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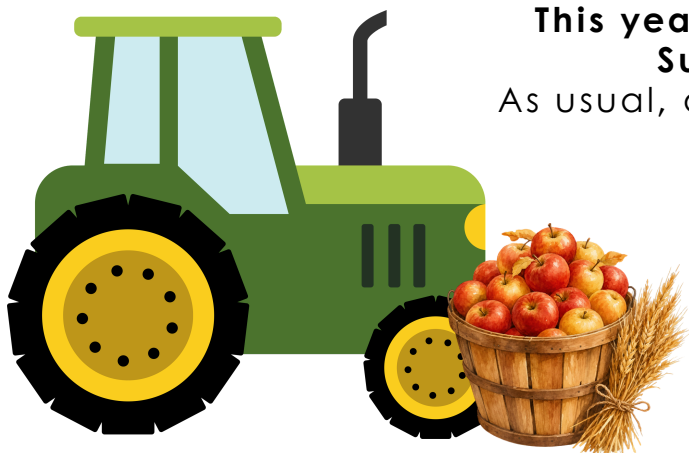
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HARVEST FESTIVAL DATE



**This year's Harvest Service will take place on
Sunday 11th October at 10:30am.**

As usual, our Uniformed Groups will be joining us
for the celebration.

Donations of non perishable items such
as tins, pasta and toiletries would
be most grateful for distribution to
those in need in the Parish and
wider community.

Rev. Simon Gowler

From Creation to Remembrance

October is one of those months when the Church gives us plenty of opportunities to stop and give thanks. We are currently in the **Ecumenical Season of Creation**, which runs from 1 September to 4 October. It is a time when Christians of different traditions reflect on God's gift of creation, give thanks for the natural world and consider our responsibility to care for it. And perhaps there is no better way for us to express that thanksgiving than through our traditional **Harvest Festivals**. Between our two parishes of St Paul's and Rainow with Saltersford and Forest, we actually have **four Harvest Festivals!**



By the time you read this, our first will already have taken place at Jenkin Chapel. The Harvest Festival at **Forest Chapel is on Sunday 4 October at 3pm**. At St Paul's, Harvest will be combined with our **All-Age Service at 10:30am on Sunday 11 October** and at Rainow, also on the 11th, Harvest will be incorporated into the **10am Holy Communion**, followed by a bring and share lunch.

Harvest reminds us that, however sophisticated our lives may have become, we remain dependent upon God's creation. We need the soil, rain and sunshine, and the work of all those who grow, produce and provide our food. Above all, Harvest reminds us that what we have is ultimately a gift.

There will also be a **Harvest Supper and Beetle Drive at St Paul's Parish Centre at 6pm on Saturday 17th October**. If you would like to come, please sign up on the sheets available at St Paul's and Rainow churches.

October also takes us from **Harvest to Remembrance**.

At All Souls', the Church pauses to remember before God those whom we have loved and who have died. There is, I think, a beautiful connection between Harvest and All Souls. At Harvest we give thanks for the gifts of God's creation; at All Souls we give thanks for the gift of people. The people we have known and loved have shaped our lives in countless ways. All Souls' gives us an opportunity to remember them, give thanks for their lives and place them once again into the loving hands of God.

Our **All Souls' Service at Rainow is at 6.30pm on Sunday 25 October**, with an opportunity to light a candle in memory of someone we have loved. Our worship will once again be enhanced by the St Christopher Chorale Choir. **At St Paul's, the service will be at 6.30pm on Sunday 1 November**, also with an opportunity to light a candle.

From early October, sheets will be available in both churches for the names of loved ones to be remembered. So perhaps October gives us a simple threefold invitation: **look around, give thanks and remember**.

Look around at the wonderful world God has made. Give thanks for the harvest and for all that sustains our lives. And remember with gratitude those people who have been gifts to us and whose lives remain part of who we are.

With every blessing,
Simon



CONGLETON ½

On 6 October, Ann Harris will be running the Congleton Half Marathon course. This is a rural course with a 'sting in the tail' towards the finish line! Please continue to support Ann by donating either via the card machine or the blue envelopes in church. Or using the link in the on page 10 for the Roof Appeal Donations. Thank you for your continued support.

