

What does the LORD God want from you? To respect Him, walk in all His ways, and to love and serve Him. Deut 10:12-13

Even though I walk through valleys as dark as death, I will not fear any danger, because You are with me.

Ps 23:4



Those whose hope is in the LORD will find new strength. They will . . . run and not tire, walk and not faint.
Is 40:31

THIS IS WHAT THE LORD GOD SAYS, "STAND AT THE CROSSROADS AND LOOK. ASK FOR THE ANCIENT PATHS, THE GOOD ROADS. WALK IN THEM AND YOU WILL FIND REST FOR YOUR SOULS." JEREMIAH 6:16

From the Vicarage...

Dear Friends,

'A change is as good as a rest'

The beginning of September heralds the start of the new academic year, bringing the usual challenges, whether it's negotiating once again the busyness of the increased school traffic, childcare responsibilities, supporting a young person going off to university or restarting of groups and clubs. In our household there's the constant updating of diaries with meetings, appointments, after-school clubs and events that need scheduling into the daily norm. It's always good to break for half term and during that time we try and find activities that make a change to the daily routine. Visiting a museum or art gallery, going to visit friends, going on a walk in a new area, or sharing home-made afternoon tea with family members are simple but enjoyable changes.

Within our church family, various folks are moving through a series of transitions and changes in lives, whether that's house moves, starting new jobs, having additional care due to medical needs or welcoming a new life into our households. Our lives are full of change and this can cause anxiety especially when it feels like we have no choice about this. It's the feeling of being out of control that is often the underlying issue around change, and having change imposed on us that makes it difficult to adjust to. On the other hand, when we are responsible for the change-

such as enrolling on a training course or taking up a new hobby or activity, then we view change positively. It sounds so simple but a small change I made recently was to ditch shampoo bottles and commit to using a hair shampoo bar. I wanted to cut down on plastic waste and having tried a few different bars have found one that really works for me. Are there any small changes that you'd like to make? Anything you've been wondering about doing? Have you got anyone who can support you with the change?

There are of course several major changes that have occurred due to covid and lockdowns, changes to our church membership, reduction in those able to volunteer their time and skills, changes to how we participate in worship. Church communities have seen an increase in demand for services such as food banks and financial support, an increase in folks seeking mental health and wellbeing support and those struggling with long covid. The war in Ukraine and other factors have also left us facing a cost of living crisis, with everyone including businesses, households and charities facing massive increases in utility bills and everyday costs.

How will St Paul's adapt and change to the changing circumstances of the community around us? How can we best use our resources to support the beautifully diverse demographic that God has entrusted to us here?

On another note- many thanks to those who have filled in the parish questionnaires, if you've not yet returned yours, please do so as soon as you can back to myself or the churchwardens. Spare copies are available at the back of church.

Take care,

Yours in faith,

Rev Becky



Men's Society

The Men's Society finally managed to arrange our 'annual' Bowls event after a gap of three years. This was again at the Linden Club and details will be available later as it takes place after the deadline for this note.

We also hope to have our Farmhouse Supper at the end of September and all men are welcome. Please tell Michael or myself if you would like to attend to allow the catering to be arranged.

Rodney Hadwen - Chairman

Tuesday Group

It seems a long time since we were able to meet thanks to the hall being unavailable for the school holidays. I hope you're feeling as well as possible, despite all the strange weather we have been having.

On 13th September we are welcoming Mike Swindley, who is one of the trustees of St. Paul's, who will be talking on the intriguing subject, The Bench and my life on it!

I look forward to seeing you all at 1.15pm.

