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Confirmation Service

We had the most splendid service of Confirmation recently with +Bishop Mark where 3 members of St Paul's were confirmed; Ted, James and Ruben, along with Sue from Rainow and Tasmin from St John's.



PRIEST-IN-CHARGE
Revd. Simon Gowler

"Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while."
[Mark 6:31]

Welcome to this double July and August edition of our News Letter, covering two months that often have very different characters.

July is typically one of the busiest times of the year. Schools are full of end-of-term activities, celebrations and farewells as pupils and staff prepare for the summer holidays.

Communities are busy with fêtes, gatherings and summer events, and church life is no exception.

August, by contrast, often brings a slower pace. While the worshipping life of our churches continues as normal, we deliberately avoid PCC meetings and try to keep business matters to a minimum. It provides an opportunity to pause, reflect and be renewed before the autumn begins.

This contrast reminds us of an important truth about the Christian life. Jesus calls us both to service and to rest. After a period of intense activity, he said to his disciples, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." God is present not only in our work and activity but also in stillness and quiet reflection. Learning to find him in both is an important part of Christian discipleship.

As this Newsletter came out in the middle of July there has already been plenty happening this month. At St Paul's, we began the month with our second **Hymns and Pimms** afternoon. Then, **Rainow Church Fete** took place, followed by the **Rose Queen Service**. These events fell during Rainow's **Scarecrow Fortnight** (ending on Sunday 19 July), which this year has the theme of Occupations.

We look forward to sharing these celebrations of village life and community spirit in the September issue.

The highlight of our worship in August is the **Rushbearing Service at Forest Chapel** which this year will be at 3:00pm on Sunday 16th August.

We are delighted that our guest preacher will be **The Venerable Jane Proudfoot, Archdeacon of Macclesfield**.

The ancient tradition of rushbearing carries a powerful message. Fresh rushes were once brought into churches to renew the floor covering. Today the custom reminds us that God is always renewing his people through the life of the Holy Spirit. Just as the church is refreshed with fresh rushes, so our hearts and lives can be renewed by God's grace.

As we journey through these summer months, may we discover God's presence both in the busyness of July and in the quieter days of August, finding in each season opportunities to draw closer to Christ.



With every blessing for a joyous and restful Summer.

*Yours in Christ,
Simon*



Welcome Melissa! It is lovely to have Melissa Wearden with us at the moment spending some time at St Paul's as part of her ordinand training. We welcomed her and her family recently. We look forward to seeing Melissa take a more active role in her time with us and look forward to her preaching at our service on 19th July. Our prayers remain for her as she moves forward with her training.



As is an annual tradition, a good following from St Paul's attending this years service at St Andrew's in Cheadle Hulme. It was wonderful to see Archdeacon Jane back in action who couldn't resist a photo with our two fabulous wardens!



FOUR CHURCH CHALLENGE

On a beautiful day, an approximately 11 mile walk between Jenkin Chapel, Rainow Church, Forest Chapel and St Paul's was had by a happy group of walkers. Tea and biscuits was the reward at the end as weary legs reached St Paul's.





CHURCHWARDENS
Matt & Nick

We started off June with a lovely visit to St Andrew's Church in Cheadle Hulme for the Archdeacon's Visitation Service. As always, a good strong contingent from St Paul's was present and we both thank you for your support. We continue to be the best supported church at this annual service! It was lovely to see Archdeacon Jane back in action, delivering a very thought provoking sermon!

It has certainly been a scorcher recently hasn't it?! The heatwave started on Flower Sermons Sunday, but gave us a bright, Sunny and pleasantly warm Sunday, but then as the week went on it got too much!

Flower Sermons Sunday was a great success, blessed with the weather and blessed with a good parade and outdoor service. There was over 100 in the parade and around 140 at the service. This is good stuff!

It was a pleasure to welcome Assistant Archdeacon of Macclesfield, Lesley Currie to the service. She thoroughly enjoyed the walk and service and even took away the jigsaw prayer idea to use in one of her own services! Thank you to everyone who helped make the service such a success and huge thank to those who gave up their time on the Thursday before to tidy the churchyard. We are really blessed at St Paul's with such wonderful people.