MATT OTTLEY RUN



Well done Matt on a fabulous Great North Run! Thank you to everyone who sponsored him.



Matt completed the run in 1hr 46 minutes!

CONGRATULATIONS

Our Congratulations go to Eva Hinton too for her fabulous GCSE results. (Eva is one of our Younger Members of our congregation!) We hope you have settled well into your A-Levels in sixth form and look forward to hearing all about it. Good Luck with your next steps Eva!



FUN @ 4

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Fun@4 resumed for the new term and 14 children attended along with their parents for a super session with a theme of Noah's Ark.

Get October's session in your diaries!

Thanks to all the volunteer team who helped to make it happen.



The children made Noah's arks, decorated biscuits with rainbows, dove hangers and there was also colouring pages. We then went into church to watch a short cartoon of Noah's story, they then ran around finding pairs of animals to stick on their arks.



We finished off with nuggets and curly fries for tea!!





CHURCHWARDENS
Matt & Nick

It would be wrong for us not to start our warbling by paying tribute to Jeremy Chadwick who passed away peacefully after a short spell in hospital recently. Jeremy, a former warden of St Paul's and Choirmaster, was a man with a deep faith and a wonderful singing voice. We give grateful thanks for all that Jeremy brought to St Paul's over many, many years. He will always be fondly remembered by all that knew him and it won't be the same not seeing him sat at the back by the Warden's pew, often turning to us with a wry grin and a comment that would make us smile as well as affording us to hear his wonderful singing voice. It has been an honour and a privilege to know Jeremy. Our love and thoughts are with Joan and the family at this time.

We are looking forward to our Harvest festival on 11 October and the harvest supper the week after. Time is really flying by now and we can't believe we are heading towards the end of another year.

Heritage Open day made a couple of new connections, despite Macclesfield Town Council not including our Open Morning in the official promotion, so that impacted the number of visitors.

We had a very positive meeting with the architects recently who provided the PCC with three concept designs to consider. Each has it's own pros and cons and the PCC are currently debating this (more in the buildings/roof appeal section).

We are both on the staffing team for the Chester Cursillo weekend at the end of October and we are Assistant Table Leaders. We wonder if the Cursillo team know what they are letting themselves in for letting us both be on the staff! Let's just say they should 'expect the unexpected!'

As we head into the busy last couple of months of the year, may we all take time to stop and think about our mission in this place and think about the exciting and wonderful opportunity we have with the refurbishments of our amazing building to provide a space for worship and community for another 180 years. Now that will be some legacy!

With love, Matt & Nick. x



ROCKING THE 1980'S VIBE!



Our Churchwardens had to get on to the latest social media trend of heading back to the 1980s!

They never cease to amaze us!

NEXT PCC MEETING

The next PCC (Parochial Church Council) Meeting will be on Tuesday 10 Nov, 7.15pm in church.

If you have any items you wish the Council to discuss please talk to Vicar Simon, Gill (PCC secretary), churchwardens or a member of the PCC (listed on the back page) by Sun 8 Nov.



*Every week in the
Parish Centre*

Mornings

Afternoons

Evenings

Mondays	★ 10am Chair Yoga ★ 11.30am Baby Signing		5.30pm Yoga
Tuesdays	★ 10am Postnatal Yoga	NEW	★ 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

OCTOBER

4 SUN	10.30am	Parish Communion led by Revd Simon	18th SUN AFTER TRINITY
7 Wed	11.00am	Mid-week Morning Prayer Service	
11 SUN	10.30am 4.00pm	All Age Worship with Wardens Matt & Nick Uniformed Group Parade FUN @ 4	HARVEST FESTIVAL
17 Sat	6.00pm	Beetle Drive and Harvest Supper	
18 SUN	10.30am	Parish Communion led by Revd Simon	ST LUKE THE EVANGELIST
21 Wed	11.00am	Mid-week Holy Communion led by Revd Simon	
23 SUN	10.30am	Family Communion led by Canon Veronica and Bev	BIBLE SUNDAY

NOVEMBER

1 SUN	10.30am 6.30pm	Parish Communion led by Revd Simon All Souls' Service	ALL SAINTS DAY
4 Wed	11.00am	Mid-week Morning Prayer Service	
8 SUN	10.30am 4.00pm	Remembrance Service Uniformed Group Parade FUN @ 4	

ALL SOULS' SERVICE: Our Annual service to commemorate the faithful departed, or All Soul's as we know it, will take place on: Sunday 1 Nov 6:30pm

A list will be made available soon at the back of the church to write the names of those you wish to remember. You can also email them directly to our office:

emma@stpaulsmacc.org

CHURCHYARD CAROLS: will take place on Wednesday 23rd December at 7pm
Macclesfield Youth Brass Band will lead the singing around our firepits and mulled and mince pies will be plentiful. Be ready for a firework finale!



