



St Paul's Church
Christmas Tree Festival
8th to 10th December 2023



We welcome you to our Christmas Tree Festival and hope that you enjoy the displays - why not join us at 10am on Sunday morning for our Toy Service where we bring along unwrapped toys for young people who may not receive any other present this Christmas time.

If you would like to write a prayer on a tag and add it to our Prayer Tree please do so. We will use these in some of services.

Or if you would like to remember a loved one's name on our Blue Christmas Tree there are tags available next to the tree ready for you.

Why not vote for your favourite tree - which one do you think is going to be your favourite?

It is inevitable in thanking everyone who has volunteered for this event that we may have missed someone - if that is you, our sincere apologies for the omission so please take this as our very grateful thanks.



This Tree is No: 1



**The
Children's
Society**



We provide specialist support that empowers young people to make positive changes and rediscover their hope.

They want a future they can look forward to and we're here to make sure they get it.

Working alongside young people, their families and community, we will not rest until together, step-by-step, we've created a society built for all children.

Young people come to us when they have low self-esteem. Refugee and migrant children land in this country alone and look to us for guidance to achieve the life they dreamed of. We see teenagers in our services who want to quit using drugs or alcohol. Who are looking after mum, dad, or their siblings more than they bargained for. Or who have been taken advantage of. Often, the hope inside all of these children has been diminished, it might only be hanging by a thread. It's our job to support and give them back, their hope.

Every year, St Paul's supports The Children's Society at the annual Christingle service at 5pm on Christmas Eve. We give a Christingle bag to up to 200 children, and during the Service, we build our Christingles. We hope to see you here!

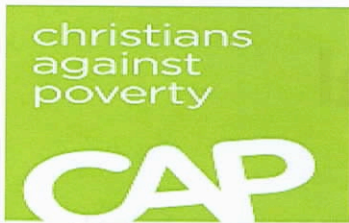
The Christingle Tree is No: 2



**National
Trust**
Dunham Massey Hall



The National Trust Tree is No: 3



St Paul's is one of several local churches that have pledged to support Christians Against Poverty in this area.

CAP is a national charity that offers free debt advice, budgeting advice, getting help with the cost of living, and applying for grants from the Household support fund.

Christians Against Poverty offers face-to-face debt help through debt centres around the UK.

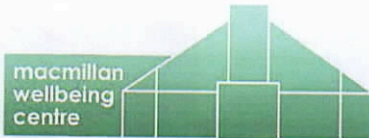
CAP won't ever judge you, and their award-winning service is completely free of charge.

Call 0800 3280006 to talk to the New Enquiries team who can put you in touch with your local Debt coach, Debbie Walters.

The CAP Tree is No: 4



Tree is No: 5 is a Giving Tree



The Macmillan Wellbeing Tree is No: 6

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The One Trafford Partnership is collaboration between Trafford Council and Amey. One Trafford deliver a range of environmental and infrastructure services, including domestic and commercial waste collections, street cleansing, highway maintenance and facility management. To find out more about One Trafford, follow us on Facebook and X (formerly Twitter) on @OneTrafford. Our tree is decorated with recycled items - old leaflets and personal protection equipment (better known as PPE).

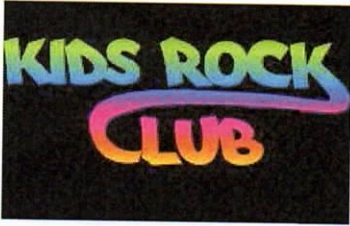


The One Trafford Tree is No: 7



The Mustard Tree's Tree is No: 8





The Kids Rock Tree is No: 9



The Trussell Trust Tree is No: 10

St Paul's Community Choir

Spring Term 2024: Dates for the "Spring" term are as follows:

January: Fridays - 12, 19 & 26

February: Fridays - 2, 9 & 23

March: Fridays - 1, 8, 15 & 22

Please note there will be no choir on Friday 16 February as we break for half-term.

Please add singing to your must do list for 2024 and come along in 24!

St Paul's Community Choir Tree Display is No: 11



Our Prayer Tree is No: 12



St Paul's Babes & Tots



We gather in St Paul's Church Hall every Tuesday during term-time (9.30am-

11am) for free play, toast, story and songs.

This friendly group is run by volunteers from St Paul's who organise the play-equipment and make sure refreshments are on offer.

