

**Services for the week
Sunday 26th April 2026**

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 Fun Quiz Night – Saturday 9th May in the church hall. 7.00pm. Teams of 4. Each person £2. Bring your own drinks.**
- 2 Crafts, Knit & Natter – Tuesday 28th April at 10.00am**
- 3 Annual Parochial Church meeting – Sunday 10th May. Mass at **9.30am** followed by the meeting. (Nomination forms available)**
- 4 URGENT APPEAL FROM YMCA FOODBANK – donations of tinned food, long life milk, pasta, rice, cereal, tea bags, sugar, coffee, etc**

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

THE DEPARTED- Peter Evanson

From the Anniversary of Death book we remember Mildred Ward. Doris Fitzjohn, Leslie Sewell, Olive Evanson

Clergy contacts:

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Donations for St Paul's Church will be gratefully accepted

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THE CHURCH IS OPEN MOST DAYS 10.30am – 4.00pm

	Reader	Prayers	offertory
26 th April	Tom Foster	Maureen Woolley	Alfredo



Welcome to
The Church of St Paul Burton upon Trent

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EASTER 4**



COLLECT

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

10.45am Sung Mass

Reader: Mike Mear

Prayers: Colin Dawson

Offertory: Lilian Keen

Hymns:

<i>Introit</i>	152	<i>Now is eternal life (t.Christchurch)</i>
<i>Gradual</i>	587	<i>The God of love my shepherd is (t.University)</i>
<i>Offertory</i>	598	<i>There's a wideness in God's mercy (2nd tune Cross of Jesus)</i>
<i>Communion</i>	282	<i>Be known to us in breaking bread (t.Belmont)</i>
<i>Final</i>	467	<i>How sweet the name of Jesus sounds (t.St Peter)</i>

Regina Coeli

Joy to thee O Queen of heaven, Alleluia
He who thou wast meet to bear, Alleluia
As he promised hath arisen, Alleluia
Pour for us to God thy prayer, Alleluia

Rejoice and be glad O Virgin Mary, Alleluia

For the Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia

ACTS 2.42-47

Many were baptised and were added to the community. They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favour of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

PSALM 23

RESPONSE: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want

1 The Lord is my shepherd;
therefore can I lack nothing.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.

[R]

3 He shall refresh my soul
and guide me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

[R]

5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me;
you have anointed my head with oil and my cup shall be full.

6 Surely goodness and loving mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

[R]

1 PETER 2.19-25

Brothers and sisters, it is to your credit if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, where is the credit in that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. 'He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.' When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his

body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

JOHN 10.1-10

Jesus said to the Pharisees 'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.' Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.