Diana



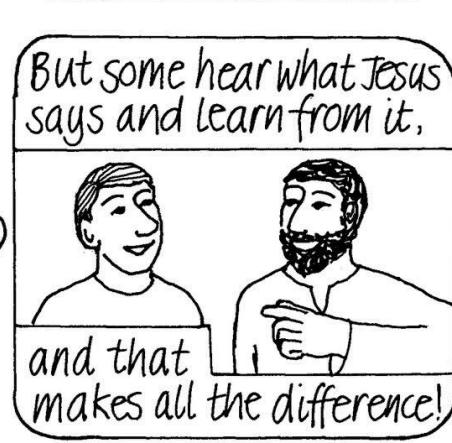
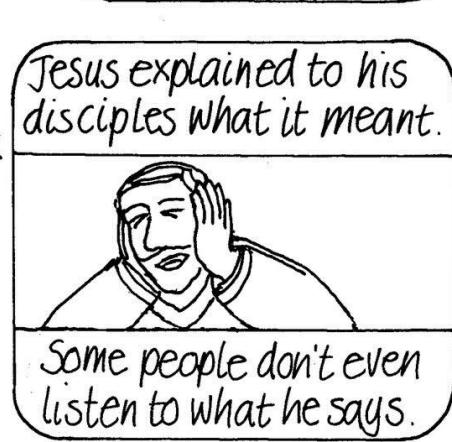
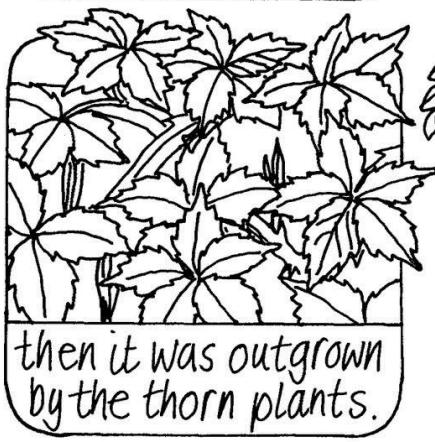
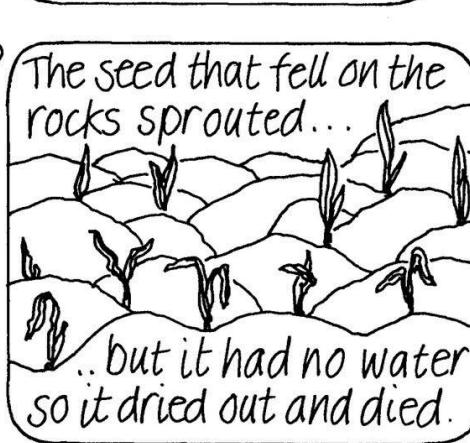
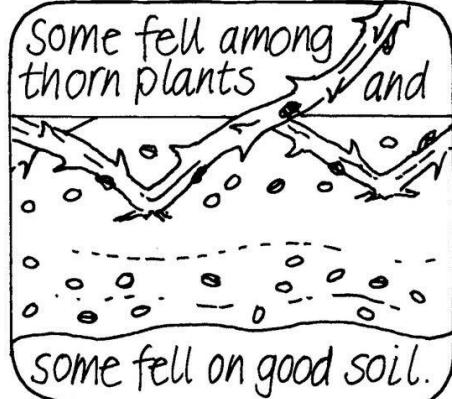
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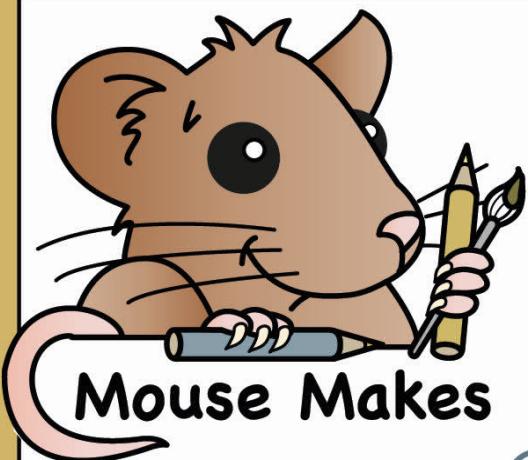
Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Mt. 13:3-8, Mk 4:1-9, Lk 8:4-8

crowds of people now came to hear Jesus, so he used stories to teach them; those who really wanted to learn would work out the meaning.





