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From the Vicarage....

Dear Friends

It was great to see babes & tots families leaving the Hall this week with Union flags in one hand and balloon dogs in the other as we celebrated in our final session before end of term, the Queen's love of animals especially her beloved corgis!

As I drive through the local streets and roads it is apparent that something special is happening. The bunting is going up, postboxes are being decorated you just can't get hold of Amaretti biscuits from anywhere! (ref Platinum Pudding).

And so as we join together as a nation to celebrate the many and various acts of service made by our Queen, it is good for us to reflect upon the nature of that service and the example that it provides to us all.

Much of what the Queen promised related to words of power, law and justice, but when we reflect on her years of service these are not the words that come to mind. When I think about how I see the Queen go about her acts of service to her nation I am struck by how small each individual act seems and yet together they add up to the job of being the Queen.

So much of the Queen's reign is documented through her smile. As she goes about the country meeting the people, the Queen is always quick to smile. She smiles at the child who hands her some flowers; she smiles as she pulls

the ribbon to unveil the plaque; she even smiles as she walks along streets paved with crowds of well-wishers calling her name and waiting for her attention. Even more than this, the Queen smiles as she presides over yet another formal banquet, while she waits for the translator to communicate her harmless remark about the weather or the food to the waiting dignitary.

The Queen's act of service is made up of small, everyday actions of a handshake, a smile and a listening ear. It is the sum of a whole host of small actions that make up the role of the Queen and what a fantastic example this is to each of us. We can all emulate the Queen in this: smiling at the people in the shop queue; passing the time of day with those we walk past; taking an extra moment on our journey to help someone out.

Over these weeks of the Jubilee celebrations, let us take wisdom from the words of her Majesty as a reminder of what each of us is called to every day and do our bit to act with kindness to others, preferring their needs to our own.

"At the heart of our faith stand not a preoccupation with our own welfare and comfort but the concepts of service and of sacrifice." Her Majesty The Queen

Yours in faith,
Rev Becky



Congratulations Megan!

Baptised in the main morning service accompanied by big brother Charlie, Mummy and Daddy and lots of family and friends.

Your Servant Elizabeth

Gracious God, we give You thanks for the reign of Your servant Elizabeth our Queen, and for the example of loving and faithful service which she has shown among us. Help us to follow her example of dedication and to commit our lives to You and to one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Lord, the Way, the Truth, and the Life, we give You thanks for Your servant Elizabeth our Queen. May she ever be provided with all she may need for her ministry among us, strengthened to meet every demand which her office may make, and in all things nourished by Your word and example, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit live and reign, world without end. Amen.



Bible Bite

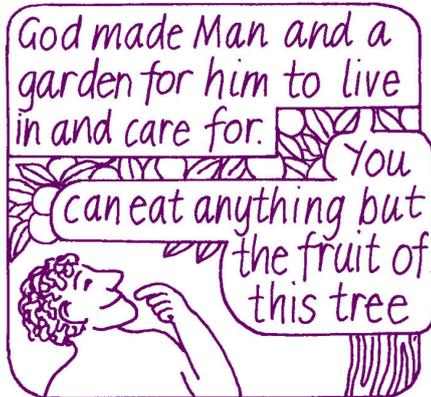
A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in Genesis chapter 2:4-9,15-25 and ch.3

This story is about the wonderful start to the world, and the first mistake...

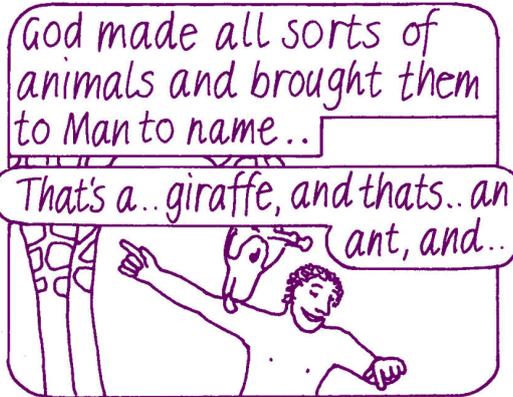
God made Man and a garden for him to live in and care for.

You can eat anything but the fruit of this tree



God made all sorts of animals and brought them to Man to name..

That's a.. giraffe, and that's.. an ant, and..



