

Readings for August 2026

Sunday	2	Ecclesiastes 1:12-18
Sunday	2	Matthew 22:34-40
Wednesday	5	Matthew 15:21-28
Sunday	9	Galatians 6:14-18
Sunday	9	Matthew 11:25-30
Wednesday	12	Matthew 18:15-20
Sunday	16	Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32
Sunday	16	Matthew 15:10-20, 21-28
Wednesday	19	Matthew 20:1-16
Sunday	23	Romans 12:1-8
Sunday	23	Matthew 16:13-20
Wednesday	26	Matthew 23:27-32
Sunday	30	Romans 12:9-21
Sunday	30	Matthew 16:21-28

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.



St Michael's >>>

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Please take this pew sheet home with you and recycle it in due course.

Thank you



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

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Services in August 2026

Wednesdays	10.30am	St Michael's Holy Communion
Sunday 2 nd Trinity 9	10am	St Paul's Holy Communion
	10am	St Michael's Morning Praise
	3pm	St James' Holy Communion
	6.30pm	St Paul's Evensong
Sunday 9 th Trinity 10	10am	St Paul's Morning Praise
	10am	St Michael's Pet Blessing Service
	3pm	St James' Evensong
	7.30pm	St George's, Oakenrod Breathe
Sunday 16 th Trinity 11	10am	St Paul's Holy Communion
	10am	St Michael's Morning Praise
	3pm	St James' Holy Communion
Sunday 23 rd Trinity 12	10am	St Paul's Morning Praise
	10am	St Michael's Holy Communion
	3pm	St James' Evensong
Sunday 30 th Trinity 13	3pm	St James' Joint Benefice Service

Notices

Please submit any notices for next month's pew sheet by the 15th of this month to Chris Verey, Pew Sheet Compiler, via email – c.verey@btinternet.com

Benefice Tea & Cakes

The Pastoral Tea and Cakes will be held in St Paul's Parish Hall at 2pm on Thursday 6th August. Then on the second Thursday, 13th August, we will be having 'Hymns and Biscuits'. Everyone is very welcome to join us at these events. Transport can be arranged if required. Please speak to Jill Verey (St Paul's) or Sue Palmer (St Michael's) for details.

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 from 10am for about an hour with refreshments provided.

This month we will be meeting on Saturday 29th August. For more details please speak to Julia Slack.

Pet Blessing Service

There will be a Pet Blessing Service at St Michael's Church on Sunday 9th August at 10.00am, as we reflect on our final Saint in the series, St Francis. Please bring your pets and animals along for a blessing.

Is it Goodbye to Ladybirds?

Ladybirds at St Paul's met as a group for the very last time on 15th July and celebrated with a special outing for the remaining girls. There were tears of sadness. It's been very difficult explaining to them why we're not carrying on after the school holidays. However, if anyone reading this notice can genuinely spare their time to lead the group to allow it to continue, please contact Liz on 07951 901011. Ideally two leaders are needed but there is the option for a parent rota. Although she has finished, Liz will train you as a leader. Thank you.

Work to the Church Path

Work to relay the uneven part of the main St Paul's church path started last week. It is likely to take up to 10 days to complete but a path will be provided to allow access on a Sunday to attend church services. We have been successful in our grant application to Rochdale Council's Rochdale North Township Fund to pay for this work.

Thanks to

Rhodes & Sons Construction Ltd from Oldham, road marking contractors, who supported our local community by relining the white lines in St Paul's Parish Hall car park during their programme of Rochdale Council work in the area last month.

Community Payback for clearance work in St Paul's churchyard – cutting grass, lopping overhanging branches and path tidying. This was a return visit organised once again by Rodney Fowler.

The team of volunteers who served hot drinks and cakes in the Parish Hall at the NEEVA Summer Fete and Duck Race last month. We raised a total of £270 towards church funds.

Heritage Open Days

We will be celebrating Heritage Open Days again this year with events over the weekend of September 19th & 20th. The theme for this year's festival is:

"Everyday Histories – Exploring daily working life through the ages". St Paul's church will be open for visitors on both days and on Saturday afternoon (19th) our local historian, Chris Verey, will be giving a presentation on the festival theme focusing on local families, characters and places of work. If you have any interesting information, stories or especially old photographs about your families/ancestors living and working in our benefice then please contact Chris. (c.verey@btinternet.com)

There will be a Songs of Praise service at 10am on Sunday 20th September at St Paul's which will be a joyful celebration of working lives in our community.

Dates for the diary

1st Sunday of the month – Fair Trade stall in St Paul's Church after the morning service.

Saturday 26th September - St Paul's Harvest quiz in Parish Hall

Noticeboard

Our insurance claim for the St Paul's noticeboard destroyed in the storm last November has at last been settled and we have a new noticeboard on order. The design of the new noticeboard incorporates rear access which will make changing the posters much safer than at present.