Mouse Makes

The _____ fell,
The floods came and the
_____ blew.

Matthew 7:25

A simple line drawing of a cloud with several raindrops falling from it.

Everyone who hears Jesus' words and **does** them will be like a

man

*On what did he build
his house?*

Matthew 7:24

Everyone who hears Jesus' words and does **not** do them will be like a

— man

*On what did he build
his house?*

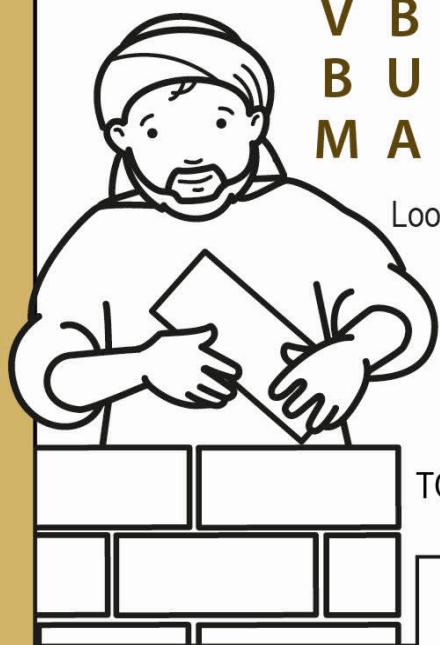
Matthew 7:26



Matthew 7:24-27 and Luke 6:46-49

What happened to the houses?

Read
Matthew
7:25 and 27



Look up the Bible references to find the missing words then look for them and the words below in the word search

JESUS • HEAR • LISTEN • WORDS
DOES • BUILT • FOUNDATION • MAN
DUG • DEEP • SOLID • GROUND
STREAM • RIVER • BURST • FLOODS
TORRENT • HOUSE • FELL • COLLAPSED
RUIN • DESTROYED

How many other words can you make from the word
FOUNDA TIONS

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Canon Paul Hardingham continues his series on the very fundamentals of Christianity.

Christian Basics : Why Belong to the Church?

Many people are struggling to connect with church today following the pandemic. However, we should ‘*not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing*’ (Hebrews 10:25). The church is not simply a building or services, but a shared friendship with Jesus, as the NT makes clear.

1. The Family of God

The church is a community united by their love for God and readiness to sharing this love with others: ‘*a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His wonderful light*’ 1) Peter 2:9). It is in the life of the church that people can connect with God’s love.

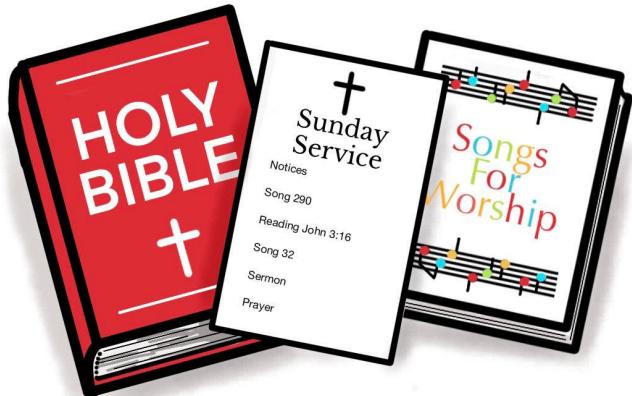
2. The Body of Christ

The church is also Christ’s body on earth, ‘*The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ*’ 1) Cor 12:12). We all have a unique contribution to make, using our different gifts, experience and passion. However, beware of those attitudes that stop us representing Christ: *inferiority* (‘*I have nothing to offer*’) (or *superiority* (‘*I don’t need you*’). (

3. A Holy Temple

In the OT the temple, was God’s home on earth; now the church has become His home: ‘*In Him the whole building is joined together ... in Him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by His Spirit.*’ (Ephesians 1: 21,22). Church is a place where people can be loved, accepted and welcomed home. Is this our experience of church and what changes would make it more as God intends?