This will be the last Ramblings of a Reader I will be doing. Some of you will be giving a big cheer, as you think what I write is a load of rubbish, a few of you may say 'oh no, we really enjoy reading these', well to clarify, yes, this is my last Ramblings of a Reader, because after this one, it will be Ramblings of a Retired Reader, as I hang up my blue scarf, and by the time you read this I may have already done my last service with you.



I will have been a Reader for 30 years, but the journey to get there was a little like going on a journey to Manchester via Birmingham. I was a member of St Peters Church in Macclesfield and my Vicar at the time once said to me, 'don't ever think of going into Ministry, you are not strong enough'. This statement puzzled me and made me slightly cross, because firstly at that time I wasn't thinking of ministry in any way, and secondly, I didn't quite understand what he meant. Ok I was shy and quiet, (some people have commented they wish I was still like that) but that didn't mean I couldn't do things, but my wonderful husband said, 'ignore him, if God wants you in ministry he will give you the strength to do it.'

Some years later I did feel called to ministry and went to see said vicar, who's reply was, 'I think you should go on the Bishops Course'. The said Bishop's Course was a twelve month's course devised by the then Bishop of Chester Michael Baughen. I was a little deflated, but again my wonderful husband said, 'what have you got to lose, go and do the course and see what happens' So I did the twelve-month course, I went on to do a second year, and ending up, along with Peter leading a small group in Macclesfield looking further into faith along with lots of cake!. A spin off, of the Bishop's Course, the said cake being optional.

The Bishops Course was one of the best things I have ever done, I met some great people, including a certain Joan Mottershead, and learnt so much, and grew in faith, knowledge and confidence. At the end of all this training, my vicar asked if I was still interested in Reader Ministry and the rest, they say is history. The course today is totally different than the one I did but at the time I didn't always find it easy. There was lots of reading, which at times I struggle with and writing essays, which I have never been very good at, and travelling to different parts of the diocese for training, but I got there and in October 1996 I was finally licensed as a Lay Reader in Chester Cathedral, along with two others from St Peter's Church Macclesfield.

Three weeks later I was asked to take the Remembrance Day service at Birtles Church, and I had to make sure I got the two minutes silence at the correct place as they played the last post from the radio!! I said no at first but the then vicar of Birtles, Rev Ivan Whinton, who I knew well, said, you have your blue scarf you can do it, and I did do it, with the silence in the correct place. And from then on, I never looked back, serving under five vicars, all but one, who has sadly passed, I am still in contact with, and preaching in every Anglican Church in Macclesfield and neighbouring areas, as well as leading worship in the Methodist Church, URC Church and St Albans Catholic Church, for Women's World Day of Prayer.

When Peter said that if God wanted me in Ministry, he would give me the strength to do it, he was correct. God has been with me every step of the way, and I am sure he has plans for the rest of my life here on earth. What they are I wait to see, but he has taken me places I never thought I would go to and made me step out of my comfort zone many times, but I know he is always there with me walking by my side, and at times carrying me.

What the next part of my life will be like I do not know, but I am sure it will be an adventure, and who knows I may get on that zip wire one day!!

Love, Fran. x





We have all been deeply saddened by the death of Jeremy Chadwick. Jeremy, a staunch former churchwarden of this place and talented choirmaster for many years, will be greatly missed by all of us.

We have all been privileged to have known him and we give grateful thanks for the way in which he helped shape the life of this church through his wardenship and how his musical talented enriched worship in so many ways and how his wit and his smile warmed the hearts of many.

Our love and thoughts are with Joan and all the family at this time.

Jeremy's funeral will take place in church on Friday 2nd October at 1:30pm.

May Jeremy rest in peace and rise in glory.

