



## SAINT PAUL'S CHURCH Coven, Staffordshire

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### NOTICES

**Welcome to Saint Paul's.** This morning's service can be followed in the green booklets you were given as you came in, with hymns from the red hymn book.

Today is **Vocations Sunday**. As we think of Christ as the Good Shepherd we ask the Lord to raise up shepherds in his image to care for his flock. **Pray too** for our Confirmation candidates, Jess, Josh and Reggie.

#### This week at Saint Paul's:

Said Mass, Wednesday, 10.30am.

Confirmation Class, Thursday, 4.00pm at the

Coffee Pop-in, Saturday, 10.30am. [Vicarage

We are planning a **coffee morning and plant sale** for church funds, Saturday 16 May from 10.00am to 12.00 noon. Your donations of plants and cakes are welcome.

**Other events:** *Lichfield Forward in Faith Summer Meeting and AGM*, Tuesday 5 May at 7.00pm at Saint Paul's – speaker, Fr Mark McIntyre on the history of the Society of our Lady of Walsingham; *Next PCC*, Thursday 15 May, 7.00pm at the Vicarage; *Annual Parish Meeting*, Sunday 24 May after the 10.00am Mass.

**We pray** for the sick: Pauline Appleby, Karen Jones, Fr Frank Kirby, Iris Ward, Darquise, Ethan, Nikki; for the recently departed; and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Alan Crook, Nora Cartwright, Dorothy Robinson, Sylvia Clark, Alan Martin, Jean Bailey, Victor Francis.

**Saint Paul's**, like any parish of the Church of England, relies on the generosity of those who worship here. Please leave your offering on the plate or donate by bank transfer to: St Paul's Parochial Church Council, Coven, AC 0211540, Sort code 30-99-83.



### FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Good Shepherd Sunday – Vocations Sunday 26 April 2026

The Fourth Sunday of Easter is often known as Good Shepherd Sunday, from Jesus' discourse in John 10.1-30. While to us it seems a bucolic image, to the people of Jesus' day it spoke of privation and sacrifice: all that Jesus underwent to gather us into his flock.

794                      The King of love my shepherd is  
445                      God is here! As we his people  
679                      In Christ there is no east or west  
199                      Christ is alive! Let Christians sing

**Regina Caeli** replaces the Angelus until Pentecost

**Joy to thee, O Queen of Heaven, alleluia!**  
**He whom 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!**

O God, who through the resurrection of thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, didst give joy to the whole world: grant, we beseech thee, that aided his Mother, the Virgin Mary, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

#### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Fourth Week of Easter

Monday	Acts 11.1-18
Easter weekday	John 10.11-18
Tuesday	Acts 11.19-26
Easter weekday	John 10.22-30
Wednesday	Acts 12.24-13.5
Saint Catherine of Siena	John 12.44-end
Thursday	Acts 13.13-25
Easter weekday	John 13.16-20
Friday	Acts 13.26-33
Easter weekday	John 14.1-6
Saturday	Acts 13.44-end
Saint Athanasius	John 14.7-14
Next Sunday	Acts 6.1-7; 1 Peter 2.4-9
Fifth Sunday of Easter	John 14.1-12