Parish Magazine August 2021





The transfiguration

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On 6 August the Church remembers the Transfiguration of Jesus. The story is told in Matthew 17, Mark 9 and Luke 9. The mountain may well have been one of the three high spurs of Mount Hermon, which rises to 9,000 feet. Jesus was suddenly transfigured before Peter. James and John. His face began to shine as the sun, his garments became white and dazzling. Then Elijah and Moses appeared, but why? These two men represent the Law and the Prophets of the Old Covenant, or Old Testament. But both the Law and the Prophets found their true and final fulfilment in Jesus, the Messiah, Elijah and Moses were handing on the baton, if you like. Now God's dwelling with mankind would depend on the New Covenant based on Jesus' death on the cross.

Transfiguration Radiant Mountain Beloved Peter Son James Well John Pleased

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Exodus Mount Sinai Sealing Moses Law Elijah prophets

Mark's Message

During the last eighteen months there have been many people at St Paul's, who have worked hard to keep our church running, mostly with their work going unnoticed. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them and record my gratitude to the following:

Pauline, and Roy, our Church Wardens who have stewarded our arrival and departure from services and coordinated the telephone booking system. Our Lay Readers Joan and Carolyn, for their support in leading worship, and those who have lead prayers or done readings, either online or in person. To Graham, David, Margaret, and our choir for providing music which has helped lift our spirits.

The members of our PCC, who have been so vigilant in overseeing our governance and compliance with all of the exacting regulations. We have heard and understood people's frustration at not being able to meet together, and that many are also now feeling understandably cautious at the prospect of coming out again after shielding for such a considerable time. We will endeavour to consider the wellbeing of our more vulnerable congregation members.

David, our treasurer, who has somehow managed to keep us afloat financially, despite a large fall in revenue, and to Garry our PCC secretary for his tireless work.



Everyone involved in organising, and donating to, our tabletop sales and foodbank collections.

Those who make technology available to us. It has made a huge difference to so many through the live streaming and recording of services, the availability of the dial-in service, and by the use of social media to keep people informed of what's going on.

Our Youth and Children's group leadership team who have provided our children with such a varied and exciting programme.

Our church flower arrangers, for their beautiful creations. Barbara who changes the altar front pieces and washes the altar cloths. Those who clean our church on a weekly basis, and who took part in the recent spring clean. The churchyard working party, who week in, week out, work so tirelessly to keep it looking so beautiful.

Those who lead the bereavement group and are on the pastoral care team, for providing their time and a listening ear and in maintaining such important links with people from our church and parish.

And finally, I'd like to thank you all for supporting me during the first four months of my appointment as your Curate in charge, it is much appreciated.

Blessings, Mark

Wardens' Update

We hope you are all well and are adapting to everyday life with the easing of some of the legal restrictions.

St. Paul's has had another busy month, as life starts to return to normal. We continued with our usual pattern of services during July, with the two morning and two evening services, all of which were well supported. In addition, our first Tuesday morning Holy Communion service was held at 9.00 a.m. on July 20th. The on-line evening service also continued. Our thanks to Mark, Carolyn and Joan for leading or taking part in the services, either live, or on-line, Two 11.00 a.m. Zoom services were held: thanks to Sue Blackmore for leading and Simon Gordon and Patrick Shaw for hosting these; also to everyone who took part in any of the services, all very much appreciated. We also thank David and Graham for playing of the organ and to the choir for their singing. We are very thankful that music is once again an integral part of our services.

The Youth and Children Group, due to the then rapid rise in covid levels, decided to hold their Friday meetings on Zoom, taking part in many different activities.

This month, August, will be a little different. The Sunday services will follow



the same pattern as last month - that is, two morning and two evening services. However, on Sunday, August 8th, there will be two services – at 11.00 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. (There is no need to book for August 8th services). On Sunday, August 29th an All Age activity service will take place at 11.00 a.m.; again there will be no need to book. Then on Tuesday morning, August 17th, we have a Holy Communion service at 9.30 a.m. (please note the new time). Please see the panel opposite for details of services.