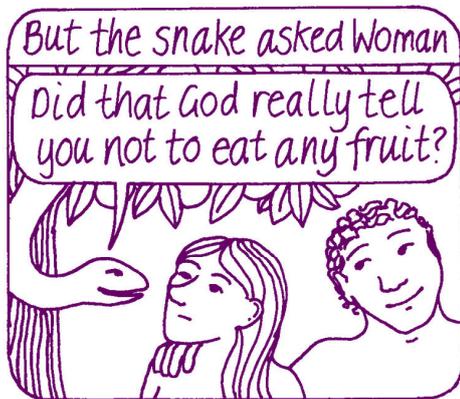
but he needed a human partner

Wow! You are called 'Woman'

So God made Woman.

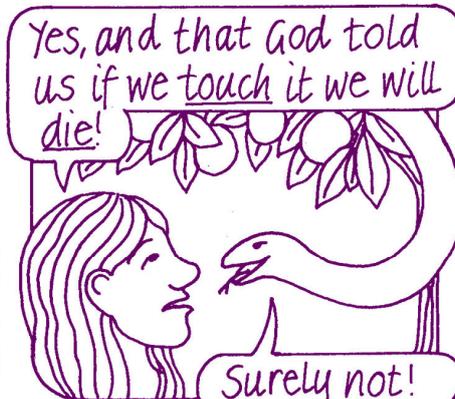


But the snake asked Woman Did that God really tell you not to eat any fruit?

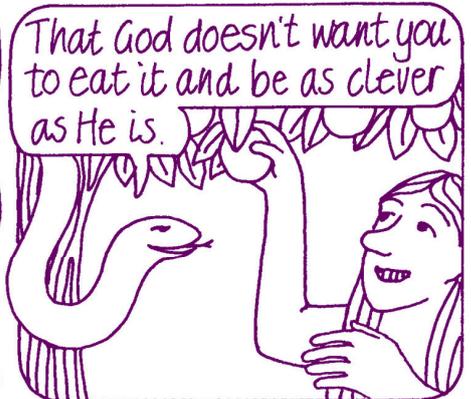


Yes, and that God told us if we touch it we will die!

Surely not!



That God doesn't want you to eat it and be as clever as He is.



Go on, try some!

Alright.



Oh no! What have we done?



They made clothes from leaves.



They tried to hide

Where are you?



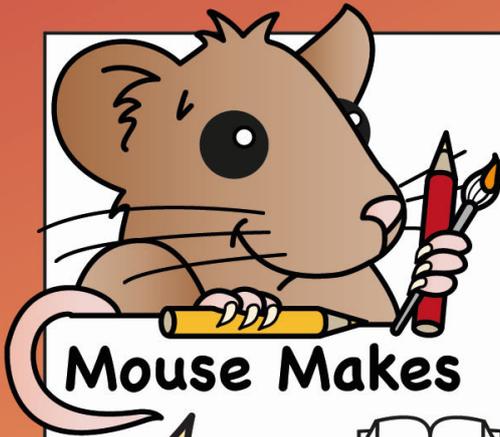
It was the woman's fault

It was the snake's fault



They had disobeyed, so they had to leave the garden.

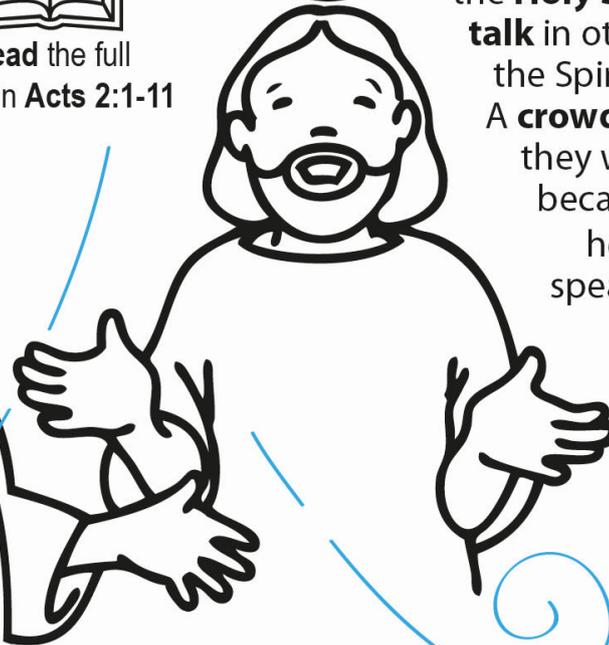




Mouse Makes



Read the full story in Acts 2:1-11



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It was the **festival** of **Pentecost**, **fifty days** since **Passover** and **Jews** from many countries had come to **Jerusalem** to **celebrate**.

