are registered Charities and need your support. We now accept contactless giving. Please use the donation point at the back of church or scan one of the QR codes to go directly to our online giving pages. Please ask if you need help. Thank you.



<< St Paul's



St Michael's >>

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St Michael's Frances: 01706 659 603

St James



The Benefice of St Paul's Norden, St James Ashworth & St Michael's Bamford

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Services in April

Wednesdays	10:30am	St Michael's Holy Communion
Holy Week Evening Prayer: Journey toward the Cross		
Monday	30th March	7pm St Michael's
Tuesday	31st March	7pm St Paul's
Wednesday	1st April	7pm St James'
Mauudy Thursday	2nd	7.30pm St Michael's
Good Friday	3rd	10am St Michael's Good Friday Liturgy
		2pm St Paul's An hour at the Cross
		6.15am St James' Sunrise Service
Easter Sunday	5th	10am St Paul's Holy Communion
		10am St Michael's Holy Communion
		3pm St James' Holy Communion
		Sunday 12th
	10am St Michael's Holy Communion	
	3pm St James' Evensong	
	7pm <i>Christ Church, Healey Breathe</i>	
Sunday 19th	10am	St Paul's Holy Communion
		10am St Michael's Morning Praise
		3pm St James' Holy Communion
Sunday 26th	10am	St Paul's Morning Praise
		10am St Michael's Holy Communion
		3pm St James' Evensong
Thanksgiving	10am	St Paul's Morning Praise
		10am St Michael's Holy Communion
		3pm St James' Evensong

Please take this pew sheet home with you
and recycle it in due course
Thank you

Readings for April

Wednesday	1	John 13.21-32
Sunday	5	Acts 10.34-43
Sunday	5	Matthew 28.1-10
Wednesday	8	Luke 24.13-35
Sunday	12	Acts 2.14a, 22-32
Sunday	12	John 20.19-end
Wednesday	15	John 3.16-21
Sunday	19	Acts 2.14a, 36-41
Sunday	19	Luke 24.13-35
Wednesday	22	John 6.35-40
Sunday	26	Acts 2.42-end
Sunday	26	John 10.1-10
Wednesday	29	John 12.44-50

Holy Week

Journey toward the Cross

A series of contemplative services retelling the events leading up to the last Supper

Monday (Mar 30) 7pm at St Michael's

Tuesday (Mar 31) 7pm at St Paul's

Wednesday (April 1) 7pm at St James'

Maundy Thursday Shared Meal (April 2)

7.30pm Bring and Share food and drink

Good Friday (April 3)

10am Good Friday Service at St Michael's

2pm An Hour at the Cross at St Paul's

Easter Sunday (April 5)

6.15am St James' **Dawn Service**

10am St Paul's Holy Communion

10am St Michael's Holy Communion

3pm St James' Holy Communion

Promise Forms

Thank you to all of you that have returned your Promise Forms. We have had an encouraging response so far. If you've not already done so, please return your Promise Form in its envelope to St Paul's or St Michael's as soon as possible.

If anyone is unable to get the form to church, please contact a churchwarden, who will arrange collection.

If anyone has not yet received a stewardship pack, and would like to know where our money goes and how they can help to secure our future together, packs are still available from the churches or by contacting the wardens or Rev Kirsten.

There will be special thanksgiving services at St Paul's and St Michael's on 26th April.

Have a joyful and inspiring Easter!

Tea and Cakes

Tea and Cakes **will** be happening as usual at 2pm in the Parish Hall on Maundy Thursday 2nd April. Then on Thursday 9th April we will be having a Holy Communion service, also at 2pm in the Parish Hall. Everyone is very welcome to join us at these events. *Transport can be arranged if required.* Speak to Jenny Short (St Paul's) or Sue Palmer (St Michael's) for details.

Spring Fair

Well done and thanks to everyone who helped with or supported the Anglican Ladies Spring Fair. Over £700 was raised, which is a superb effort!

St Michael's Easter Flowers

Once again we will be decorating our Church with lilies and other Spring flowers for Easter in memory of our loved ones. If you would like to have a loved one remembered in this way, please write their name in the book at the back of the Lady Chapel. Please donate a minimum of £1 per name to help pay for the flowers. Box for donations also in the Lady Chapel. Available after Ash Wednesday. The names will be listed in a Memory Book for display from Easter Sunday.

Flowers at St Paul's

There is a box at the back of church for donations towards flowers to decorate the church for Easter. Don't forget that there is also a list in the church porch where you can sign up to sponsor flowers in church on dates that are special to you. Please speak to Jacqui Slater for details.

Do you enjoy arranging flowers?

If you are interested in joining the flower arranging team you would be very welcome.

Cleaning St Paul's

The team meets on the last Saturday of the month, refreshments provided.

This month we will be meeting on Saturday 25th. We will also be having a working party in the Parish Hall after the service on Sunday 26th April to deep clean the chairs and tables. We need as many volunteers as possible, please!

For more details please speak to Julia Slack.

Rochdale Music Society

is bringing award winning flautist Daniel Shan and pianist Mark Rodgers to St Michael's church on Sunday the 19th April. Shirley Mitchell for details.