We have had a recent positive meeting with the architect and are moving forward with the project (more in the buildings section) and all being well come September, we will have some initial project ideas drafted by them for first consideration and discussion amongst the PCC. This is a really exciting time and we know the architects are excited by the challenge as they can see the potential we have for creating something even more special with our building. We will keep you updated!

As this is the summer edition of the newsletter, we also thank our Uniformed Groups and Toddler Group Leaders for their time and dedication over the last academic year. We appreciate immensely the time you give and the opportunities you afford young people in our community and make it a really special place to be.

Summer well everyone, and if you are going away at, we hope you get some time to rest and relax. We are hoping August slows down for us, but we are sure we will find jobs that need doing whilst it is quieter! We are going to take some time off during August so you might not see us on Sunday's, apart from All Age Worship, but we are sure you can cope with our able Deputy Wardens taking up the reigns for us.

With love,
Matt & Nick. x

NEXT PCC MEETING

The next full PCC (Parochial Church Council) Meeting will be on Tuesday 8 September, 7pm in church.

If you have any items you wish the Council to discuss please talk to Vicar Simon, churchwardens, Gill (PCC secretary) or a member of the PCC (listed on the back page).



*Every week in the
Parish Centre*

Mornings

Afternoons

Evenings

Mondays	★ 10am Chair Yoga ★ 11.30am Baby Signing		5.30pm Yoga
Tuesdays			★ 6.30pm Brownies ★ 7.45pm Guides
Wednesdays	9.15am Pilates 11am Mid-week Service (see dates below)	1.30pm Knit and Natter	★ 6.00pm Beavers ★ 7.30pm Cubs
Thursdays		12.30pm Lunch Club (2 nd & 4 th Thurs of the month) ★ 2.15pm Macc Afternoon Choir	★ 6.00pm Rainbows
Fridays	★ 10.00am Toddler Group		★ 7.30pm Scouts
Saturdays	9.30am-12noon Breakfast Café		

★ = Term Time Only

JULY

19 SUN	10.30am	Parish Communion led by Revd Simon	7th SUN AFTER TRINITY
26 SUN	10.30am	Family Communion with Holy Baptism led by Canon Veronica	8th SUN AFTER TRINITY

AUGUST

2 SUN	10.30am	Parish Communion led by Revd Simon	9th SUN AFTER TRINITY
5 Wed	11.00am	Mid-week Morning Prayer Service led by Lay Minister Robert	
9 SUN	10.30am	All Age Worship with Wardens Matt & Nick	10th SUN AFTER TRINITY
16 SUN	10.30am	Parish Communion led by Revd Simon	11th SUN AFTER TRINITY
19 Wed	11.00am	Mid-week Holy Communion led by Revd Simon	
23 SUN	10.30am	Family Communion led by Canon Veronica	12th SUN AFTER TRINITY
30 SUN	10.30am	Morning Prayer led by Lay Ministers	13th SUN AFTER TRINITY

SEPTEMBER

2 Wed	11.00am	Mid-week Morning Prayer Service led by Lay Minister Robert	
6 SUN	10.30am	Parish Communion led by Revd Simon	14th SUN AFTER TRINITY
13 SUN	10.30am	All Age Worship with Wardens Matt & Nick	15th SUN AFTER TRINITY
16 Wed	11.00am	Mid-week Holy Communion led by Revd Simon	



LAY MINISTER
Fran Hiles

As I am writing this, we are a couple of weeks into the World Cup. Although I grew up in a footballing household [on the blue side of Manchester] I have never really taken to football and Peter has no love of any sport, so for us and many like us the TV has been taken over by an alien being!

Now don't get me wrong some sport I do like, tennis for one, and by the time you read this Wimbledon will have been with us.

I have been fortunate to have visited

Wimbledon in 2005 & 2006

with my sister and an enjoyable time was had by all, especially when watching the 'senior's' play, including Martina Navratilova and Stan Smith.



I also love a day at the races, having been to Uttoxeter, Salisbury and Chester Racecourses. Our family was, along with football, a horse racing one. A lesson I learnt very early on from my dad was 'you only bet on a horse as much as you can afford to lose', very good advice.