HERITAGE OPEN DAY

We once again participated in the Heritage Open Day across town. Sadly, our information was omitted from the town council's promotion meaning that the number of visitors was vastly reduced from last year. We had a couple of visitors and made some good connections.



ALL AGE WORSHIP

At our recent All Age Service we had to guess what was in the boxes! We found out that inside each of the boxes was the word forgiveness. It isn't easy to give someone who has hurt us the gift of forgiveness is it? Our natural reaction is to want to hurt them back as much as they have hurt us. It is only really possible to give the gift of forgiveness when we have received a much bigger gift ourselves from God.



None of us will know how much God has needed to forgive us for our bad thoughts, attitudes and deeds, but He chooses to forgive us as we ask Him to. Once we have received his great big gift of forgiveness, He wants us to be willing to give the smaller gift of forgiveness to the people who have hurt us. That is the way of the Kingdom of God. We receive so that we can give.

(Source: All Age Worship resources.org)

BOOK EXCHANGE STALL

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

Could we ask that if you bring (good condition) books and the two baskets are full on the table, please take them 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
NOVEMBER ISSUE by 11 October.

To the Parish Office or emma@stpaulsmacc.org

8 **AUGUST FAMILY COMMUNION**

August's family communion had us thinking about the story of Moses in the bulrushes.

We gave thanks that each of us is precious in God's sight and all of us are called to act with integrity and so participate on God's saving plan for the world, starting here and now.



BUILDINGS UPDATE

Well, we have had rain and touch wood so far there are no signs of water creeping in at the usual leaky spots. We are sure though this will change as we head deeper into Autumn and Winter!

Further meetings with agencies around the anti-social behaviour in the churchyard have taken place and also with local residents. There has been some improvement with anti-social behaviour in recent weeks and we hope that this continues.

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. Councillor Mick Warren is going to support us with this and meet with us on site with the council.

For a further update on the refurb project, please read the information in the roof appeal section of the newsletter.

We will soon be in receipt of some new audio visual equipment for the Parish Centre and we look forward to this being installed and enhancing what we can offer.

We have had to replace three of our outside security lights on the Parish Centre as it seems that these have been deliberately damaged. The damaged lights were causing the electrical circuit to trip.

PAT testing has also been completed for the year with some items to be discarded and replaced.

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

Matt & Nick.





The roof appeal
fund total is:

£60,784.00

(end September 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 were recently presented with three design options for the refurbishment of the church. There was an awful lot of information shared, but what was evident was that we have a once in a lifetime opportunity to create an amazing legacy at St Paul's for worship in years to come. It was apparent from the meeting that there will be some changes to the Parish Centre as well as part of the funding bid to build a strong case for grants to be allocated to complete the work. The PCC are currently working on pros and cons of the design concepts and then this will be fed back to the architects who will take this on board and look at creating further concepts from this for discussion with the ultimate aim of arriving at a final design. Once the PCC have done this we will share this with you all. What is really important to consider is that this work taking place is to future proof the building. There has to be and will be changes – we know this won't be easy but we will keep you up to date all the way through. It really is an exciting time to be a part of St Paul's. You all have a part to play in making this happen and when it does happen, you can all say you had a part in building something special for 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.

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.

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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.





BAPTISM

13 Sept Luna Ann Bell

"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."

Welcome Luna, into the church family.



CAUGHT ON CAMERA



Vicar Simon spotted this lovely picture of a rainbow over St Paul's.

Now where is that pot of gold?!



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!!

12 WHAT'S ON IN THE RAINOW PARISH

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

October

Thurs	1	11.30am 1.30pm	Holy Communion with a Bring and Share lunch in the centre Jolly Tots
SUN	4	10.00am 3.00pm	Parish Communion & Junior Church Harvest Festival (Forest Chapel)
SUN	11	10.00am	Parish Communion & Harvest Festival followed by Bring & Share lunch
Thurs	15	1.30pm	Jolly Tots
SUN	18	10.00am 3.00pm	All Age Service Parish Evensong (Jenkin Chapel)
Tue	20	7.30pm	Mothers' Union Meeting in the Parish Hall
SUN	25	10.00am	Parish Communion & Junior Church