Our table top sales have continued, held on July 10th and 24th. A total of \pounds 1,178 has been raised since these began in June. A big thank you to everyone who donated things to the Church and also to everyone who has helped to sell the goods. A special thank you to Monica for her home-made jam and marmalade sales. The table top sales have very much helped the finances of the Church and we are very grateful for all your support.

On July 31st St. Paul's was once again a collecting point for the food bank at Manna House in Glascote. We try to do this as often as we can to support those people who are less fortunate in our society. Once again, thank you for your generosity. Our thanks to the team of ladies who have given the Church a good clean and tidy during July; a late spring clean. The normal weekly cleaning will now begin in August. Our thanks to the team of people who keep our church clean and tidy all year round. Also thanks to the team who clean the Norman chapel and the toilets.

During August we hope to continue with some more table top sales. This year's Summer Fete had to be put back from July 24th so please look out for a new date for this. Also during August we hope to have the return of Pat and Edna's coffee morning; and also the following week, some form of Cafe Chapel Plus. The Pastoral and Bereavement Team will continue to meet in the Norman Chapel; this will now be a cafe with tea/coffee and cake.

Make a note of Saturday August 21st when we welcome Tickety Boo, featuring music from the fifties, sixties and seventies and more. Tickets are on sale now at £7. Please phone Carolyn Baker on 01827 703541 to book your tickets. The concert will be held in the churchyard behind the Norman Chapel.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting was held in June. The end-of-year report and the names of the new Parochial Church Council appears on a separate page.

If you are going on holiday or taking a break, we hope you have a relaxing and enjoyable time.

God Bless, Roy and Pauline

August Services

1st 11.00 a.m. All Age Service Booking required 8th 11.00 a.m. Holy Communion No booking required 6.30 p.m. **Evening Prayer** No booking required 15th 11.00 a.m. Zoom 6.30 p.m. Holy Communion Booking required 17th 9.30 a.m. Holv Communion No booking required 22nd 11.00 a.m. Zoom 6.30 p.m. **Evening Prayer** Booking required 29th 11.00 a.m. All Age Activity Service No booking required

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Warden's Report

We would like to offer our warm congratulations to Mark Waterstreet on his appointment as Curate in Charge for Dosthill and The Whitacers, Lea Marston and Shustoke. Our thanks also to Mark for his Ministry during these troubled times, both live in Church and online. Thanks also to Carolyn and Joan for the services they have led or taken part

We are normally a very busy Church with many activities, but because of the pandemic things have been rather quieter. However, behind the scenes the Church has been working hard reaching out to people, either by phone, on line or recorded services. We have still been able to arrange some live services in Church, but only one per week, either morning or evening. However, even these couldn't take place when lockdowns were in force.

There are normally many weddings and Baptisms in the Church, but again because of the virus, this has not been the case. Sadly, there have been many funerals. We can tell you that weddings and Baptisms are again being held in the Church; there are many more booked throughout the summer. It is good to know that families still see Baptism as so important.

Even though we haven't been as active

this year, St. Paul's has still been able to help by providing a service to the community. We have, when possible, held private prayer and we held services over Christmas: a carol service and a Christmas Eve service which included Holy Communion; all carried out under Covid-19 rules. It was helpful that these services were also live streamed. We were able to hold Sunday morning services on Zoom as well. Our thanks to all who help with recording these services over the year.

During the year St. Paul's became a collection point for the food bank, where people donated food to help those who are less fortunate.

The Norman Chapel was open on Wednesday afternoons throughout most of the year to provide Pastoral and Bereavement care.

We would like to thank the Church family who have to pre-book their places to attend Church, for their patience, so that we can comply with Covid-19 restrictions. Also we express our gratitude to the people who play the music or sing in our choir or read from the Bible, live in the Church or online. We know that all of the above have had to endure the restrictions this year because of the virus, but we really do appreciate you all.

We would also like to thank our flower arrangers who have ensured that the Church looks brighter. Our great appreciation to the cleaners who, when they could this year, have cleaned the Church and Chapel and made it a welcome haven during these troubled times. Our great thanks to the gardening team who have worked all through most of the year, except for the first few weeks of the first lockdown. They always keep our churchyard looking so magnificent. Many people often comment how lovely the churchyard looks.