I also love watching Ice Skating, bringing back very fond memories of my early years [starting when I was five] when every Saturday I got two buses to go to Derby Street in Manchester to ice skate.

I gave up at around the age of sixteen as at that time I had to decide whether I wanted to go into competitions or not, which was a big commitment. I decided not. But the sport that I have done for most of my life, and regularly for the last twenty years is swimming.



I can't remember a time when I couldn't swim, I received my first swimming certificate at the age of seven, which I still have today, it was my 17 yards [in old money!]

I received my bronze personal survival at eleven, I did go on to silver and gold by the time I was thirteen. I still remember wearing the pyjamas, jumping in the pool and treading water for what seemed an age, before diving under and retrieving a brick. All of this I definitely can't do today but I am happy swimming about 20 to 25 lengths at least twice a week. I love it, sometimes I don't feel like going, but I go and always feel really great when I get out of the pool, and I hope I will continue swimming into my eighties and beyond. It's amazing what goes through my mind as I am swimming along. Quite often I am planning where to go on holiday, and the odd time I've even planned out a sermon or two. It's strange what comes to mind when I am in the water, which got me thinking, I wonder what Jesus did in his down time.

We read a lot in the bible about Jesus teaching and preaching, and sharing time with his disciples, but we are never told what he did to relax, expect going away on his own to be with his Father.

I'd like to think that he did get some down time, to relax, maybe he did go 'swimming'.

We are told he liked being on the water in a boat and even fishing, but never swimming in it. Ok he did walk on it, but did he ever swim in it? Again something to ponder.

I like to think he did have some fun with his friends, like I do when I go swimming with my friend, followed by a coffee after to put the world to rites, because as the saying goes, 'all work and no play makes jack a dull boy'. Well, no way could we ever say Jesus was dull. His life was full of the most amazing things, as well as his teaching, love and compassion for us all, I just hope that somewhere along the way he had a little time to have some fun, and maybe a dip in the sea of Galilee with his mates.



Love, Fran. x

cont.

CHURCHYARD TIDY

Huge thanks to everyone who helped tidy church grounds ahead of Flower Sermons. A hat-trick of tidy up sessions!



Beavers – thank you for your help!



Congregation tidy up session!



And finally, work on the Guides Garden by leader Sue and Granddaughter Lilah.

WELL DONE MATT & TED 7



Ted and Matt, along with a team from Matt's school took on the Pretty Mudder 5k at Tatton Park recently. The weather had cooled slightly, but the mud and cold water thrown at them on the way round certainly cooled them down. As a team, they have raised nearly £2,000 for cancer research. Well done!

CAUGHT ON CAMERA

A great picture capturing the joys of whizzing a toy car across the table in the Parish Centre!. Joan G and Abraham had a super time!



BOOK EXCHANGE STALL

Our book sale table in the hall is really popular and is a good income generator for our funds.

It is starting to look a bit empty so we would appreciate your donations to top it up!

Please could we ask that if you bring books and the two baskets are full on the table, to take these back home with you for another time rather than pile them on the baskets or leave them underneath.

Thank you for your help and support with this.

Please let us have any info or news for our
SEPTEMBER ISSUE by 16 Aug.
To the Parish Office or emma@stpaulsmacc.org

8 HYMNS & PIMMS FUNDRAISER

A really enjoyable afternoon whole-heartedly raising our voices whilst also raising funds for our Re-roof & Refurbishment Appeal here at St Paul's Church, Macclesfield! Many thanks to Liz our tireless accompanist on the piano and to everyone who stepped up to offer a whole range of welcome refreshments!



BUILDINGS UPDATE

A quieter time for the buildings recently. We have been working with relevant agencies with regard to the anti social behaviour and we are pleased to observe that the issues have quietened off quite substantially.

We are still to arrange to meet the council soon for discussions over the maintenance of the church grounds. We are not happy with how they looking after them, it falls way below our expectation and standard.

