

Services for the week Sunday 13th September 2026

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 15th September at 10.00am
- 3 **Walk the Pilgrim way:** Pilgrim course 9.00am at Red Lion House [1st and 3rd Saturday of the month]
- 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.
- 5 Macmillan Coffee Morning on Tuesday 29th September at 10.00am

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 Margaret McKernan, Brian Ward, Barbara May Gooding, Queen Elizabeth II, Frederick Caldwell, Norma Totty, Elizabeth Yates

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THE CHURCH IS OPEN MOST DAYS 10.30am – 4.00pm



Welcome to
The Church of St Paul Burton upon Trent

Sunday 13th September 2026
TRINITY 15 [PROPER 19]



COLLECT

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Keep, O Lord, your church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

10.45am Sung Mass

Reader: Susan Monkhouse Prayers: John Woolley
Offertory: Sue Sweeney & Valerie Cammack

Hymns:

Introit: 496 Lead us, heavenly father, lead us (t. Mannheim)
 Gradual: 393 Brother, sister, let me serve you (t. Servant Song)
 Offertory: 376 And can it be that I should gain (t. Sagina)
 Communion: Sheet 1 Bread on the table, wine in the cup (t. 390 Blessed Assurance)
 Final: 626 Ye holy angels bright (t. Darwall's 148th)

	Reader	Prayers	Offertory
20 th Sept	John Woolley	Maureen Woolley	Tom & Helen Foster

GENESIS 50.15-21

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, 'What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?' So they approached Joseph, saying, 'Your father gave this instruction before he died, "Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you." Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.' Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, 'We are here as your slaves.' But Joseph said to them, 'Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.' In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

PSALM 103.8-13 Response: The Lord is full of compassion and mercy

8 The Lord is full of compassion and mercy,
slow to anger and of great kindness.

9 He will not always accuse us,
neither will he keep his anger for ever.

10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins,
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.

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11 For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is his mercy upon those who fear him.

12 As far as the east is from the west,
so far has he set our sins from us.

13 As a father has compassion on his children,
so is the Lord merciful towards those who fear him.

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ROMANS 14.1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God;

while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. For it is written, 'As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.' So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

MATTHEW 18.21-35

Peter came to Jesus and said to him, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. 'For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'