The **Apostles** and other believers were all **together** in one place when they heard a **sound**

like a strong **wind** and **saw** what looked like **tongues** of **fire** which spread out and **touched each** person.

All of them were **filled** with the **Holy Spirit** and began to **talk** in other **languages** as the Spirit enabled them.

A **crowd** gathered outside, they were all excited because each of them heard the believers speaking in their **own**

language about the great things **God** had done. About 3,000 people **heard**, **believed** and were **baptised** that day!

All the words in **bold** type in the story are in the word search, can you find them?

Springtime Repairs!

Late April some of you may have seen some men on the church roof secured only by ropes; while they may have looked precarious, I can assure you they were working perfectly safely. But what were they doing you may ask?

Well, every two years we arrange for the church roof to be closely inspected and for any minor defects like missing slates to be repaired and for gutters, lead valleys and downpipes to be cleared out to prevent blockages. Some sections of the roof are not visible from the ground and these areas in particular need to be closely attended.

In addition, this year, the PCC agreed that we should carry out some of the repairs identified in the 2020 Quinquennial Inspection at the same time as the maintenance visit.

The picture shows one of the workmen securing himself to the wall so that he could work 'hands free' before starting the job of replacing the high level gutters on the car park side of the church. This is the last section of high level guttering to be renewed, a job which we have been looking to complete for several years. We can now be confident that the risk of rainwater leaking from the failed gutter joints back into the roof timbers has been eliminated.

Another longstanding cause for concern has been the state of the vestry roofs which have been prone to letting in rain water and contributing to dampness. In an ideal world we would have simply looked to re-roof the vestries but this

would have been prohibitively expensive and quite frankly, unaffordable. Instead, I have been very selective in the work which I have instructed the contractor to carry out i.e. replacing some ridge tiles



but only resetting others, repairing and extending lead flashing, re-setting slate tiles and replacing only the worst ones. I feel that we have spent a 'little' but done a 'lot' and hopefully we have done 'enough' to buy us several more years before major roof reconstruction becomes inevitable.

In addition, the six high level downpipes were painted and the stone tiles on the north aisle porch roof (pictured) were reset and some replaced.

At the top of the tower we have four merlons which are big, heavy stones that create a castle rampart effect. Two of them had lifted and day light could be seen through the mortar joints. Skyline, the contractor, discovered that ferrous nails had been hammered into some of the horizontal mortar joints for reasons unknown. These iron nails had corroded over the years and expanded in the process which was sufficient to lift the stones. Skyline removed the stones, cleaned the mortar bed and reset two of the merlons securing them with stainless steel dowls. The other two merlons had been caught in time and only needed the ferrous nails removing and the mortar joints repointing.

Two years ago Skyline regilded the weather vane with gold leaf and painted the support pole insitu at the top of the tower. This time we asked them to repaint the finials on top of the rounded chancel roof and on top of the organ chamber. Not a big job, but in the case of the chancel, a challenging location to reach.

Well, how much has all this work cost? Answer... £19,000 plus VAT, the VAT should be recoverable from the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme.

Was this work good value? Answer... Yes, most definitely! It was excellent value, being half the price of the next lowest tenderer. It proved very difficult to interest contractors in carrying out work which they saw as a series of relatively small, 'piece meal' jobs where access was a major issue.

The priority in maintaining the fabric of St Paul's Church and the church hall is to ensure the structural integrity of the buildings and to 'keep the rain water out'. This, after all was the primary objective of the work undertaken last month.

The repairs undertaken in April were able to be funded from St Paul's Restoration Fund. However, the church's financial reserves are limited and unless they can be continuously topped up from income, there will be limited scope for repairs and improvements in future. At present, the church is struggling to generate sufficient income to cover day-to-day expenditure, let alone, add to reserves.

Brian Kerridge

Heavenly Father,

Thank you for the beauty of the world you created, so evident in this lovely month of June.

We bring before you, in prayer, those events going on in the world which are so difficult to understand. We pray for all your children who are suffering in any way, especially those affected by war. Please, Lord, comfort them, assure them of your presence - and deliver them from evil.

May we appreciate each day which you have made. Help us to rejoice and be glad in the gift of each new day - and to trust you for all our tomorrows, knowing that in you alone is our security.

In Jesus' name.

Amen

By Daphne Kitching

Reflected Faith Series: The Meaning of Colours - part 2

Last month we looked at the changing of colours in the church's vestments and altar cloths during March, April and May this year. This month of June sees them changing again, but this time for around 20 weeks.

