

**Services for the week  
Sunday 23rd August 2026**

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| 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  | 12.00 noon        | Holy Communion at St Paul's                    |
| SATURDAY  | 10.00am – 12 noon | St Modwen's open for coffee and private prayer |

**notes**

- 1 URGENT APPEAL FROM YMCA FOODBANK – donations of tinned food, long life milk, pasta, rice, cereal, tea bags, sugar, coffee, etc
- 2 Crafts, Knit & Natter – Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> September at 10.00am
- 3 **Walk the Pilgrim way:** Our Bible and nurture course, Pilgrim, will begin on Saturday, 5th September at 9am. We will meet at that time on the first and third Saturday of each month at Red Lion House Community Centre, Horninglow. All are welcome, as we explore the Christian faith together and see how it can be lived out each day. If you would like to know more, please speak to Fr Simon.
- 4 Book Group: Fr Simon wants to start a Book Group to read together a book (spirituality, Bible, other) and meet monthly informally to discuss what we've read. If you would be interested in joining in, please let Fr Simon know.

**On our parish prayer list we remember** Pat Dawson, Monica Srinivasan, Jean Towler, Terry Harrison, Carolin Ellis, Mary Gamble, Jeanette Dyke

**THE DEPARTED-**

From the Anniversary of Death book we remember John Griffin, William Burrell Woolley [priest], Reg Clarke

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**Welcome to  
The Church of St Paul Burton upon Trent**

**Sunday 23rd August 2026  
TRINITY 12 [PROPER 16]**



**Collect**

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

God of all mercy, in this Eucharist you have set aside our sins and given us your healing: grant that we who are made whole in Christ may bring that healing to this broken world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**10.45am Sung Mass**

*Reader: Sue Ganley*

*Prayers: Maureen Woolley*

*Offertory: Alfredo*

**Hymns:**

|                |                                                             |
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| Introit: 585   | The Church's one foundation (Aurelia)                       |
| Gradual: 508   | Lord of all power I give you my will (507 Slane)            |
| Offertory: 236 | Thou art the Christ, O Lord (Love unknown)                  |
| Communion: 290 | Christians lift your hearts and voices (502 Regents Square) |
| Final: 549     | Onward Christian soldiers (St Gertrude)                     |

|                         | Reader          | Prayers   | Offertory   |
|-------------------------|-----------------|-----------|-------------|
| 30 <sup>th</sup> August | Valerie Cammack | Mike Mear | Lilian Keen |

### **ISAIAH 51.1-6**

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the Lord. Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. For the Lord will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation; for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples. I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope. Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be for ever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

### **PSALM 138 Response: O Lord, your love endures for ever**

1 I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart;  
before the gods will I sing praise to you.

2 I will bow down towards your holy temple and praise your name,  
because of your love and faithfulness;  
for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.

3 In the day that I called to you, you answered me;  
you put new strength in my soul.

[R]

4 All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord,  
for they have heard the words of your mouth.

5 They shall sing of the ways of the Lord,  
that great is the glory of the Lord.

6 Though the Lord be high, he watches over the lowly;  
as for the proud, he regards them from afar.

[R]

7 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you will preserve me;  
you will stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;  
your right hand will save me.

8 The Lord shall make good his purpose for me;  
your loving-kindness, O Lord, endures for ever;  
forsake not the work of your hands.

[R]

### **ROMANS 12.1-8**

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

### **MATTHEW 16.13-20**

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, ‘Who do people say that the Son of Man is?’ And they said, ‘Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.’ He said to them, ‘But who do you say that I am?’ Simon Peter answered, ‘You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.’ And Jesus answered him, ‘Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.’ Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.