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

A Warm Welcome to St Paul's for our service of the 2nd Sunday before Advent. 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.



ONLINE VERSION

Notices for Sunday 15th November 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:

621 - Dear Lord and Father of mankind

604 – Brother, sister, let me serve you

823 - Who would true Valour See

446 - Here is bread, here is wine

42 - Longing for light, we wait in darkness

Events coming up :

Clitheroe Ukulele Orchestra –
THIS AFTERNOON – 2pm Tickets still available on the door so just come along !
£6, including refreshments.

Christmas Shoe Boxes for International Aid!

Help bring a little Christmas joy to a child or adult in Ukraine or Eastern Europe by filling a wrapped shoebox with small, unwrapped gifts. Leaflets with suggestions will be available in church. For many, this may be their only Christmas present.

Please bring your box to church by **6th December**, or contact Derek and Anne on [redacted] for collection.

Hymn Books – A Special Dedication

Thank you so much for your generosity in donating our new hymn books - it is very much appreciated.

Thank you, Catherine

If you have any items for the notices, please send them to revdcahale@gmail.com or ring 458019

Diary Dates:

November 2026:

Sunday 15th
9.30am - Holy Communion - Safeguarding Sunday
2pm – Ukulele Orchestra

Monday 16th
7pm at the Vicarage - The Gospel of Mark Chapters 9-13

Tuesday 17th
7pm - Deanery Synod St Mary's

Thursday 19th
7pm – Choir practice

Sunday 22nd
9.30am - HC Launch of the Diocesan Vision
10am – 3pm – Craft fair at **Chatburn**

Monday 23rd
7pm at the Vicarage - The Gospel of Mark

Sunday 29th
9:30am – HC First Sunday Advent
1.30pm – Messy Church, Light up Advent
7pm – CCP - Advent Carols at St Paul's

Regular Activities:

Line Dancing – Tuesday 1:15pm
Pilates – Wednesday - 11am
Rainbows meet up every Tuesday & Wednesday - 5pm – 6pm

ART4 All Christmas Cards

Beautiful Christmas cards featuring artwork by students at our local Art4 All charity. £6 for a pack of 8, with 100% of profits going to the charity.
Available at the back of church. Thank you for your support! – Jill

Reaching out and growing together in God's love

2nd Sunday before Advent

Sunday November 15th

Safeguarding Sunday

Isaiah 41:10-13
Mark 12 28-31

Collect
Loving God, the embodiment of living and loving community,
help us to be a church that: loves, welcomes, protects,
listens, learns, serves, repents, restores,
transforms, values, cares and believes.
God of Justice and compassion, hear our prayer.
Help us, heal us, guide us, we pray.
In Jesus name. Amen.

The reading is taken from the book of Isaiah

Do not fear, for I am with you;
do not be afraid, for I am your God;
I will strengthen you; I will help you; I will uphold you with my victorious right hand.
All who are incensed against you shall be ashamed and disgraced;
those who strive against you shall be as nothing and shall perish.
You shall seek those who contend with you, but you shall not find them;
those who war against you shall be as nothing at all.
For I, the Lord your God,
hold your right hand;
it is I who say to you, "Do not fear,
I will help you."

This is the word of the Lord

Hear The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

28 One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well he asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" **29** Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; **30** you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' **31** The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

Post Communion
Gracious Lord,
in this holy sacrament
you give substance to our hope:
bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.