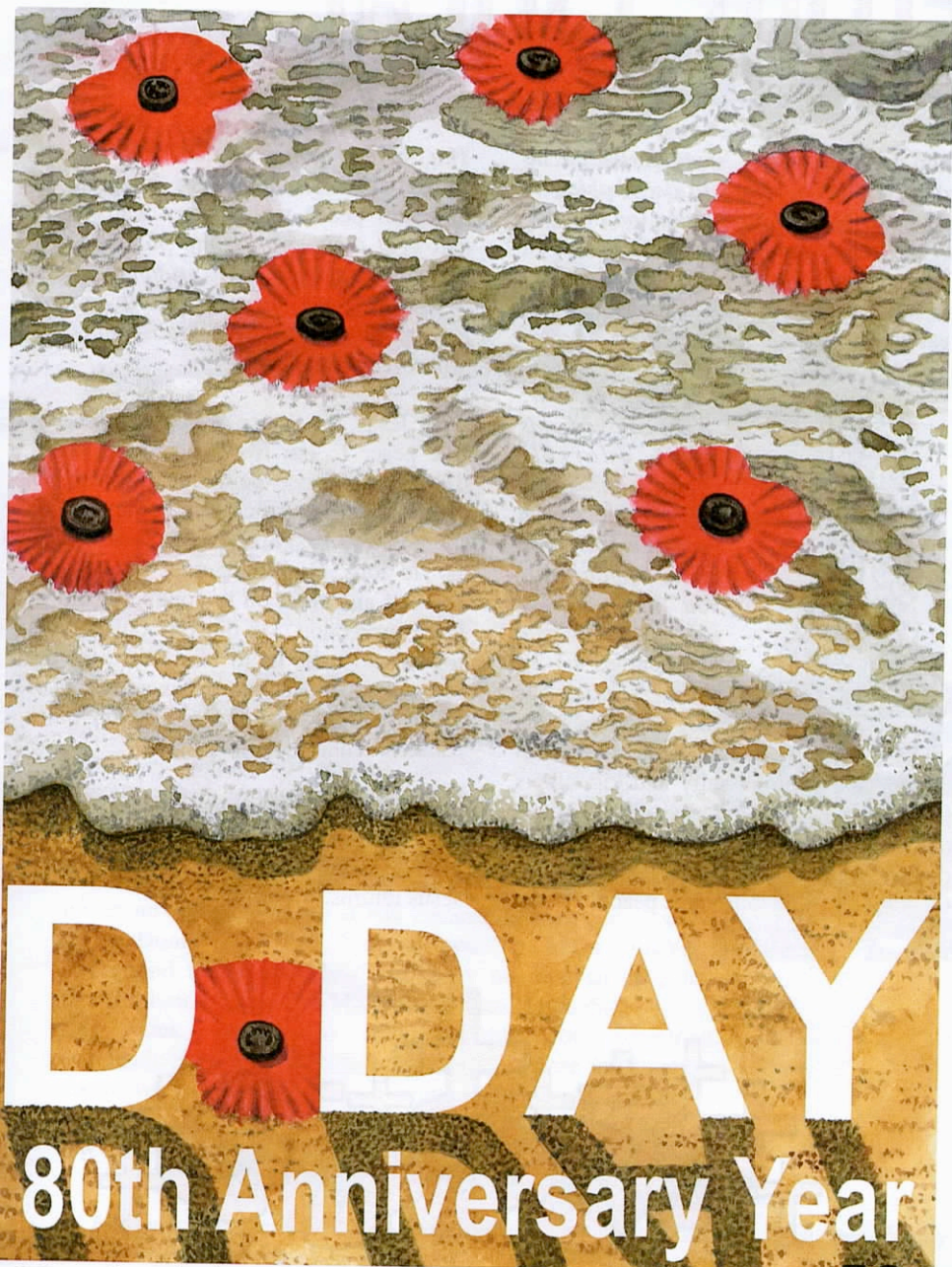


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From a Vicar.....

