

Sale, St. Paul's

'Serving God and the community'

October 2024

The earth is the Lord's
and all that is in it,
the world
and those who live in it.



From the Vicar.....

Dear Friends,

We are just in the midst of concluding the Season of Creation, some may say a relative newcomer onto our liturgical calendar, but at this time of year when we're celebrating Harvest, maybe hosting an animal blessing service as part of our St Francis' day celebrations, joining in with Fairtrade Fortnight or simply observing the change in season from summer to autumn, then creation is very much part of lives and history. It is such an important topic to be discussing at the moment as we are seeing and feeling the impact of climate change on the world and unless we start to take this seriously then we will face severe consequences.

Just this weekend we have experienced a month's worth of rain in a matter of hours, causing roads and schools to close and wreaking transport chaos on commuters.

As I write there are 65 flood alerts across the country. Many factors contribute to flooding, but a warming atmosphere caused by climate change makes extreme rainfall more likely. The world has already warmed by about 1.2°C since the industrial era began and temperatures will keep rising unless governments around the world make steep cuts to emissions.

In February 2020, General Synod voted for the whole of the Church of England to achieve Net Zero Carbon by 2030, recognising that the global climate emergency is a crisis for God's creation and a fundamental injustice. In November 2022 the Diocese of Chester adopted the same target. Last month they appointed a part-time Diocesan Environment Officer, the Revd Jill Elston who will be working closely with Net Zero Officer, Katy Purvis and the Buildings for Mission Officer,

Sheena Wilson as churches work towards the target of being net zero carbon.

The '5 Marks of Mission' which our church and other denominations also are committed to are:

- ♦ Proclaim the good news of the Kingdom
- ♦ Teach, baptise and nurture new believers
- ♦ Respond to human need by loving service
- ♦ Seek to transform unjust structures of society
- ♦ **Safeguard the integrity of creation, sustaining and renewing the life of the earth**

Here at St Paul's, we have just received our Bronze Eco-Church award and our new volunteer Eco-Church Champion, Vicky Moore will be enabling and encouraging us to work towards the Silver award as we get to grips with changes that we need to implement across our buildings and within our worship and outreach.

Getting to zero carbon by 2030 may seem a huge task to undertake, and it is, but it is possible by all of doing our bit. Those of us who purchase refreshments, assist with cleaning, lead worship and intercessions, help with church groups and church council members can all make small but sustainable changes.

We, as Christians, and indeed all people of faith and none, have a duty to care for our world, we are only here for a short



time, but we have a great impact on it. We need to learn to tread lightly on this world, 'take nothing but photographs, leave nothing but footprints.'

I hope you are inspired by the 'Season of Creation' services to try and make difference to our world, not just for yourself but for future generations. The Diocese of Chester webpages on the environment have links to more information, including a Creation season calendar and [Eco Church - An A Rocha UK Project](#). The Church of England also has lots of further resources and links - just google - '[Season of Creation | The Church of England](#)'.

Yours in faith,
Becky

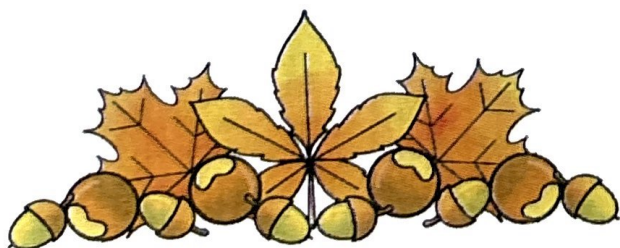
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Sunday 6th October

Harvest Communion— please note that we will be having a 2-part service beginning with a service of the word with Springfield Choir, refreshments and then a regathering of those that would like to receive communion in the side chapel.

Forest Church

Meets one Sunday afternoon a month 3-4.15pm, next session is being planned for Sunday 13th October- 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 huge thank you to Michael for the fascinating talk he gave us as we explored the old part of Brooklands Cemetery last month. It was amazing to learn about the many people who had had connections with St Paul's Church, most famous being JP Joule who was obviously a very regular parishioner.

On 8th October, our Vicar Becky will be giving us an talk entitled Sri Lanka: Tea and Community Development after her recent visit to the country.

The Church Hall is currently not available on Tues afternoons, so this meeting will take place at the Salvation Army on Ashton Lane. If you're being dropped off, the main entrance is in Ashton Lane. If arriving by car, turn into Oakfield and take the first left turn into the car park and follow the footpath around to the front entrance. Please don't arrive before 1.15!
Diana



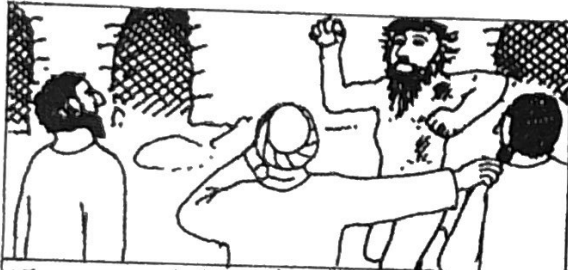
The harvest produce was taken to the old people's bungalows

Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Mk 5:1-17, Lk 8:26-39, Mt 8:28-34

In Gerasa was a man filled with demons
He tore off any clothes or chains put
on him, and he lived in the graveyard.



Jesus and his disciples
arrived and the man ran to him.

What do you want
with me, Jesus?



What is your name?



Legion, for there
are many of us.

There were some pigs near by



Let us go into the pigs.

Go!



The demons
left the man and
went into the pigs.