The sensors for temperature and humidity of the building have been installed. This will help us with understanding how the building 'breathes' and can feed into the refurbishment plans. It is also a pilot study for the Diocese so we are pleased to help out! For a further update on the refurb project, please read the information in the roof appeal section of the newsletter.

Thanks to everyone who helps in anyway with the upkeep of the church and Parish Centre.

Matt & Nick.





The roof appeal
fund total is:
£55,248.05
(end May 2026)

'First phase' of the project:

- Re-roof the upper and lower rooves of the church, including modifications to the guttering to prevent water getting into the building in the future
- Replace and re-plaster all internal ceilings panels
 - Re-plaster internal walls where needed
 - Redecorate the building internally
- Re-light the building with energy efficient lighting
 - Modernise the sound and media system
- Reheat the building in an energy efficient way
 - Repair the spire where issues are arising

The PCC have approved the undertaking of a Feasibility Study by the Architects, Butress of Manchester. This is a costly piece of work (Approx £13,000) but a vitally important part of any project to be completed. The study will look at what we want, consultations completed, a survey of the building (above and beyond the Quinquennial inspection) options of project style including re-ordering. It is looking likely that this is something that we will have to consider extremely seriously to ensure the future of the building, ensuring worship space remains the focus but with a flexible community space to help us become a beacon of light in our community.

Vicar Simon and Matt met with Architect Ed now the measured survey has been completed and we are in possession of the drawings. The meeting was really positive as we moved towards a very exciting stage of the architects working on different proposals for us. We expect to have these at some point during September. Once in receipt of these various exercises will be completed with the pro's and con's of each and then hopefully arriving at an agreed draft final concept for the project. We really look forward to sharing this with you all as the journey begins. We would be very hopeful that by the end of 2026 we are in a position to apply for our first round of funding! Who knows with a project such a big as this!

Please do read what the architect's have to say in the article below this section.

This is really an exciting time for St Paul's as we move towards the biggest refurbishment of the building in its 180 year history and look to secure the future of the church and have a legacy to pass on to future generations. We are both genuinely excited by the opportunities that await us ALL as a church community to safeguard our building for the next generation and to make it a beacon of light in our local community!

Please do raise any questions with us (Matt, Nick, Vicar Simon) as we want to ensure everyone has the opportunity to have their say and share their feelings.

Here are some AI generated images of what the church could look like as a big open space.

These are ONLY artificially generated and not final decisions of actions to be taken.

Matt & Nick



Here's what the architects have to say:

Buttress Architects have been working with St Paul's to explore an exciting and vibrant vision for the future of the church: one that strengthens its resilience, supports worship, and helps the building continue to sit at the heart of its community.



A key focus of the project will be addressing the condition of the roof and ensuring the building fabric is safe, secure and sustainable for the future. However, this is also much more than a repair project. It is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to think carefully and creatively about how St Paul's can best serve its congregation, its community and future generations.

Over recent months, we have spent time listening to the congregation and wider community through consultation. This has been a really important part of the process and has helped shape the emerging direction for the project. Thank you to everyone who has contributed their thoughts, hopes and ideas so far.

The recently completed Quinquennial Inspection has helped us to better understand the condition of the church building, the priorities for repair, and the likely costs associated with caring for the fabric in the years ahead.

A full measured survey has now been completed, allowing the architects to create a detailed model of the church. This gives us a strong foundation from which to explore a number of feasibility options, looking at how St Paul's might be reimagined for worship, community use and long-term resilience.

Nothing is fixed at this stage. The purpose of the feasibility study is to explore ideas, test what may be possible, and help the church make informed decisions about the best way forward.

We look forward to keeping the church community updated as the work develops, with further news and progress shared in forthcoming parish newsletters.
Ed Kepczyk, Director, Buttress Architects.

ROOF APPEAL GIVING

Here is the link to donate online for the roof appeal: [Roof Appeal Campaign](#)

If you wish to make a cash or cheque donation to the appeal, please put it in an envelope and hand to either the Treasurer (Malcolm Brown) or the Wardens with the envelope clearly marked 'For the roof appeal'. This then means it is placed in a restricted account just for the roof appeal and cannot be used for anything else.