John Lennon wrote: *'Imagine there's no countries, It isn't hard to do, Nothing to kill or die for And no religion too Imagine all the people living life in peace.'* But on Remembrance Sunday, we should reflect on war past and present and consider the real way to peace.



The way of war:
'What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you? You desire but do not have, so you kill.' (James 4:1-2). James reminds us that war has its

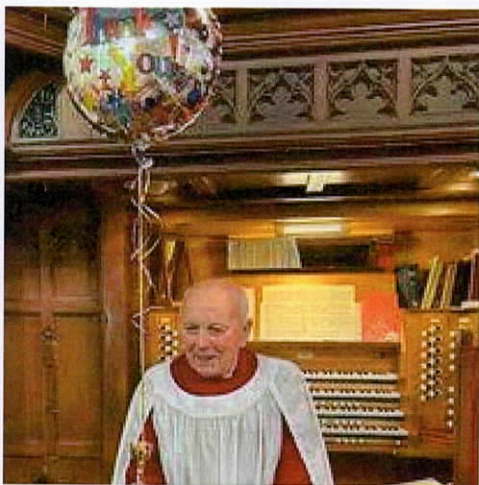
basis in our own hearts, with the selfish desires that exploit, bully and kill others to get our own way. Sadly, when nations allow these inner selfish attitudes to determine their policy the result is war. Only God can establish true peace.

The way of peace: Isaiah, 2,700 years before John Lennon, also imagined a future of peace without any war: *'They will beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore.'* (Isaiah 2:4).

Only Jesus, the Prince of Peace, can bring true peace to our lives and world. Jesus did not experience the horror of battle, but He did die an horrific death at the hand of the Romans. He gave His life sacrificially, as He took God's anger at our sin on Himself and went on to conquer death in His resurrection. He did this out of love for us and calls us to love others in the same way: *'Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.'* (John 15:13).

How can we demonstrate such love ourselves? We can be confident in God's plan to bring an end to all wars when Jesus returns.





Not so very long ago Donald decided that it was time for him to bow out of playing regularly for services but he plans to continue with his weekly practices.

Donald is a very well loved member of St Paul's and of the Choir and along with the other musicians here at St Paul's his music has enriched our services over many years and we would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to Donald for sharing his music with us during that time and we are quite sure that he will continue to do so for a very long time yet!

Thank you Donald.



Forest Church

Meets one Sunday afternoon a month 3-4.15pm. Please have a chat with Revd Lisa for more information.

It's good to get outside so please wear weather appropriate clothing.

Tuesday Group

A big thank you to Becky for not only finding us a lovely venue for our October meeting at the Salvation Army, but also taking on the role of speaker. It was obvious that she has great affection for the people of Sri Lanka and was able to visit them during her sabbatical. I think we were all shocked at the obvious poverty of the women who spend all day picking tea, with no facilities and for very little pay. Consequently their houses are very little better than hovels.

On 12th November we shall be meeting at Paula's again, when Hilary will challenge us with a quiz! If you have been able to sort out your menu choice for our Christmas lunch on MONDAY 2nd December, I am sure Paula would be happy to receive the money at the November meeting!

Diana



"...and don't forget we're coming into Nativity Play season - make sure we have extra tea-towels in stock!"

Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Mt 9:9-13, Mk 2:13-15, Lk 5:27-32

The Roman invaders had given the job of collecting their taxes to local Jews who also overcharged, so they were doubly hated.



Matthew had his tax office by Lake Galilee.

Jesus walked past, and said



Follow me

Matthew left everything and went with Jesus.

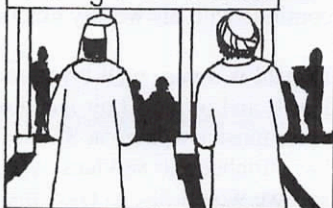


Matthew held a big feast and invited his friends so they could meet Jesus.



