

Ladybirds closing at the end of next month... unless...?

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 step forward NOW if you can help** this lovely group continue to learn new skills and have fun. 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.

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 Michael's >>



<< St Paul's

Vicar - Rev Jason: 01706 631 050 email: revjasoncpowell@gmail.com
Curate - Rev Kirsten: email: revkirstenrutherford@gmail.com

Curate - Rev Ian Taylor

Wardens

St Paul's	Andrew	07465 970020
	Ian	07734 259460
St Michael's	Frances	01706 659603
St James'		

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Thank you



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

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Services in May

Wednesdays 10.30am St Michael's
Holy Communion

Sunday 3rd 10am St Paul's
Holy Communion

10am St Michael's
Morning Praise

1pm St Michael's
Baptism

3pm St James'
Holy Communion

6.30pm St Paul's
Evensong

Sunday 10th 10am St Paul's
Morning Praise

10am St Michael's
Holy Communion

3pm St James'
Evensong

7pm Christ Church, Healey
Breathe

Sunday 17th 10am St Paul's
Holy Communion

10am St Michael's
Morning Praise

1pm St Paul's
Baptism

3pm St James'
Holy Communion

Pentecost Sunday 24th 10am St Paul's
Morning Praise

10am St Michael's
Holy Communion

1pm St James'
Baptism

3pm St James'
Evensong

Trinity Sunday 10.30am St Paul's (TBC)
31st Joint Benefice Service

No Service at the other two churches

Annual Meetings

It's that time of year again. The Annual Parochial Church Meetings have to be held before the end of this month:

St Paul's is on Sunday 17th May, at about 11.30am, following the service.

St Michael's and St James' are still to be confirmed at the time of going to print.

Readings for May

Sunday	3	Acts 7.55-end
Sunday	3	John 14.1-14
Wednesday	6	John 5.12-26
Sunday	10	Acts 17.22-31
Sunday	10	John 14.15-21
Wednesday	13	John 16.12-15
Sunday	17	Acts 1.6-14
Sunday	17	John 17.1-11
Wednesday	20	John 17.11-19
Sunday	24	Acts 2.1-21
Sunday	24	John 7.37-39
Wednesday	27	Mark 10.32-45
Sunday	31	2 Corinthians 13.11-end
Sunday	31	Matthew 28.16-20

Tea and Cakes

St Paul's Parish Hall will be in use for the Local Elections on Thursday 7th May, so Tea and Cakes has been moved to Queen's Park Cafe in Heywood. If anyone would like to go, please let Monica Fowler or Sue Palmer know.

Then on Thursday 14th May we will be having Hymns and Prayer, 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.

Coffee Cake and Chat

Coffee, Cake & Chat is on Thursday 21st May at St Michael's, Bamford 7pm.

This is a great opportunity to get to know others from all the churches in the area.

Flowers at St Paul's

Don't forget that there is 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

We always need volunteers to help keep St Paul's looking at its best. Can you help?

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

This month we will be meeting on Saturday 30th.

For more details please speak to Julia Slack.

Christian Aid Week

This year, Christian Aid Week is the 10th to 16th May. There will be retiring collections after the service on the 10th and 17th May at St Paul's. Please gift aid if possible, either by using the special envelopes on the pews or by using the contactless machine at the back of church.

The annual **Christian Aid Lunch** will be in St Paul's Parish Hall on 10th May at 12.30pm. Tickets available in church, or from Jill Verey or Sandra Schofield - £10 adults and £5 children. There are lists at the back of church for people to sign up to bring homemade and other food for the meal.

Please support this worthwhile event.

Where hardship means hunger... urban farmers can grow hope. In the crowded and noisy settlements of Nairobi, most parents wake every single day knowing that they must go and earn money, otherwise their children won't eat that evening. With no formal work opportunities, heartbreakingly low pay, and no social support, it's a precarious and frightening daily struggle that no family should have to face. The aching hunger is bad enough. The relentless stress is overwhelming. 'When I wake up, I have a lot of worries. Sometimes I don't have food,' says Fridah Moraa, a recently widowed grandmother determined to support her family on what little she earns. 'Now I'm responsible for everything.'

But Fridah's faith in God, and in her own ability to provide, is unwavering. With tools, seeds and specialist training from Christian Aid's partner, Beacon of Hope, Fridah's now making the most of a small space in the city to grow a steady supply of fresh vegetables that she can cook for her family or sell on her market stall. Every gift, act and prayer counts. What will you do to support someone like Fridah to grow food, protect their children from hunger, and nurture hope?

- £5 could buy the seeds that kickstart a family's nutritious vegetable garden.
- £10 could pay for the pair of chickens that produce fertiliser for an urban farmer.
- £15 could purchase the hand tools that mean an urban farmer can tend their crops.

Find out more about the campaign at caweek.org