Also our thanks to the PCC who oversee St. Paul's activities; (many thanks to Lynn Middleton for being our interim Chair). We would also like to thank those who organise fund raising, the Safeguarding team, the Bereavement and Pastoral teams and the Youth and Children's Group team. Our Treasury team, David and Louise Lawrence, who have done great work in helping to keep the Church afloat. And the other teams who have not been able to operate this year because of the virus; we thank them all for their past work and in anticipation for their future work.

God Bless, Roy and Pauline

Results of Elections

Parish of St. Paul's Dosthill

Deanery of Coleshill & Polesworth

At the Annual Meeting of Parishioners and Annual Parochial Church Meeting of the above parish held on 21st June 2021

Pauline Peace

The following were elected as Churchwardens:

Roy	Baker		
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The following were elected as Lay Members of the Deanery Synod:

Roy Baker	Monica Ward
Carolyn Baker	

The following were elected as Lay Members of the Parochial Church Council:

Lynn Middleton	Kate Pratt
Garry Malpas	Simon Gordon
John Restall	Valerie Prince
Pat Dix	Lynette Stevens
Sue Blackmore	
Graham Ross	



Goodbye from the Tibbles

To all at St. Pauls. Just wanted to write and say that after a very happy time in Dosthill and being a member of St Paul's for 42 years we have now moved house. It was a long awaited move (as some of you might know, with it being delayed by Brexit and by Covid for 18 months) but finally in April we moved to our new home. It's quite different being in a bungalow in a new place, as you can probably imagine but we have settled in very quickly. There are new routes to travel to work for Cathy, new jobs for Barry to crack on with and new places to cycle to when we take a break from the inevitable DIY list that we have. We've brought many happy memories with us - from church, from Dosthill and from special friends and such lovely neighbours. We hope that when we are not on our travels we'll be able to perhaps turn up at the odd event or two and say hello to you again. At least your 'calendar' has been a part of our lives for so many years we have a good idea of when things are happening.

With thanks to you all for the blessings and care shown to us and our family.

Cathy and Barry Tibbles, Polesworth.



We had lots to show and tell the Heart of England in Bloom Judges, Roger Tait and Donna Loasby last month, during the assessment of our It's Your Neighbourhood (IYN) entry for 2021.

Dosthill first entered IYN in 2019 and was awarded Level 4 (out of a possible 5), which was fantastic for our first ever entry! Due to Covid-19, there was no competition in 2020, but we were awarded a special certificate for our Fairy Glen in The Broom, which the Judges saw on their visit. Roger and Donna also saw our Peter Rabbit's Garden, Community Orchard, Hugging Tree, Dementia Tree, World War Poppy display and the new Gruffalo Trail.

The Judges were also told about The Scarecrow Trail and Easter Bunny Egg Hunt events we held earlier this year, and all this in addition to the usual maintenance, planting and conservation works in The Broom.

To demonstrate our great partnership work in Dosthill, the Judges also spoke to Staffordshire County Councillor Richard Ford (Tamworth-Watling South), Tamworth Borough Councillor Danny Cook (Trinity Ward) and Bill Moss, Chair of the Dosthill and Two Gates Residents' Association. The Judges also saw a wonderful painting of fruit and vegetable prints made that morning by the children



Dosthill WI Ladies Welcome Judges Roger Tait and Donna Loasby (far right).

of Nelly's Outdoor Learning. Dosthill WI Secretary Chris Jones spoke about her work to keep ladies connected during the Coronavirus Lockdowns and our Press Officer, Julie Ward, covered the promotion of WI activities.

Roger Tait, who is also Chairman of Heart of England in Bloom, said; "It was a genuine pleasure to visit The Broom in Dosthill again and see the fantastic progress this project has made since its inception four years ago. We remember the first few plants being put in at the site entrance and were blown away by the transformation which has taken place since then. There is a huge amount of community involvement and pride in this site, and it is a credit to all in Dosthill".