They were other tax collectors and bad people

The Pharisees saw Jesus eating with them.

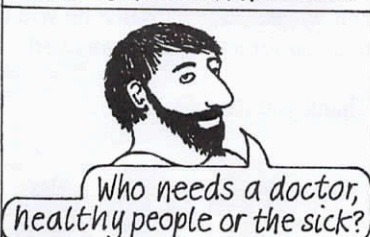


They grumbled to Jesus' disciples.



Why is your teacher eating with all those bad people?

Jesus heard them and said



Who needs a doctor, healthy people or the sick?

Try reading 'keeping rules doesn't make up for not having kindness.' *



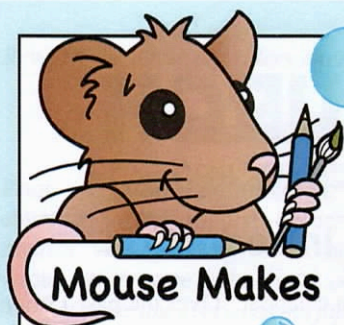
*Hosea 6:6

Hosea was talking about people who looked like they were following God's rules but were bad inside.



I have come for the people who need my help.





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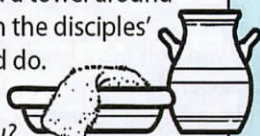
the story in
John 13:1-17

"DO AS I HAVE DONE FOR YOU."

The disciples had met with Jesus in an upper room to share a meal together, but there were no servants to wash their dusty feet. Jesus got up from the table, took off his outer clothing, wrapped a towel around his waist and began to wash the disciples' feet just like a servant would do.

Then Jesus said:

*"Do you understand what I have done for you?
Now that I, your Lord and Teacher have washed
your feet, you also should wash one another's feet.
I have set you an example, that you should
do as I have done for you."*



By washing his disciples' feet, Jesus showed that as God's people we are never too important to serve and care for others.

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Eco Church Champion Introduction

As you will have heard from Becky in the October Parish News, I have taken on the role of Eco-Church Champion, and I wanted to take this opportunity to introduce myself to you all.

I have been a member of St Paul's Church for over 40 years, I got involved very young! As a child I attended the Sunday School and progressed to the choir. I enjoyed many years being involved in the Rose Queen events and lucky to be chosen as Rose Bud back in 1983. I was both a Brownie and Guide with Sheila as my Brown Owl. Eileen and my Mum, Joyce were my Guide Leaders.

Over the years my attendance in the congregation has ebbed and flowed but I have always supported key events in the

Church calendar. Over the past 18 months I have become more involved along with becoming an assistant leader for the 4th Sale Central Guides who meet here at St Paul's.

I am looking forward to championing the Eco Church project and working towards the Silver Award for St Paul's, an area I am passionate about. Look out for regular updates in Parish News and the weekly eco-tips on the pew sheets.

Happy to chat over any details on the Eco Church, please let me know if you have any questions.

Vicky Moore

Harvest thanks from the Mustard Tree and our local Food Bank in Trafford



A massive thank you to everyone who provided harvest gifts for our service and here's a couple of photos of Eileen and Joyce helping to load up the vans with the wonderful array we received.

Wonder whether next year we could raise even more?

Safeguarding Sunday 17th November 2024

*Let's talk
about it*

Why Safeguarding Sunday?

Safeguarding Sunday is an awareness campaign run by the Christian safeguarding charity Thirtyone:eight.

Every year, thousands of churches across the country unite to mark Safeguarding Sunday. It's a chance to listen and to talk together about how we can create places that are safer for everyone.

Protecting vulnerable people from harm and speaking up for their rights is an integral part of our scriptural mandate as Christians (Proverbs 31:8). **'Speak out for those who cannot speak, for the rights of all the destitute'.**

But sadly, the church hasn't always done this well. In our headlines and newsfeeds, we read many examples of the hurt and harm that has happened and is continuing to happen in our churches and across society. But we have a chance to stop it.