Don’t forget: ‘*The local church is the hope of the world*’ (Bill Hybels).



St Bernadette Relic Tour - 2022

In September and October this year, the relics of St Bernadette will journey on pilgrimage to England, Scotland and Wales for the very first time. This very special once in a lifetime event will provide an opportunity for people of all ages and backgrounds to experience the special gifts and charisms of Lourdes, in a church or cathedral near them.

A parish visit from St. Joseph’s and Holy Family has been organised on Wednesday 14th September to St Werburgh’s church in Chester. Coach will leave St Joseph’s at 10.30am for Veneration of the Relics at 12.00 noon and then free time to visit Chester in the afternoon. Coach will return to Sale at 4.30pm. Cost £13.00 per person. If any one would like to join us please email info@sjhf.co.uk.



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Daily Prayer podcast celebrates 1,000th episode

A free service bringing the ancient monastic cycle of daily prayer to millions of modern listeners has recently broadcast its 1,000th episode.

The Daily Prayer podcast* brings listeners together twice a day for the short traditional services of Morning and Evening.

The podcast, available both via the Daily Prayer app as well as all major podcasting platforms, was launched in March 2021. It has now been streamed more than four million times, with a monthly audience of 60,000 people.

The Archbishop of York, Stephen Cottrell, said: “Reaching 1,000 episodes of Daily Prayer is an impressive milestone. Being able to participate in Daily Prayer through the app has been of great help and encouragement for many to begin, sustain or develop their life of prayer.”

Many people say they have found a rhythm of prayer by using it.

*<https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer/daily-prayer-app-and-podcast>

What houseplants can do for cars



Common houseplants are your friend if your home or office is near a busy road.

A recent study has found that where houseplants

are placed in a poorly ventilated room, they can suck up the nitrogen dioxide from traffic emissions by up to 20 per cent. The researchers at the University of Birmingham used peace lilies, corn plants and ferns with good results.



Nitrogen dioxide is produced when fuel is burned, and so is present in car emissions. It can damage the respiratory system, making people more vulnerable to infections, lung disease, heart disease and asthma.



Be social

If you go to church and/or volunteer for local good causes, the good that you do to others will come back to you. A recent study has found that having a rich social life can help older people retain normal brain functions, and slow down any onset of dementia.

The research, done at the University of Utah, was recently presented to an Alzheimer's UK Research Conference in Brighton.

Prayer for September

Father,

September – a month of new starts for many. We pray for all starting school, university or college, or moving into a new class or job.

We pray for the new Prime Minister to prove to a person of integrity, dedicated to working for the good of all.

We especially ask you to help those struggling with the rising cost of living who don't know how they are going to make ends meet.

Have mercy on this nation, Lord and bring us back to Your ways.

Thank You for Jesus and that through trusting in Him we can know You, as Father and God of truth, mercy and compassion.

Thank You that You never give up on us. You will help us if we turn to You, In Jesus name, Amen.

By Daphne Kitching

The Wedding Guest

There was a wedding in Cana in Galilee
And Jesus joined friends along the way
Together with guests to share in the feast
Celebrating this special day.

Catastrophe, the wine was gone
But this was to be a special sign,
As water drawn from six stone jars
Was miraculously turned into vintage wine.

Six denotes the number of man,
We too can be filled with this wondrous wine
The jars of stone like hearts transformed
When touched from above with the Hand divine.

As a guest we need to invite Him in,
He stands outside and knocks the door,
To ask Him in will turn all things around,
Enriching our lives as never before.

By Megan Carter

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For the solution—check the church hall

Revd Dr Jo White continues her series on aspects of Christianity.