November

SUN	1	10.00am 3.00pm	Parish Communion & Junior Church Parish Evensong (Forest Chapel)
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RAINOW'S MOTHERS' UNION

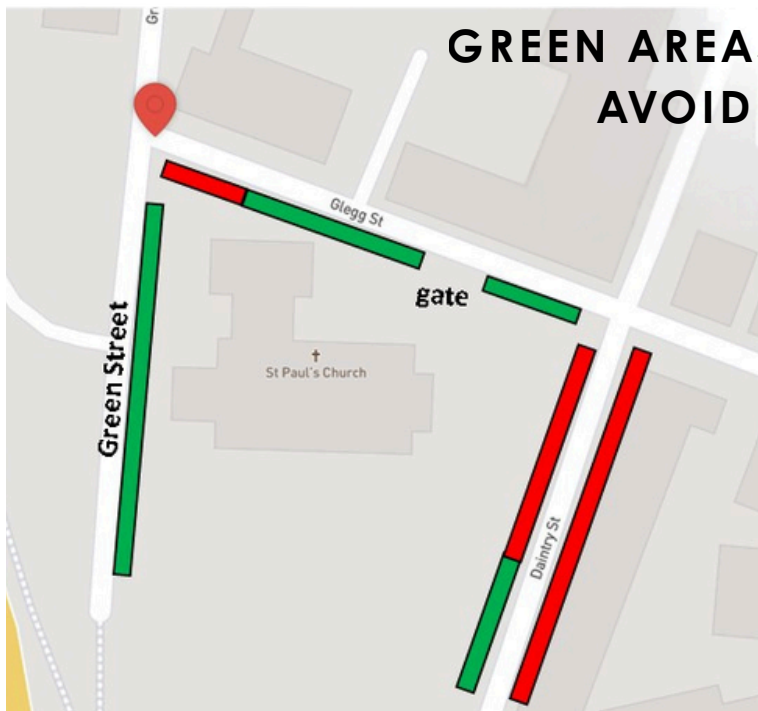


Around 100 members from across the Chester Diocese gathered at Chester Cathedral on Sunday, August 9, 2026, for a special Choral Evensong marking Mary Sumner Day and 150 years of the Mothers' Union.

Rainow's MU members attended the special Choral Evensong service for an afternoon of worship, thanksgiving and fellowship as they reflected on the legacy of Mothers' Union founder Mary Sumner and the continuing impact of the organisation today.

Following the service, they enjoyed refreshments together in the Cathedral Refectory, providing an opportunity to catch up with friends from across the diocese and celebrate this significant anniversary milestone.





**GREEN AREAS ARE PARKING FOR 2 HOURS
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.

REG. CHARITY NUMBER:
1210861

**BEETLE DRIVE
& Potato Hash Supper**

Fundraising Event

A FUN, FAMILY-FRIENDLY EVENING
OF GAMES, LAUGHTER & COMMUNITY SPIRIT!

**Sat
17 October**
St Paul's Parish Centre

6.00pm doors open
6.15pm start

DONATION TO THE ROOF APPEAL ON THE NIGHT

- ★ FUN BEETLE DRIVE GAMES
- ★ RAFFLE & GREAT PRIZES
- ★ HARVEST SUPPER
- ★ BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS

Please book for catering purposes: sign up on the list at church,
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Twitter: [@StPaulsMacc](https://twitter.com/StPaulsMacc), YouTube: [search St Paul's Macclesfield](https://www.youtube.com/search?q=St+Paul's+Macclesfield)

ROOF & REFURB APPEAL
St Paul's
Macclesfield

14 CHRISTMAS FAIR DONATIONS

We know it is not yet time to mention Christmas Fair, but already things are being left in the back pew!

Please, please check with the Wardens if you have things to bring and look out for what we will be collecting for stalls in the notices.

We end up with lots of stuff left over that we can't sell and we then have to take them to the charity shop and if they won't take it then it sadly has to go to the tip.

Please help us this year by following what we are requesting and not just offloading on us.

Thank you. Matt and Nick. Churchwardens.



SAVE THE DATE
Our Christmas Fair will take place on:
Saturday 28th November 2026.
10:30am – 12:30pm

A list of stalls for help will be available in due course.