Fingers crossed for the results, which

will be known later in the year. In the meantime, a massive 'THANK YOU' must go to Sue Hollis who is the driving force for everything that happens in The Broom and all those who have helped in any way to make this community space such a delight! **Julie Ward**

Children's Society Boxes

I will be emptying the Children's Society Boxes, during August and September. If you are able to bring them to Church I would be very grateful. Give me a call on 01827 250676 if you would like your box collecting. Thank you for the support you are giving to the Children's Society.

Pauline Children's Society Representative for St. Paul's Church.



Table Top Sale





Ladies' Group visit to Elford Walled Garden

Monica's Thanks

A big thank you to all the lovely people who came to church on our table top sales and for buying the jam and marmalade I made, I will continue doing this to generate money for church funds. I would be grateful if anyone fancies saving me small to medium jars so I can fill them for our summer and Christmas festivals.

We will all be able to start to have coffee mornings from August, which will be lovely to return to some normality, of course staying safe, like Pat and Edna's coffee morning and Chapel Cafe+.

Thank you for the lovely

night at Elford Walled Garden Lynn, I had a great night with lovely conversation and company. The weather was lovely, no rain but lovely sunshine. We had a picnic and walk around the gardens, it was very peaceful. This was the 2nd Ladies' group since restrictions were lifted and I look forward to the next time. Please take care everyone and hope to see you all soon, God bless from **Monica.xx**

German Honour for Terry

On 23rd July 2021 the German Ambassador to the U.K. presented Mr. Terry Dix of Dosthill with the Cross of the Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany. This honours Terry's work in fostering town twinning relations during the last 40 years between Tamworth and Bad Laasphe. (Copyright photograph courtesy of the German Embassy.) David Biggs

Forthcoming Events

10th August	Pat and Edna's Coffee morning
17th August	Chapel Café +
21st August	Tickety Boo Concert
25th September	Teddy Bears' Picnic & Cake Bake
14th October	Harvest Supper

Apology

Apologies that the wedding of Ruth O'Connor and Jerome Wright on May 21st was missed from the June issue, it is now listed on the back page of this issue.



Terry Dix at the German Embassy



It can be read in the Bible in 25am15,16:15-19,17:4-22, 18:1-12,33, 19:1-8 King David had many wives and children. He loved his sons so much that he never punished them or told them off if they did wrong.





Saturday 25th Sept 2021 Dosthill Church

2-4pm

Free Admission

All proceeds from the cake bake will be donated to the Children's Society **Face Painting**

Bouncy Castle

Games and Stalls

Arts and Crafts



Poetry Corner



Kinlochewe

How my heart yearns for Kinlochewe On the banks of Loch Maree, With its hills and Glens and crystal streams That's where I long to be.

To walk once more down sunny lanes And hear the woodland sing, To see the hawthorn hung with may Where ivy and woodbine cling.

How I miss the lush green meadows And timid hares at play, Beneath the willow's weeping boughs Sheep laze beside the dray.

To pause beside the pebbly stream And smell the new mown hay, The trees in happy summer green As the rushes gently sway.

How I miss the Hazel copse in June And the old crooked stile, Beneath the spreading green Ash tree In the shade I'd rest awhile. Beneath the crumbling sandstone brig The river swiftly flows, Rushing past the ancient heath Where wind swept yellow gorse grows.

To see my honeystone cottage once more Nestling in the valley deep, And follow the meandering river in May Where the brown trout leap.

To awake once more in the pine scented air

As the woodland is kissed by Dawn, And watch the sun rise o'er the brae As a bright new day is born.

Across the lock lies Incheril Midst its landscape of wooded hills, In the stillness of the fading light I still hear its rippling rills.

Recalling these memories that dwell in my heart And the happy times I knew, Oh to lean once more on that old farm gate Where I first saw Kinlochewe.

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Days Gone By

Tamworth August 6th 1921 (abridgedcourtesy of the British Newspaper Archive)

Holiday Time - 100 years ago

Whilst the authorities including the National Government are paying heed to the outcry of constituents to economise, this August holiday time has proved the people generally have plenty of money to spend maybe not on rates but on pleasure. There were great crowds travelling by rail, motor and 'bus to seaside resorts, sports meetings, flower shows and so forth. Holiday making has been turned into a fetish. Whether you need one or not the vox populi says you must take it.. People spend their money generously, if not lavishly today and after the holiday time is over when the rate collector comes round regard him as the embodiment of extravagance.