That's why the theme and focus for this year is – **'Let's talk about it'.**

It's time to have open and honest conversations about what we've got wrong and what we're getting right.

It's an opportunity to talk about how we can work together to prevent abuse and create a world where every child and adult can feel, and be safe.

Churches who take part in Safeguarding Sunday see:

- GREATER positive awareness and understanding of safeguarding among church members.
- An INCREASE in the number of people feeling able to talk about what's happened to them for the first time.

- MORE people coming forward to volunteer and to help with running activities.
- An INCREASED number of people completing safeguarding training and criminal record checks.
- And the number of Safeguarding Leads feeling supported in their role by the church.

Safeguarding Sunday Prayer

Loving Father God,

We come to you in the knowledge that you hold us all in unconditional love.

We lift to you those who are vulnerable and in need of protection. Give them your safety, comfort and peace.

We cry to you for those who are hurting and whose trust has been broken. Give them your healing, restoration and justice.

We bring to you those who seek to forgive others who have hurt them. Give them your strength, courage and hope.

For those who have caused individuals to stumble, lead them to seek your forgiveness and to enter into true repentance.

Thank you for all who give their time, knowledge, and skills to make our communities safer. Give them your wisdom, guidance and grace.

For ourselves, we ask you to give us your heart for the vulnerable, the oppressed, the voiceless and the forgotten. Help us to see them as you see them; to value them as you value them, and to nurture and protect them as you desire.

Help each one of us play our part in creating safer places for all your people.

In the name of Jesus we pray,
Amen

Fiona Vaughan-Thomas
St Paul's Safeguarding Officer

*Let's talk
about it*

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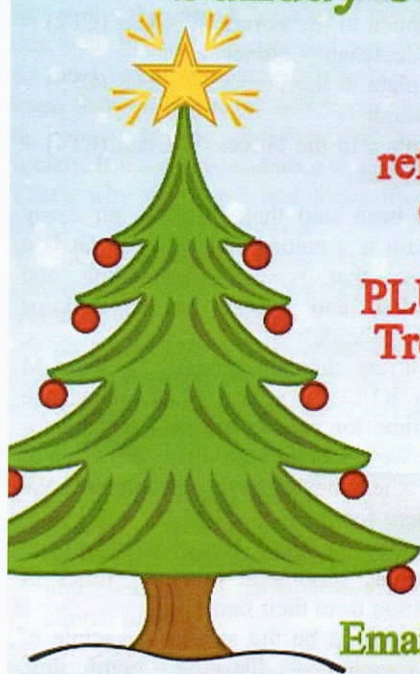
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Sunday 8th Dec 12-5pm

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Our Royal Army Chaplains

For centuries, armies worldwide have taken their clergy to war with them. And while over the years the roles of chaplains may have changed, still their presence among the troops has remained as important as ever.

For the British, it was in 1796 that the Army Chaplain's Department was founded by the Revd John Gamble, who became its first Chaplain General.

In 1854, the Crimean War found it had 26,000 troops depending on only one chaplain: the Revd Henry Press Wright. The Society for the Propagation of the Gospel (SPG) hastily financed more chaplains, and eventually 60 were sent out.

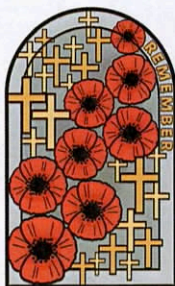
In 1879 the Revd James William Adams became the first chaplain to be awarded the Victoria Cross – for his brave actions during the Second Afghan War.

During the First World War (1914 – 1918) chaplains became known and loved for their bringing of comfort, care and compassion to the troops.

In 1919 the King honoured the army chaplains by granting them the prefix 'Royal'.

The Second World War (1939-45) saw chaplains learning new skills like parachuting with the Airborne Forces. During those years of violence and turmoil, Royal Army Chaplains were everywhere, even sustaining captives in Far East prison camps and on the Burma-Siam railway.