We start the month still in the season of Easter; strictly speaking, in the time after the Ascension. The first Sunday in June is the feast of Pentecost. This was and remains a Jewish Festival. At the time of Jesus, it was a joyful celebration of the first fruits of the Harvest, which was why all the apostles were gathered together in Jerusalem, as was expected of all Jewish men.

As they gathered following Jesus' Ascension, the Holy Spirit came upon them. This is what Christians celebrate at Pentecost, and therefore the colour is red. The following day the colour changes to green, and remains green until the 30th of October, the Feast of All Saints' which will be white.

This gives us approximately 20 weeks of 'green' with the occasional day in between of white or red to celebrate an apostle, saint or a specific feast day.

So the question is 'Why?' Why so long?

This time is often referred to as 'Ordinary' time. So what is 'ordinary' about it? I don't know about your life but mine tends to go along fairly steady with just the odd up or down time. Most of my days are 'ordinary'.

In church lectionary terms this period of 'X Sunday after Pentecost' follows one main gospel's teachings and miracles of Jesus. It's almost like He gathers us together for a summer school and takes us up a mountainside and teaches us there. It's a time for leaning and growth.

This month

Like the green grass feeds the animals, this month spend some time just looking at a patch of grass or the leaves on trees from a distance.

See the different shades and hues and when you next hear the gospel reading imagine sitting under those trees on that grass with Jesus Himself.

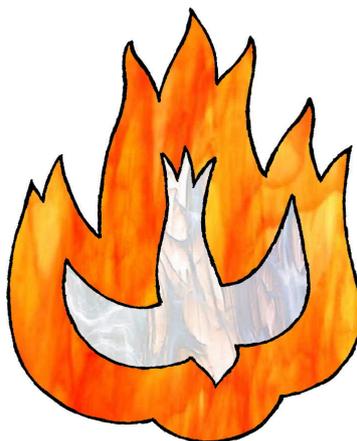


5th June Fire of Pentecost

"You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you and you will be witnesses to me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria and to the ends of the earth" Acts 1:8

We all get tired and battle weary sometimes. The disciples of Jesus had just been through a three-year long roller coaster adventure with Jesus that had culminated in His death, resurrection and ascension into heaven.

The range of emotions would have been hugely taxing in the days leading up to Pentecost, as they remembered Jesus weeping in the garden of Gethsemane, betrayed by Judas, brutally beaten and crucified, and then dead and buried. Then there had been the



shock and awe of finding out that He was alive again! But then He had left them again, to return to His Father. By the time the day of Pentecost arrived, the disciples would indeed have welcomed some fresh spiritual fire!

For us today, many of us have felt emotionally drained with the uncertainties caused by Covid 19, the worry of prices rising at an alarming rate, and now the pain and uncertainty of what will happen in the war in Ukraine.

So, what better day to pray for fresh spiritual fire for each of us? As we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and birth of the Church, let us thank God that He will never leave us or forsake us.

Civic Service — The Falklands — 40 years Commemoration

On Sunday 19th June St Paul's will be hosting a civic service for the Commemoration Service for the 40th Anniversary of the Falklands War during our normal time slot of 10am. This will take the form of a Service of the Word with prayers, hymns, music and readings and will be around 40-50 minutes.

We will be joined by cadets and members of the Armed Forces from the local area who will be processing to the Town Hall after the service to lay wreaths at the War Memorial. Springfield Road will be

closed during this time, although there will be access to the church car-park via Sibson Road.

All are welcome to attend and there will be an area of the church designated for church members as well as reserved seating for cadets and those taking part.

If you are able to help with stewarding, welcoming and car-parking please have a chat with Vicar Becky and the Churchwardens.

Annual Church Meetings

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting was held on Wednesday May 11th and during our meeting time we were able to present Harry Thomas and his wife Diana with card and gifts to say thank you for their ministry. Harry has been church warden for several years—he's forgotten how long, and they are preparing to leave Sale to move to a new home. Both Harry and Diane have been worshipping at St Paul's for many decades, however, they have promised to visit us from time to time!

We were able to elect a new Churchwarden, Mrs Yvonne Kerridge, who is also one of our licensed pastoral workers who will be one of the two wardens alongside Mrs Yvonne Stevenson who was re-elected.



Thank you to everyone who attended the meeting, for those that assisted with the refreshments and those that stood for election to the Parochial Church Council.