Reflected Faith Series: a special place for a special purpose

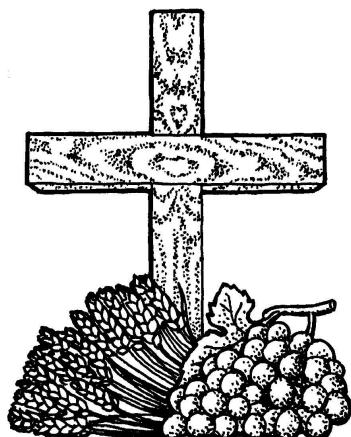
Last month I mentioned altar rails as being the visible barrier separating the Sanctuary where the Altar or Table is placed and the Chancel; where the choir may be seated.

But there is more to the rails than simply separating these two areas in a church. In the early days churches did not have such rails, but rather there was such a clear separation between the Chancel and the Nave that they were not required.

The Nave was used by the local community for many different community activities including the work of lawyers, accounts, indoor festivals and so on as well as people just meeting together as we would use our local community centres today. There would even be people sleeping in that part of the building overnight if they were homeless or travelling.

Hence the need for a Chancel screen of some sort to keep out the running around children, their ball games, dogs etc etc.

Originally the altar would have been in the Chancel so the activity there could be seen by the people through the screen.



However, during the Restoration, many of the chancel screens that separated the whole of the chancel from the rest of the church had been removed or destroyed and this left the altar table 'open' to everyone and everything – including the dogs. Afterwards, altar tables were removed from the middle of the chancel and placed against the East wall of the church.

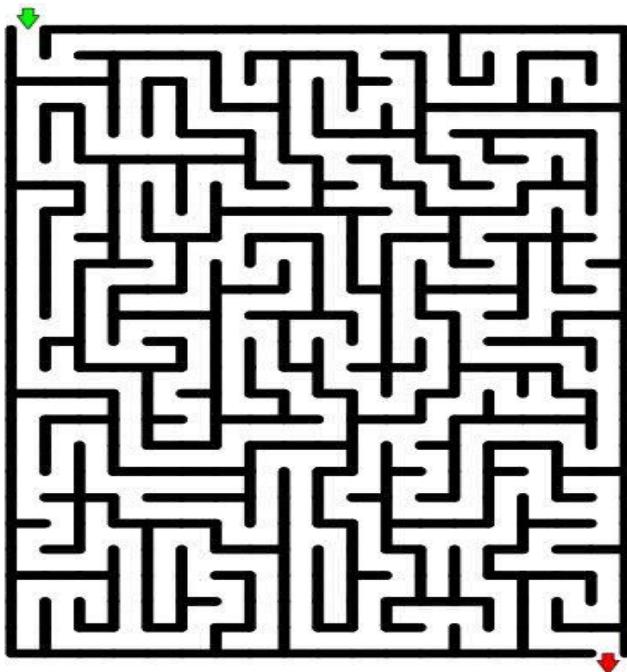
Archbishop Laud (1573-1645) 'invented' altar rails to help protect the sanctuary from dogs and keep it a special area accessible only to clergy and servers.

These days many churches are turning full circle and moving their altar to be nearer the people to the front of the Chancel. But this is because largely, the activities in the church building have significantly changed and dogs, in particular, are rarely loose in the building.

This month

Where would you place the altar table today in your church if it were moveable? Would you have something surrounding it?

Would you continue to use the 'original' altar rail to receive the bread and wine?



*How quickly can you get through
this maze?*



**The
Children's
Society**

Annual Box Opening 2022

Once again it's time to open The Children Society's boxes.

If you have a collection box, I would be grateful if you could bring it in to Church ASAP please.

If you're not able to bring it in, please contact me so that I can arrange for it to be collected from you.