SATURDAY BREAKFAST CAFE

Our Saturday Café is a designated 'Warm Space' and was registered with Cheshire East Council for the Winter of 2024/2025. It has continued to grow over the years. Everyone is welcome to attend this vital and well established community asset.

Every Saturday

9.30am – 12noon

Last hot breakfast order at 11.30am



Thank you to everyone who helps in anyway to provide this important community resource.

Please contact David Furphy who is the Lead Volunteer and Co-ordinator if you are able to give a few hours on a rota to help. Jobs include making tea and coffee, cook breakfasts or just chat to the people attending. Phone or text on 07887 931574.

WARM PLACES
Keeping Cheshire East warm



PLACES OF WELCOME

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CHURCHYARD BINS

We have removed our bins from the Garden of Remembrance due to persistent fly-tipping and rubbish contamination. As a small parish we do not have commercial waste collections and the amount of rubbish being left was becoming unmanageable.

We are monitoring it over the next month and apologise for any inconvenience caused. Please may we ask that you take home dead flowers, plastic wrapping and packaging. Thank you.





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

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YOUTUBE AND YOU'LL SEE THE LATEST SERVICES
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6 September | 14th Sunday after Trinity:
Parish Communion
[Click here to watch](#)

13 September | 15th Sunday after Trinity:
All Age Worship
[Click here to watch](#)

Looking back with fondness
and forward with hope
[Click here to watch](#)

If you are reading a digital version of the
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a positive alternative
to Halloween

LIGHT PARTY

free

31 OCTOBER
5PM - 6.15PM

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Crafts and Games | Disco

Party Tea

Goodie Bags

Refreshments for the adults

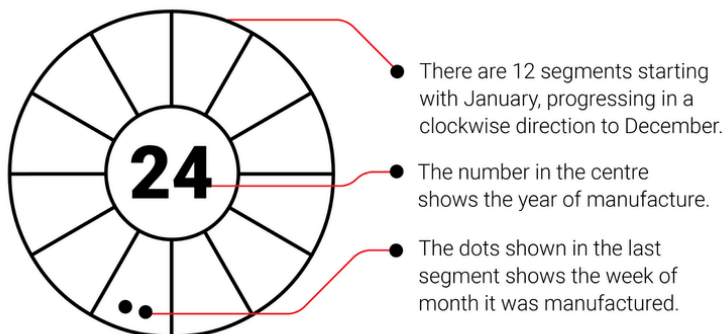


To book your child's place, text 07966 973804
or email emma@stpaulsmacc.org

While make do and mend works for many things, with hot water bottles safety comes first... and they have a shelf life. Use this little-known way to check how old yours is.

How long should a hot water bottle last? The general recommendation is to replace your hot water bottle **every two to three years**. This is the advice from manufacturers (reiterated by accident prevention charities and medical professionals) and it's likely for safety reasons.

Most hot water bottles are made out of rubber (some are made from PVC, and rubber does degrade over time and with usage. A lot depends on how often you use it, how you store it and more (see below for how best to use and store hot water bottles).



How to check how old your hot water bottle is?

Every hot water bottle sold in the UK should have a 'flower wheel' on the funnel somewhere, which shows the

date it was made...

This one shows it was made in 2024, the second week of January.

Another way to is to go by the date it was first used and always check your bottle for visible signs of wear or damage before using.

How to use your hot water bottle safely

Assuming your hot water bottle is in date, here are a few more tips on how to minimise the risk of burns...

Filling the bottle

Dos:

- Fill with a mixture of cold and hot water - Boil half the water needed and add cold water to the kettle or jug before filling the bottle.
- Fill the bottle over the sink - Pour water into the bottle carefully to avoid spills.
- Squeeze as much air as you can out of the bottle before stoppering it. If there's air left in the bottle, the water can heat the air, meaning it expands, which may burst the bottle.
- Screw in the stopper until hand-tight - Ensure the stopper is securely in place.
- Check the bottle for leaks - Regularly inspect the bottle to ensure it is in good condition.

Don't:

- Don't use if cracked, worn, or leaking - Ensure the hot water bottle is in good condition before use.
- NEVER fill with boiling water - Using boiling water can cause damage and lead to the bottle bursting.
- Don't use the microwave or oven - Avoid heating the hot water bottle using these methods.
- Don't use hot water from the tap - Copper from pipes can affect the rubber's strength.
- Don't fill more than two-thirds full - Unless the bottle is designed to be fully filled, avoid exceeding this limit.