Sadly, we still have not been able to find anyone willing to volunteer to be our Church Treasurer, a crucial role in running a charitable trust. It's very difficult to run a church without a named treasurer. We still need someone prepared to undertake the

treasurer duties, to be the named contact person, oversee the banking and the entering of data in to the church accounts software. At the moment treasurer duties such as paying invoices will fall to Churchwardens which is a tremendous responsibility on top of their duties. The treasurer's role description is at the back of church – perhaps you know of a friend, colleague or family member who might be willing to help us?



You and your loved ones are invited to attend a joint Pentecost Confirmation and Celebration of the Queen's

Platinum Jubilee service on Sunday 5th June at 2.30pm in St Paul's Church Sale. The Confirmation will be led by Bishop Sam of Stockport who will also be preaching.

Followed by an Afternoon Tea at 4pm on the church lawn at which Churches Together friends and members of the Salvation Army Brass Band and Springfield School Choir will be present for a special 'Songs of Praise'.

We will need a team of folk to help with furniture moving, cake baking, washing up and waitressing! Please contact Carole Shakeshaft / Michael Riley or any member of the social committee if you can help.

Cake donations can be brought at 12 noon to the Church Hall.

You are invited to dress up, red, white and blue!

All hands on deck please!



What a busy half term the Rainbows, Brownies and Guides have had at St. Paul's.

The Rainbows joined in with the church's fundraising for ToiletTwinning.org and have raised another £105. They held a quiz night for friends and family and there was great joy and laughter especially around the 'Toilet' round..

The Guides have been collecting crisp packets which are going to be sent away to be made into blankets for those sleeping rough, and the Brownies have collected for the local pet food bank.

There have been celebrations galore in lieu of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The Brownies had a red, white and blue party with lots of games, the Rainbows re-enacted the Queen's coronation, and the Guides held a Great Guide Platinum Jubilee Bake Off where they each decorated a cake on the theme of the Jubilee... who knew there was so much Bake Off talent hiding away at Guides?!



Plans are afoot for Guide camp in the summer and all 3 units look forward to some trips out before the next school holidays.

If you are interested in helping at the Rainbow, Brownie or Guide group at St. Paul's, please email Vicky at brownowl4thsalecentral@hotmail.co.uk, thank you.

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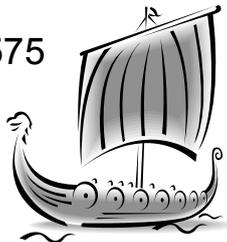
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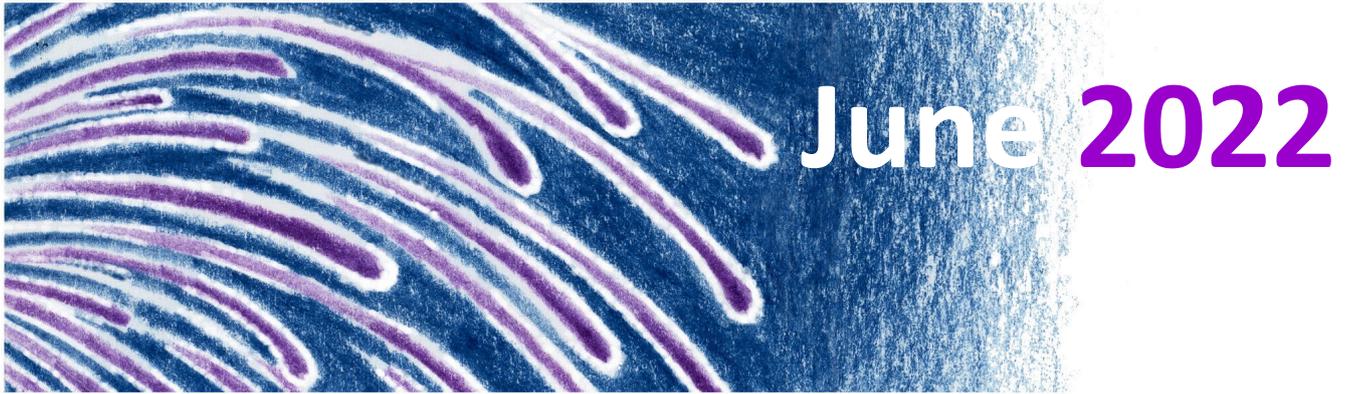
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1 st June	Wednesday	10.00am	No Midweek Communion
3 rd June	Friday	1.30pm	Community Choir
5 th June	Sunday	10.00am	No Morning Service
Pentecost		2.30pm	Confirmation with Bishop Sam
Platinum Jubilee		4.00pm	Jubilee Afternoon Tea with Songs of Praise