Many thanks
Sheila Clarke
Local Secretary, The Children's Society
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The Newman Association's MANCHESTER NEWMAN LECTURE

Thursday 15 September 2022 at 6.30 pm

Friends Meeting House 6 Mount St. Manchester M2 5NS:

The speaker: **Cardinal Archbishop Michael Fitzgerald M Afr.**

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Cardinal Fitzgerald is a leading expert on Islam, Muslim relations and inter-religious dialogue. Fluent in Arabic (he is a graduate of the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London). At his retirement in 2012 he was papal nuncio to Egypt and delegate to the League of Arab States. He also headed the Pontifical Council for Inter-religious Dialogue.

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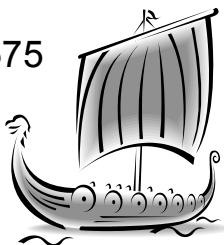
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September 2022

4 th September	Sunday	10.00am	Parish Eucharist
Trinity 13		6.00pm	Taize Style Evening Prayer
6 th September	Tuesday	9.30am	Babes & Tots
7 th September	Wednesday	10.00am	Midweek Communion (CW)
		7.45pm	PCC Meeting
9 th September	Friday	1.30pm	Community Choir
10 th September	Saturday	10.00am	Heritage Day—see the poster (<i>page 7</i>)
11 th September	Sunday	10.00am	Parish Eucharist
Trinity 14		6.00pm	Evening Prayer
Deadline for the October Parish News			
13 th September	Tuesday	9.30am	Babes & Tots
		1.15pm	Tuesday Group
14 th September	Wednesday	10.00am	Midweek Communion
15 th September	Thursday	6.30pm	Manchester Newman Lecture (<i>page 11</i>)
16 th September	Friday	1.30pm	Community Choir
18 th September	Sunday	10.00am	Parish Eucharist
Trinity 15		6.00pm	Evening Prayer
20 th September	Tuesday	9.30am	Babes & Tots
21 st September	Wednesday	10.00am	Midweek Communion
23 rd September	Friday	1.30pm	Community Choir
25 th September	Sunday	10.00am	Parish Eucharist
Trinity 16		6.00pm	Evening Prayer
27 th September	Tuesday	9.30am	Babes & Tots
28 th September	Wednesday	10.00am	Midweek Communion
29 th September	Thursday	8.00pm	Men's Society
30 th September	Friday	1.30pm	Community Choir



Next Month:-

2nd October
Trinity 17

Sunday

10.00am
6.00pm

Parish Eucharist
Taize Style Evening Prayer

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



‘Choir Churches’ to be funded as part of projects to spread the Christian faith

Children are to get a chance to learn music in the English choral tradition, as part of plans by the Church of England to inspire young people to learn about the Christian faith.

A total of £249,530 has been awarded to The Church of England in Lancashire to invest in up to 24 ‘Choir Churches’ where children will be taught hymns and anthems from the English choral tradition, meeting as a new congregation of parents, teachers, and the wider community.

Dioceses are being encouraged to apply for funding for projects lasting up to three years that could act as blueprints for future mission and growth across the country.

Future Dates and Events

Harvest Festival	Sunday 16 th October
Remembrance Sunday	Sunday 13 th November
Carols by Candlelight	Sunday 18 th December

Going back

(Luke 15:11-32)

Could I go back
After all this time,
After all I’ve done,
The places I’ve been,
The wild living
And the wasted years,
Could I go back?

Would they let me in,
Would *he* want me at all,
Is it possible even now
To turn round
And simply go home?

From the coming to my senses
Comes decision,
Comes a risking,
Comes a turning
And a danger of rejection, after all.

But when I’m still far off
And searching
The way beckons like a beacon -
And there He is,
Arms wide in welcome.
And He’s running out
To bring me in
To the still place of the love
That is my Father and my home.

By Daphne Kitching

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	Hall Bookings	(Parish Office)

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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 (school term time)
	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 (school term time)
	5.30pm	4 th Sale Central (St Paul's) Rainbows
Saturday	10.30am	Charity Coffee Morning