Please also share whether we are able to reclaim gift aid on the donation too as this will make a huge difference for us! We can claim from HMRC 25p for every £1 donated to us at no extra cost to you or us. If you are posting a donation, please pop a note inside to the same effect.

If you wish to donate via bank transfer then please do contact us for the bank details (email: emma@stpaulsmacc.org or tel: 01625 501773). Thank you for your support.



You can also donate by scanning the QR code here.

We asked you to complete a short exercise recently on what you wanted to see as we enter the project phase of the refurbishment of our wonderful church. The response has been quite minimal, so we encourage you to complete this as soon as possible.

- WHAT IS IMPORTANT TO THE CHURCH NOW?
- WHAT IS IMPORTANT TO CONSIDER DURING THE PROJECT PLANNING AND WORK?
- WHAT DO YOU WANT OR EXPECT TO SEE FROM THE PROJECT FOR ST PAUL'S

These are important questions and will be analysed by the Architects in final project design and planning. What we have to remember is the work that we are planning to undertake is securing the future of the church for future generations to come.

You can email your responses to churchwarden Matt: mattcoope@hotmail.com
Or you can ask for a printed sheet from the office for completion.

If you wish to contribute towards this important information gathering exercise, please do so by 31st July latest. It really is important for you to have your say as this is a project for the whole community to have input in!

FUNDRAISING EVENTS COMING UP

Beetle Drive 17 October | 6pm
Christmas Fair 28 November | 10.30am-12.30pm

GIVING TO ST PAULS

We have two methods of giving at church services—so it doesn't matter if you don't carry cash around any more.

There will be a contactless card reader at the back of church to use for your offertory on the way in or out. As well as debit & credit cards, you can use your phone with Google Pay, Apple Pay or other contactless payment apps. You can put your card into the reader and use your PIN if you prefer that to contactless.



Also, there will be QR codes (like this one) in your pew for you to scan with your phone's camera and key in your card details to make your offering.

Don't worry if you are not into technology and the internet. We are still delighted to accept cash or whatever else suits you best to support God's work at St Paul's!

All these facilities will let you Gift Aid your donation, if you wish, allowing us to claim an extra 25% back from HMRC at no cost to you.

If you are reading this online and would like to make a contribution towards our work in the Parish and the maintenance of the church building, you can do so by clicking on the 'DONATE' button.

DONATE ❤️

Or if you prefer you can use your internet browser to go to stpaulsmacc.org and scroll down to the 'DONATE' button there.

THANK YOU!!

Every Tues 10.00am Cosy Cuppa
Every Wed 12.30pm Light in the Forest (Forest Chapel)

August

SUN 2 10.00am Parish Communion
3.00pm Parish Evensong (Forest Chapel)

SUN 9 10.00am Parish Communion

SUN 16 10.00am Parish Communion
3.00pm Rushbearing Service (Forest Chapel)

SUN 23 10.00am Parish Communion
3.00pm Parish Evensong (Jenkin Chapel)

SUN 30 10.00am Parish Communion

September

Thurs 3 11.30am Holy Communion with a Bring and Share lunch in the centre
1.30pm Jolly Tots

SUN 6 10.00am Parish Communion & Junior Church
3.00pm Parish Evensong (Forest Chapel)



Kenya Choral Connections

An evening with the Choir of
All Saints Cathedral, Nairobi, Kenya

Special Guests:

- Teddy Otieno (Piano)
- David Sotunde (Saxophone)

A diverse mix of uplifting, joyful and emotive music with an African twist, inspirational songs by contemporary writers, hymns and classical sacred music, all sung with the passion and commitment for which the Choir is renowned.

Special guests are Kenyan pianist Teddy Otieno, recently graduated from Birmingham Conservatoire, and young jazz saxophonist David Sotunde, a recipient of funding from the Martyn Donaldson Music Trust fast making a name for himself as a musical talent to watch.

Booking tickets:

Tickets available to purchase for cash from

St Michael's Church office on

01625 421984 - and

From MDMT on

01625 433187 / andy.donaldson@mdmt.org.uk

Tue 21 July
7:00pm
St Michael's Parish Church,
Market Place, Macclesfield

Karibuni!