		6.00pm	No Evening Service
7 th June	Tuesday	9.30am	No Babes & Tots
8 th June	Wednesday	10.00am	Midweek Communion
12 th June	Sunday	10.00am	Parish Eucharist
Trinity Sunday		6.00pm	Evening Prayer

Deadline for the July Parish News

13 th June	Monday		
14 th June	Tuesday	9.30am	Babes & Tots
15 th June	Wednesday	10.00am	Midweek Communion
17 th June	Friday	1.30pm	Community Choir
18 th June	Saturday	4.00pm	Ordination of Priests at Chester Cathedral

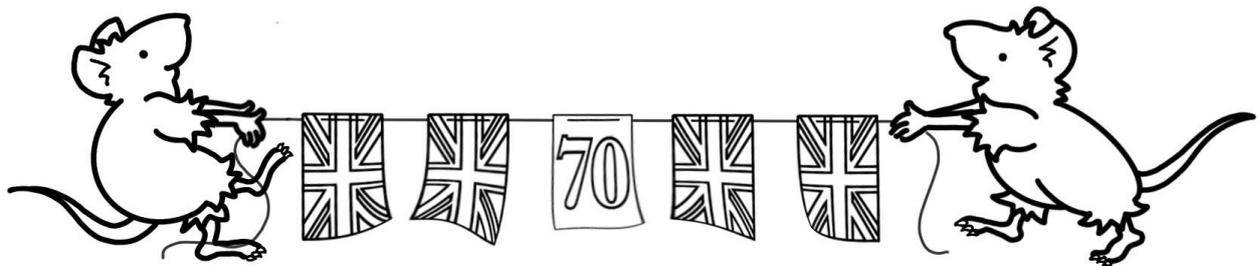
19 th June	Sunday	10.00am	Civic Service The Falklands War 40 th Commemoration Service
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Trinity 2		6.00pm	Evening Prayer
21 st June	Tuesday	9.30am	Babes & Tots
22 nd June	Wednesday	10.00am	Midweek Communion
24 th June	Friday	1.30pm	Community Choir
26 th June	Sunday	10.00am	Parish Eucharist
Trinity 3		6.00pm	Evening Prayer
28 th June	Tuesday	9.30am	Babes & Tots
29 th June	Wednesday	10.00am	Midweek Communion

Next Month—

1 st July	Friday	1.30pm	Community Choir
3 rd July	Sunday	10.00am	Parish Eucharist
Trinity 4		6.00pm	Taize Style Evening Prayer

Please check the weekly pew sheets for any service changes that may occur.



Platinum Jubilee Celebration

For seventy years our Queen has reigned
And we thank our God in celebration
For this her Platinum Jubilee
And her life devoted to serve this nation.

Elizabeth Tudor, Victoria too,
Great Queens that ruled this island race
But as the one with the longest reign
It's Elizabeth II that takes this place.

Loved and revered throughout the world,
Fulfilling her duties with visits of state,
Wherever she travels her dignified presence
Has served to make Great Britain – great!

By Megan Carter



Future Dates and Events

Festival Manchester 2022	1 st to 3 rd July in Wythenshawe Park
Heritage Day	Sat 10 th September
Harvest Festival	Sunday 16 th October

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Hall Bookings

(as above)

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Please note that **Vicar Becky** is part-time and her working hours are flexible.
She might not be able to reply or respond immediately to your calls and emails.*

Parish Organisations affiliated to St Paul's

The following groups meet in St Paul's Church Hall unless otherwise stated.

Tuesday	9.30am-11am	St. Paul's Babes & Tots
	6.15pm	4 th Sale Central (St. Paul's) Brownies
	7.30pm	4 th Sale Central (St. Paul's) Guides
	1.15pm	Women's Tuesday Group (2 nd of every month)
Wednesday		
Thursday	9.30am-11am	St. Paul's Babes & Tots (<i>currently not meeting</i>)
	7.30pm	Chorister Training and Choir Practice
	8.00pm	Men's Society (last of every month Sept to May but not Dec)
Friday	1.30pm-2.30pm	Community Choir
	5.30pm	4th Sale Central (St Paul's) Rainbows
Saturday	10.30am	Charity Coffee Morning