Since 1945, Royal Army Chaplains have continued to serve wherever British soldiers are sent. The wars may vary in shape and locations, but the need for care, compassion and prayer for the soldiers remains constant.



Currently the Royal Army Chaplains' Department looks like this:

Chaplains are typically assigned to bases or units in sets of three, including Anglican, Catholic, and Non-Conformist chaplains. Chaplains are non-combatants and are not permitted to carry weapons.

Four civilian chaplains minister to Buddhist, Sikh, Hindu, and Muslim soldiers.

All chaplains are expected to provide pastoral care to any soldier, regardless of their faith or denomination.

The ranks of the Royal Army Chaplains' Department are:

Chaplain-General (CG) =

Major-General

Deputy Chaplain-General (DCG) =

Brigadier

Chaplain to the Forces 1st Class (CF1) =

Colonel

Chaplain to the Forces 2nd Class (CF2) =

Lieutenant-Colonel

Chaplain to the Forces 3rd Class (CF3) =

Major

Chaplain to the Forces 4th Class (CF4) =

Captain

It has been said that: "Life as an Army Chaplain is a calling like no other...it is a vocation that is both demanding and rewarding and offers an adventurous journey of faith."

The current chaplain general, the Revd M Parker KHC CF says: "As chaplains, we have time for people and time to care for them. We celebrate with them. We listen to them when they're having problems. We are there for them in all of the challenges that they might face, whether on operations, serving at home or times of separation from their families.

"It may to us be the smallest example of our vocation - listening, comforting, advising, praying - but to those we serve, it can be a life changing encounter."

Reflecting Faith: Wall paintings

Prior to the Reformation, English churches were highly decorated with interior wall paintings. As one author wrote, *'They were aglow with colour and images covering every flat surface'*.

Painting pictures seems to be a basic part of people. We see that in newly discovered caves where people from the distant past have made sketches and created art works.

Pictures are more than just communicating a 'flat' story.

Just as we all have our preferred ways of learning – listening, watching, reading, practising – so I suspect we also have for explaining. How much more so, then, when we want to get across really important information; and it doesn't get much more serious than telling others about God.

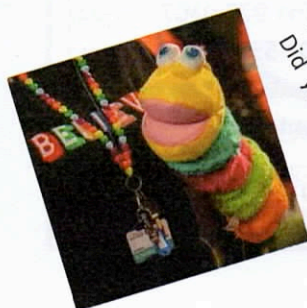
Of course, we know the Early Church, at the very beginning, followed the Jewish tradition of not drawing a likeness of God and hence they used signs and symbols. But that didn't stop them from drawing pictures about everything else: stories from the Bible, lives of the saints, and so on. There was no shortage of pictures to be drawn.

There are not many English churches which still have wall paintings, but if you visit an Orthodox church in the UK or if you get the opportunity to enter one when on the Continent, you will see that every inch (centimetre) of the inside plaster is likely to be covered in wall paintings. Quite literally, painting on the wall!

Today, instead of painting on the wall in the UK, we seem to be increasing the number of banners that hang on them, and changing them often, to match the church calendar.

This month:

Have a look at the wall paintings or banners in your own or a different church. What do you think the designers were trying to say? What message do they give you that words alone could not have accomplished?



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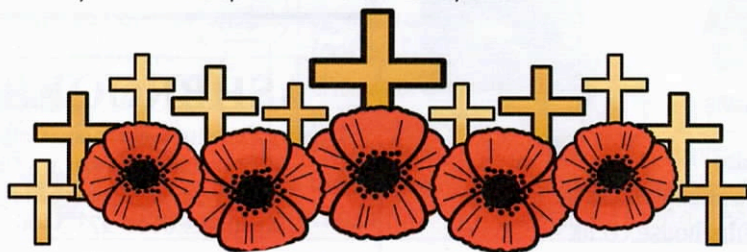