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+254 701 562 884

TICKETS

£15 - Adults

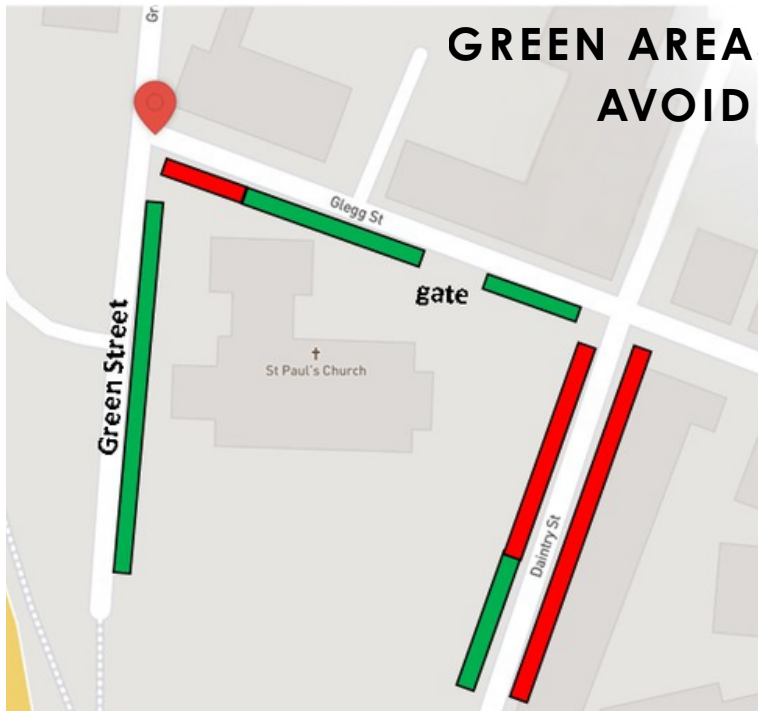
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See the choir in action



Support: Sponsorship &
support opportunities



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AVOID RED (RESIDENT) AREAS**



If you have a disabled parking badge (blue badge) you can park without any time limit in any of the bays and also park in the residents only bays too! You must display the badge.

Please if at all possible, do not park on the grass areas within the church grounds.

FLOWER SERMONS 2026

What a fabulous Flower Sermons Sunday we had! The weather was just perfect for our Parade and it was great to see so many in the parade and also many people coming out onto the street and at their windows to wave to us. Our outdoor service was also a success with nearly 140 people attending. We were pleased to welcome Assistant Archdeacon of Macclesfield, Lesley Currie who joined us for the whole event. Here are a few pictures of a great celebration:





BAPTISM

28 June Jemima Clementine Clarke

"As the waters of baptism are poured over your soul, may the light of Christ always guide your path and fill your heart with joy."



SATURDAY BREAKFAST

Our Saturday Café is a designated 'Warm Space' and registered with Cheshire East Council. Everyone is welcome to attend this vital and well established community asset.

We would like to thank all the volunteers who give their time and talents to this wonderful outreach. Special thanks to Anne and David Furphy for co-ordinating it all.

Could you spare a few hours on a Saturday morning to make tea and coffee, cook breakfasts, make toast or just chat to the people attending?

If so, please contact David Furphy who is the Lead Volunteer and Co-ordinator.
Phone or text on 07887 931574.

FREE to all

Every Saturday
9.30am - 12noon
Last hot breakfast order at 11.30am

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WARM PLACES **PLACES OF WELCOME** **livewell**
Keeping Cheshire East warm
Cheshire East
Everyone is welcome to attend this vital and well established community asset.

CHURCHYARD BINS

Please can you help keep waste in the bins by the Garden of Remembrance to a minimum by taking home any waste or dead flowers that you have.

We rely on the churchwardens taking home the waste bags to put in their own bins and this is not always possible if their own bins are full. If you could help by taking a bag of rubbish at some point please do let Matt or Nick know.

MAY FAMILY COMMUNION

We had a lovely Family Communion service to celebrate Pentecost.



