

The Benefice of St Paul's Low Moor and Christ Church Chatburn

A Warm Welcome to St Paul's as we celebrate the 18th Sunday after Trinity, leading our Church into Growth, Praying for Spiritual, Missional and numerical growth. What shall we say the Kingdom of God is? It is like a mustard seed, which is smallest of all seed on earth. Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds can perch in its shade.



Notices for Sunday 4th October 2026

Welcome to our service

We invite you to be seated 5 minutes before our service begins for a time of peace and reflection

Hymns:

753 - O praise ye the Lord! Praise him in the height

157 - When I survey the wondrous cross

489 - From heaven you came, helpless babe

358 - HC - *Be still, for the presence of the Lord*

147 - My song is love unknown

Harvest Appeal & Food Bank

This year, our **Harvest Appeal** will support the local Food Bank and the Bishop's Harvest Appeal.

The Food Bank has asked for: **fruit juice, sponge puddings, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, sweets, snacks, toilet rolls, instant mash, drinking chocolate, baby food, non-dairy milk, laundry detergent and washing-up liquid.** They currently have good supplies of **cereal, pasta, tinned spaghetti, baked beans and soup**, so please consider donating from the list above.

Thank you for your generosity and support.

Soup Lunch – Our top bakers needed !

Our soup lunch is starting this Friday and would welcome some lovely baking to compliment the lunch

Any help would be great – sheet at the back of church
More importantly love to see you all there!!

Thank you for your support.

Diary Dates:

October 2026:

Sunday 4th

9.30am – Holy Communion

Wednesday 7th

2.15pm - MU Quiet Hour St John's Hurst Green

Thursday 8th

9.30am - Reception Class from Edisford school in church for Harvest

Friday 9th

12noon - Soup Lunch

Sunday 11th

9.30am - Harvest Service

Regular Activities:

Line Dancing – Tuesday 1:15pm

Pilates – Wednesday - 11am

Warm welcome to St Paul's

Rainbows meet up every Tuesday & Wednesday 5pm – 6pm

Tickets now available for the pop choir concert – for tickets see below

BRIDGERTON MEETS POP

AN EVENING OF STRINGS, SONGS & SHOWSTOPPERS!

FEATURING...

CLITHEROE POP CHOIR
AND
STRING QUARTET

THURSDAY 22ND OCTOBER
7PM TIL LATE

TICKETS - £10 (UNDER 16 FREE)

TO RESERVE TICKETS:
PETER RILEY - 07973627500



Reaching out and growing together in God's love

18th Sunday after Trinity

Sunday October 4th

Collect

Almighty God

You have created the heavens and earth

And made us in your own image.

Teach us to discern your hand in all your works, and your likeness in all your children.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, your Son, our Saviour. Amen

Our reading is taken from the Book of Psalms - Psalm 65

You care for the land and water it;
you enrich it abundantly.

The streams of God are filled with water to
provide the people with grain,
for so you have ordained it.

You drench its furrows and level its ridges;
you soften it with showers and bless its crops.

You crown the year with your bounty,
and your carts overflow with abundance.
The grasslands of the wilderness overflow;
the hills are clothed with gladness.

The meadows are covered with flocks
and the valleys are mantled with grain;
they shout for joy and sing.

This is the word of the Lord

Hear The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

The Parable of the Wicked Tenants

³³ "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a winepress in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went away. ³⁴ When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. ³⁵ But the

tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶ Again he sent other slaves, more than the first, and they treated them in the same way. ³⁷ Then he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' ³⁸ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' ³⁹ So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. ⁴⁰ Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" ⁴¹ They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time."

⁴² Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;[a] this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'?"

⁴³ "Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces its fruits. ⁴⁴ The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, and it will crush anyone on whom it falls." [b]

⁴⁵ When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶ They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Post Communion Prayer

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast:

for here we receive you,

here the memory of your passion is renewed,

here our minds are filled with grace,

and here a pledge of future glory is given,

when we shall feast at that table where you reign with all your saints for ever.