November 2024

1 st	Friday	1.30pm	Community Choir
3 rd	Sunday	10.00am	Parish Eucharist
		6.00pm	Evening Prayer
5 th	Tuesday	9.30am	Babes & Tots
6 th	Wednesday	10.00am	Communion Service (CW)
		7.45pm	PCC Meeting
8 th	Friday	1.30pm	Community Choir
9 th	Saturday	10.00am	Communion Service (BCP)
10 th	Sunday	10.00am	Said Service
		10.40am	Depart for the Cenotaph
		6.00pm	Evening Prayer

Deadline for the December Parish News

12 th	Tuesday	9.30am	Babes & Tots
13 th	Wednesday	10.00am	Communion Service (BCP)
15 th	Friday	1.30pm	Community Choir
17 th	Sunday	10.00am	Parish Eucharist
		6.00pm	Evening Prayer
19 th	Tuesday	9.30am	Babes & Tots
20 th	Wednesday	10.00am	Communion Service (BCP)
22 nd	Friday	1.30pm	Community Choir
24 th	Sunday	10.00am	Parish Eucharist
		3.00pm	Forest Church
		6.00pm	Evening Prayer
26 th	Tuesday	9.30am	Babes & Tots
27 th	Wednesday	10.00am	Parish Eucharist
29 th	Friday	1.30pm	Community Choir



Next Month — December



1 st	Sunday	10.00am	Parish Eucharist
		6.00pm	Taize Style Evening Prayer
4 th	Wednesday	10.00am	Communion Service (BCP)
6 th to 8 th	Friday to Sunday		Christmas Tree Festival
6 th	Friday	1.30pm	Community Choir
8 th	Sunday	10.00am	All Age Worship in the Trees
			<i>Please don't forget to bring in an unwrapped toy donation</i>
15 th	Sunday	6.00pm	Carols by Candlelight
24 th	Christmas Eve	5.00pm	Christingle Service
		11.30pm	Midnight Communion
25 th	Christmas Day	10.00am	Holy Communion

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

Don't forget—email any articles for the Parish News to the Parish Office email address—

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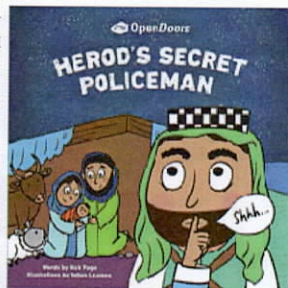
Herod's Secret Policeman

Open Doors has launched a new tool for families and churches, aimed at explaining religious persecution in an age-appropriate way.

Herod's Secret Policeman is a children's story book and animated video which tells the fictional tale of Secret Policeman Number 3 (and his toy sheep, Nellie), of the people he met on the journey, and the way in which the encounter with Jesus, Mary, and Joseph changed him forever.

"It's an imaginative take on this familiar story that will introduce children — in a very gentle way — to the pressures faced by believers around the world, many of whom live under surveillance, or are at risk because of their faith," said Open Doors US CEO Ryan Brown. "It helps children understand that some Christians today might even have to flee for their lives, just as Mary, Joseph, and Jesus did."

The book and video are available for download at opendoorsus.ubpages.com/herods-place/. More information about what believers endure around the world and how Christians can pray for them can be found at: <https://www.opendoorsuk.org/news/latest-news/>



Children's books are often a good read and make you reevaluate what you already know about the bible—why not try it??

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*Please note that **Vicar Becky** is part-time so she might not be able to reply or respond immediately to your calls and emails. Please leave an answerphone message.*

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)
	1.15pm	Women's Tuesday Group (2 nd of every month)
	6.15pm	4 th Sale Central (St. Paul's) Brownies
	7.30pm	4 th Sale Central (St. Paul's) Guides
Thursday		Men's Society
Friday	1.30pm-2.30pm	Community Choir (school term time)
	5.30pm	2 nd Sale Central Rainbows