ASCENSION EVENSONG

A lovely photo of some members of our choir and Joan just before the Choral Evensong at St Peter's church in Prestbury to celebrate Ascension Day.



JUNE FAMILY COMMUNION 15

Another great Family Communion led by Canon Veronica and Bev Nixon helping us to see ourselves in the mirror and to realise that between us we embody many of the characteristics found in the complex picture of Jesus' close friend, Peter, who we recognise like us was a flawed yet ultimately faithful follower of Christ entrusted with the keys to the kingdom.



One Project



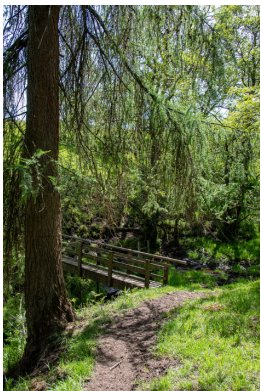
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WE ARE COLLECTING USED STAMPS FOR ONE PROJECT MACCLESFIELD
PLEASE BRING THEM TO CHURCH (CUT OUT WITH A 1CM BORDER)
THERE IS A PLASTIC COLLECTION BOX IN THE CHURCH PORCH. THANK YOU.

18 PHOTOS OF OUR FOUR CHURCHES AND COUNTRYSIDE

Here are some stunning photos of our local countryside and 4 churches: Holy Trinity Rainow, St Stephen Forest Chapel, Jenkin Chapel Saltersford and St Paul's. These were taken during the 4 church challenge by Andrew Galloway.



WATCH US ONLINE

Please **SHARE** the weekly email and links to the online services with friends and family.

WE ARE GROWING ONLINE TOO!
The number of subscribers and people watching our services online is really encouraging.

JUST SEARCH FOR ST PAUL'S CHURCH IN YOUTUBE AND YOU'LL SEE THE LATEST SERVICES IN THE 'VIDEOS' SECTION

DON'T FORGET - please hit the LIKE  and  **SUBSCRIBE** buttons, this gives us great feedback.

14 June | 2nd Sunday after Trinity:
Parish Communion
[Click here to watch](#)

14 June: Confirmation Service
[Click here to watch](#)

21 June | Flower Sermons:
Parish Parade & Outdoor All Age Service
[Click here to watch](#)

12 July | 6th Sunday after Trinity:
All Age Worship & Pet Blessing
[Click here to watch](#)

*If you are reading a digital version of the newsletter click on the **bold** links to go straight to the video.*

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MACCLESFIELD

"NOBODY NEEDS TO STOP LEARNING JUST BECAUSE THEY HAVE FINISHED WORKING."

Retired from work but not from Life. Keep Active: Keep engaged: Keep Informed & Be Creative:-

The u3a is for people who want to keep active in mind and body, enjoy socialising, and are no longer in full time employment.

We provide around 45 popular interest groups. You will find arts and crafts, languages, literature, walking, music, card and board games, social activities, discussions, and more.

Groups meet in various venues ranging from member's homes to local halls/rooms and are informal and friendly.

Members may join any group, provided that the group has places available.

Non members may enjoy a total of two taster sessions for free. To continue, they must then join the Macclesfield U3A.

Macclesfield u3a can also be contacted by phone - 0300 102 4507

www.maccu3a.uk

The Hope Centre has just celebrated 15 years of service to the community.

They have now reached a very exciting but thought-provoking chapter in the life of the centre and are reflecting on how best they can support our community for the future.

This means that the decision has been taken to close to the public over the summer months whilst actively planning for a new venture.

They will be back open as soon as all the plans are finalised and will be taking the opportunity to carry out essential maintenance. However, they will be open for independent groups who continue to hire our venue through this time.

The Hope Centre Prayer Sessions will continue to be held every Sunday from 4pm-5pm.



One Project Ukraine



Supporting Ukrainians
in the community,
Poland and in Ukraine

Do you have any old bandages, pads, wipes, old medical equipment, which can't be returned. Clothes, bedding, towels, non-perishable food, toiletries etc.

If so, please bring them to church and pass on to David Furphy who will arrange for these to go to One Project Macclesfield, the charity supporting Ukraine. Thank you.

THANK YOU FOR READING!

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