Never were the streets so deserted as on Monday afternoon. The police officer on duty at Silver Street corner wasn't needed. All Tamworth and his wife and children were either at the Castle to see the Kingsbury Sports or Atherstone Flower Show. In the Castle grounds visitors crowded the upper lawn and paths whilst the lower lawns were devoted to the fashionable game of tennis. The sports ground was filled with a large and orderly crowd accompanied by the fine strains of the Amington Band in the bandstand.

A large number spent a happy hour in the Castle noting the ancient walls and



architecture, and examining the museum cases. Scarcely a visitor failed to note the beautiful workmanship of the mantlepiece "Only One" in the Tamworth room.

A feature of the August Bank holiday has been the popularity of the Red 'Buses. The Company provided a service most convenient and comfortable and speedy. For example people left from the Town Hall straight to the gate of Atherstone Flower Show ground. The company has now announced a schedule of linked buses by which you can go from Tamworth to any of the principal towns in the Midlands.

Strange Letter To The Parish Council - Kingsbury 1908

The Rev P.V. Montgomerie is about to resign his position as priest-in-charge at Hurley and the threatened withdrawal of the rev. gentleman's co-operation has opened up much for contemplation by his colleagues on the PCC.

Mr T.P. Jackson (Dosthill) was filled with trouble at the void which would be created and suggested that Montgomerie might speed the appointment of a successor by resigning his seat on the council without delay. Rev Montgomerie was absent from the meeting and forwarded the Clerk his reply as follows:-

'I shall be obliged if you will convey the following message (with a capital M) to the Parish Council. First thank the Chairman for his sensible remarks and for snubbing the asthmatic Demosthenes* from Dosthill, also tell that gentleman to mind his own business; also kindly tell my colleagues I was at Weymouth enjoying a very rare and very brief rest when the last meeting took place, I regret I could not attend to enliven the proceedings. I hope however to attend the next meeting as I am not causing desolation in the parish until October. In the meantime, in recognition of my service on the Council, I suggest that Mr T P Jackson start a little testimonial for me, to take the shape of a motor car, a gold watch and chain and an overcoat. I am 46 inches round the chest and take a 7 and a quarter hat, the latter

All in the month of August

It was... 250 years ago, on 7th August 1771, that the first recorded ascent of Ben Nevis was made. Scottish botanist James Robertson ascended Ben Nevis, the highest mountain in the British Isles.

125 years ago, on 17th August 1896, that the death of the first person killed in a motor accident in the UK took place. Bridget Driscoll was crossing a road in the grounds of London's Crystal Palace when she was hit by a car giving demonstration rides.

80 years ago, on 15th August 1941, that the German spy Josef Jakobs became the last person to be executed at the Tower of London. being due to a swelled head'

The Chairman protested that such communications made them look like squabbling washerwomen.

Mr Jackson refused to listen to the letter when read out and determinedly stopped his ears until the Chairman put the document down declaring with withering scorn that the parson was here today and gone tomorrow. Perhaps his frivolity would temper with age.

*Demosthenes was a Greek orator with a reputation based on speeches exhorting the citizens of Athens to rise up.

from Parish Pump

30 years ago, on 6th August 1991, that the first website (info.cern.ch) went live.

25 years ago, on 23rd August 1996, that Saudi Arabian-born terrorist Osama bin Laden issued a fatwa entitled A Declaration of War Against the Americans Occupying the Land of the Two Holy Places.

10 years ago, 21st-29th August 2011 that Hurricane Irene hit the Caribbean and made landfall in North Carolina. 49 people were killed and over \$14 billion worth of damage was caused.



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There are also weekly services on the Church of England website:

www.churchofengland.org/more/ media-centre/church-online

May

Weddings

21 Ruth O'Connor and Jerome Wright

July

Weddings

16 Ian Brian Withers and Charlotte Alison Littlewood

Funerals

- 6 Peter Bradshaw
- 12 Kenneth Goode

Interment of Ashes

- 5 Alfred Archer and Sheila Archer
- 29 Arthur Ellis

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July's solution:

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Quick Sudoku: Solution in next issue

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