Every week we offer a simple craft and story that connects us to a value, like forgiveness, sharing and kindness.

In the summer we go out into our secure play area and sometimes do a bit of gardening, this year we grew carrots, runner beans and herbs.

It's a drop-in, pay as you go, so no need to book. For more information just call Becky on 01612178795 or pop in to see us on a Tuesday morning.

If you're able to help as a volunteer, we'd love to see you- again please just call Becky.



The Babes & Tots Tree is No: 13

The Blue Christmas Tree

To remember those whom we love and see no longer, you are invited to hang up a star with a loved one's name to add to our Blue Christmas Tree.

Blue Christmas services have also come to be known as 'The Service of the Longest Night' providing an opportunity for the difficulties of life to be acknowledged in contrast to the celebration atmosphere of most Christmas events.

"Light looked down and beheld Darkness.

Thither will I go, said Light

Peace looked down and beheld War,

Thither will I go, said Peace

Love looked down and beheld Hatred,

Thither will I go, said Love

So Light came and shone,

So Peace came and gave rest,

So came Love and brought life.

And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us".

(Laurence Housman 1865-1959)

The Blue Christmas Tree is No: 14





Forest
Church

Fantastic Plastic?

In the Pacific Ocean there is a vast island, an artificial network of reefs composed of plastic refuse – bags, bottles, plastic fragments, toys - that humans have chucked into watercourses and the sea. Our lives are full of plastic – but where will it all go?

I made the fantastic plastic Christmas tree out of plastic toys that deluged our home starting from when our children were little. Apart from the tree itself, none of these toys were chosen. They came in Christmas crackers, as freebies with sweets, or as promotions. Look carefully and you might guess the retailers. Some of these I love and didn't want to part with, some I find irritating. There is even a jolly plastic rubbish bin.

All this plastic is with us forever. It might fragment into microplastics and enter the food chain, but it won't go away and it will outlive me and my children by thousands of years.

In the future, these cute plastic toys could end up causing water pollution or being consumed by plankton and fish and cause untold environmental effects for thousands of years.

So, the challenge of the Fantastic Plastic tree is: can we rethink our relationship with plastic?

Can we make sure plastic is used wisely?

Can we say no to unnecessary plastic?

Can we seek out alternatives?

And looking to the future, are there imaginative ways to craft new toys and games out of the plastic inhabitants of toy-boxes and the "freebies" that would otherwise be discarded?

If you want to know more about the plastic crisis, take a look at the Christian organisation Tear Fund's "Rubbish campaign". <https://www.tearfund.org/campaigns/rubbish-campaign> or search Tear Fund, Rubbish Campaign.

And if you want to join the dots between the environment and Christian faith, think about joining us at Forest Church.



Rev Lisa Redfern – Associate Minister for Forest Church.

The Forest Church Tree is No:15



2nd Sale Central Rainbows meet at St. Paul's Church weekly during term time. We are a new unit having opened in 2019 and we continue to grow. We are the youngest section of Girlguiding, the UK's leading charity for girls and young women.

Rainbows welcomes all girls from 4 to 7 years old for play, learning and tons of fun in a colourful, safe space.

Rainbows laugh, sing and make a happy mess (and help clear it up!) as they choose their way through our programme of activities. Rainbows have plenty of magic moments: they might become a time traveller, an animal tracker, a pop singer, a stargazer. It's a wonderful world of adventure, week after week, just for them.

To register to join Rainbows or volunteer to help, please visit www.girlguiding.org.uk or telephone one of our volunteers, Poppy, on 07986 525898.

The Rainbows Tree is No:16



4th Sale Central Brownies meet at St. Paul's Church weekly during term time. The unit is well established at St Paul's having held our very first meeting on 30th March 1936, making the unit 87 years old. Brownies is a part of Girlguiding, the UK's leading charity for girls and young women.



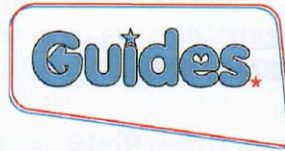
Brownies welcomes all girls from 7 to 10 years old for nonstop fun, learning and adventure.

Brownies is full of firsts: they might grow her first plant, cook their first cake, put up (and take down) their first tent, light their first fire, go on their first fun-packed weekend away with guiding friends. With a helpful hand from our encouraging volunteers, Brownies can explore their creative side, get out into the great outdoors, and start learning to look after themselves, others and the world we live in.