Using the bottle

Don't place in direct contact with your skin, always have a cover, towel or clothing.

Don't put pressure or weight on the bottle, it's not designed for you to sit or lie on it.

Don't sleep with the bottle in bed overnight, remove it once the bed is warm before you go to sleep.

Storing the bottle

Empty the bottle and hang it upside-down to drain. Make sure it's totally dry before storing it.

Store the bottle with the stopper removed.

Store it in a cool, dry, dark place.

Either hang it upside down or lie it flat to store it.

Don't place anything on top of the bottle while it's being stored.



In collaboration with One Project Ukraine we will be arranging for Christmas boxes to be sent over to children in Ukraine. There are flyers like this one in the porch & hallway. If you need any further info, please speak with Anne & David Furphy.



**One Project
Ukraine**

Christmas Ukrainian Shoebox Appeal 2026



Boy
Girl
Age 2 - 4
Age 5-9
Age 10-14



Closing date 9.12.26

What to do...

- Tick Boy or Girl and age category on this leaflet
- Wrap the shoebox in Christmas wrapping, with the lid wrapped separately.
- Remove all packaging from the gifts
- Fill your shoebox with the gifts
- Attach this leaflet on top of the box
- We'll be sending the boxes over to Ukraine from October to December.
- Please return the box to St Paul's Church

Gift suggestions

- Cuddly toys
- Small toys/cars
- Socks/Gloves
- Sweets/Chocolates
- Skipping rope
- Hair Accessories
- Craft Items
- Slippers
- Small Games/Lego
- Toiletries/make-up
- School stationery
- Puzzles, card games

If you would like to help with transport costs,
please tape £1 to the box or donate via our QR code to the
JustGiving page

Jeanette - mobile: 0777 597 1921
Email: oneprojectukraine@gmail.com
One Project Ukraine





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&
Thursday 5th November 2026




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WILL MONTH OCTOBER 2026

Book your appointment to make or update your will

From 1st to 31st October 2026, East Cheshire Hospice's annual Will Month gives you the opportunity to write a will with the support of local solicitors, who generously donate their time and expertise. Participating firms waive their usual fees and instead invite clients to make a donation to the Hospice.

If you're thinking about writing a will or updating an existing one, now is the ideal time to achieve that peace of mind. Through Will Month, you can protect your loved ones' future while supporting the vital care provided by East Cheshire Hospice.



East Cheshire Hospice
Where people come to live

Moneybox Wills and Trusts
Tytherington Business Park, SK10 2XA
01625 573521 Info@mbwillsandtrusts.co.uk

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MACCLESFIELD 2026
SATURDAY 10TH OF OCTOBER 2026 2PM

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8-15 October 2026
Macclesfield Town Hall
10:30am-4:00pm daily

Art Fair 2026 is set to be a standout celebration of creativity, community, and culture - bringing together artists, audiences, and local businesses in a truly inspiring way.

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- Education
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- Charitable support

Contact 01625 665685 or cmicb-cheshire.echospicesfc@nhs.net

Our Open Day is back for 2026, and we welcome you to join us.

You are invited to take a guided tour of Park Green House; meet our friendly, open and approachable team, and ask any questions you may have.

You will have the opportunity to see our historic Georgian building; our reception rooms, chapel of rest, funeral service chapel, coffin selection room, garage and workshop. Our fleet of vehicles will also be displayed. There will be information available about prepaid funeral plans from Golden Charter, for those wishing to plan ahead, and Dorothy Bentley-Smith, our local historian, will be available to provide a fascinating insight into Park Green House and Macclesfield throughout the years.

A complimentary cream tea will be served.

Experience for yourself the high standard of our facilities, the ethos and values of our company, our flexible, innovative and open approach and how we care for, help, and support our clients during a time of bereavement.

Saturday 3rd October 2026
10.00 a.m. – 4.00 p.m.

Andrew Smith Funeral Services
Park Green House, 82 Sunderland Street, Macclesfield. SK11 6HN

Tel: **01625 433853**
www.andrewsmithfuneralservices.co.uk

All are welcome

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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