There's something for every girl at Brownies, and plenty of moments they'll never forget.

To register your interest to join Brownies or volunteer to help please visit www.girlguiding.org.uk or telephone Brown Owl on 07986 525898.

The Brownies Tree is No: 17



4th Sale Central Guides meets at St. Paul's Church weekly during term time. Girlguiding is the UK's leading charity for girls and young women, established in 1910. Not long after our unit opened. We celebrated our centenary in 2021 and on 12th December 2023 the unit will be 102 years old.

Guides is a relaxed, welcoming

space where you can have fun, learn and be yourself with good friends from 10 to 14 years old.

Guides is a place where you can explore the things you love and do stuff you've never done before. Where else can you think up a new sport, make a new perfume, cook over a campfire, design an advertising campaign, have a mocktail party, raise money for a charity you believe in? At Guides, you can do all of this and loads more.

If you would like to register to join or volunteer to help please visit www.girlguiding.org.uk or telephone Pearl, one of our volunteers, on 07986 525898.

The Guides Tree is No:18



The Trefoil Guild Tree is No: 19

Girlguiding



Bra Bank Appeal Tree is No: 20

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HUB SUPPORT

Volunteer Tree is No: 21

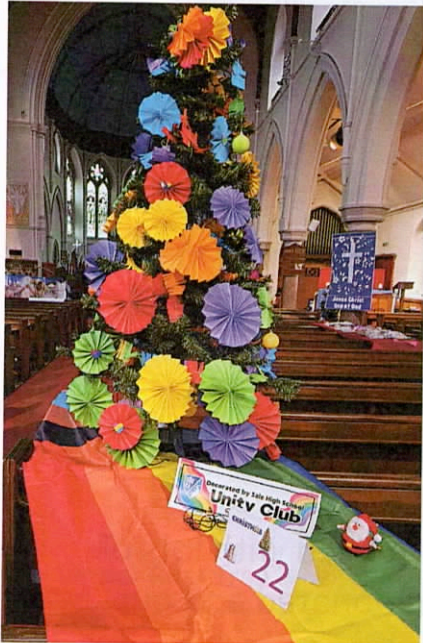




Sale High School

The school have provided two trees again this year with the decorations prepared by the staff and young people.

Sale High School Tree Displays are Nos: 22 & 23



During the Festival entertainment will be provided by various people and organisations including:-

Saturday	10am	Salvation Army Junior Band
	11am	Forest Church Storytime with Revd Lisa
	2pm	Kevin Drury, Assistant Organist
	3pm	Forest Church Storytime with Revd. Lisa
Sunday	2pm	Sale Brass Community Band

There is also a Children's Dressing Up Area - feel free to let young people have a go - take photos and make memories.

We have a digital giving machine if you would like to donate to the work of the parish.

Our Raffle prize hampers are filled with lots of items that have kindly been donated and our tickets for this are £1 per entry.

Our Regular Services are

Wednesday	10am	Holy Communion
Sunday	10am 6pm	Parish Eucharist Evening Prayer
Exceptions		
1 st Sunday	6pm	Taize Style Evening Worship
2 nd Sunday	10am	All Age Worship
4 th Sunday	3pm	Forest Church

Other services are as advertised.

Thanks go to:-



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We are very grateful to Bertie Morton and his staff for loaning us the boards we are using to display the trees in church this year.

Paul's Christmas Trees

Paul's Christmas Trees for the loan of trees for this year's Festival. Paul and his Trees can be found outside Ken Fraser's Florist on Marsland Road, Sale.

And a big thank you to everyone who has worked tirelessly this week in preparing the church for this Festival.



**ST PAUL'S PARISH CHURCH,
SPRINGFIELD RD, SALE**

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Sunday 10th December:

**10am All-Age Service in the Christmas Trees -
please wear your Christmas jumpers and
bring a unwrapped toy donation.**

Sunday 17th December: 6pm Carol Service

24th Dec Christmas Eve:

10am Holy Communion



**5pm Christingle: Come dressed up as a
nativity character- Angel, Mary, Joseph,
Shepherd, King. (No booking required).**

11.30pm Midnight Communion

Christmas Day: 10am Holy Communion



**For more information please take a look at
our webpage: www.stpaulsale.co.uk or call
Becky on 0161 2178795**