The pigs stampeded
over the cliff into
the sea and drowned.



The pigherds ran to tell
everyone nearby.



They came to see ...



...and were terrified.

They begged Jesus



Please! Leave! Now!

But the man begged Jesus...



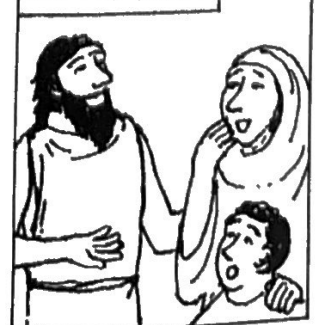
Can I come with you?

But Jesus said



Go home and tell
everyone what happened.

So he did.





WALK WITH THE LORD

"Teach me your way,
O Lord, that I would
walk in your _____."
Psalm 86:11

"For we **walk** by

not by sight."
2 Corinthians 5:7

"**Walk** by the

Galatians 5:16

Jesus said:
"I am the light
of the world.
If you

me you won't
have to **walk**
in darkness
because
you have
the light
that leads
to life."
John 8:12

"**Walk** in

as Christ loved
us and gave
himself up for us."
Ephesians 5:2

"**Walk** in
a manner
worthy of the
Lord, fully pleasing
to him, bearing

in every good work
and increasing in
the knowledge
of God"
John 8:12

is everyone who
fears the Lord,
who **walks** in
his ways."
Psalm 128:1



GOD • JESUS • LORD • WALK
WAYS • STEP • FEET • PATH • GO • TEACH • KNOWLEDGE • LIGHT

Find the words from the questions too!

Heritage Day - 2024



Story time with
Helen Stewart

A great big thank you to all
who helped and supported
this event in so many
different ways —
it was a fantastic day

Thank You



Our Kitchen Stars



Time for tea, cakes and a
chat with friends



Light-hearted music
from the Band



How many cakes?



A look around the Decades



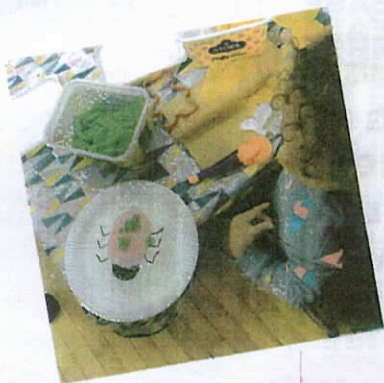
How many events do you remember?

Little Seeds **Babes & Tots Update**

Meets every Tuesday morning in term-time. We are still in a precarious position of needing additional volunteer support to assist with running the weekly babes and tots group, a big thank you to those who have stepped in at short notice to help. We know health issues are very much part of everyday life and the bigger the pool of volunteers, the more able we are to respond to last minute changes on rotas. We average between 20-30 families per session, so we are very much in demand. Parents and carers assist by helping during the session, but we really need

folks to help set up, welcome as well as serve drinks, due to health and safety reasons we can't have parents and carers in the kitchen with little ones.

If you think you can help—please contact Revd Becky.



Prayer for October 2024

Lord,

As we move into autumn and the month of October, the normal seasonal changes are all around us, the beautiful colours, the falling leaves, the cooler days. And that is reassuring. But, so much else in our world is changing so rapidly, often in ways we don't understand. And that can be worrying.

Thank you that You never change. You are always the same, faithful, present and loving. And You tell us in Your Word, not to be anxious about anything, but to bring all things to You in prayer and to trust You. When we do this, You promise us Your Peace – a peace of heart that steadies us and helps us move forward.

Thank you that whatever comes, we are secure in You, when we put our trust in Jesus. In His name, we pray. Amen.

By Daphne Kitching

Reflecting Faith: Window Glass

I wrote recently about the Arts and Crafts Movement's influence in the decoration of churches in Britain. This is often evidenced in the designs of windows – but why do we have so much coloured glass of all shapes and sizes in church buildings?

Stained glass in churches is similar to wall paintings in that it adds colour as well as traditionally serving the purpose of teaching non-literate people the great events and characters of their religion.

But glass is so much more than that.

The techniques used to create these windows have been refined over the centuries, and their intricate beauty has inspired countless artists and designers.

The way the light shines through the glass creates a unique atmosphere that is often described as ethereal or heavenly. In this way, the use of stained-glass windows helps to create a sacred space that is set apart from the secular world.

The light shining through the glass is shown onto the brickwork or stonework surrounding the glass and depending on the original colours, the intensity of the light, the angle of the sun's rays as well as the height and angle away from the watcher: these can range from vibrantly strong to softly muted.

Hundreds of years ago people saw the changes in light in this way as being very significant. It was thought that the light

passing through was transformed or transmuted and because of this it had a healing and revivifying effect on people who placed themselves within its light.

This month

Visit a church on a sunny day and just enjoy the play of light being put on for you. What does it say about God's love for you?

*Which of our windows do you love?
Is there a window you dislike here
or in a church you know?*



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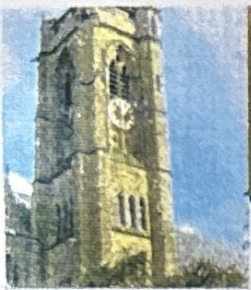
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HYMN: The story behind ...

Come Ye Thankful People Come

*Come, ye thankful people, come,
Raise the song of harvest home!
All is safely gathered in,
Ere the winter storms begin;
God, our maker, doth provide
For our wants to be supplied;
Come to God's own temple, come;
Raise the song of harvest home!*

*We ourselves are God's own field,
Fruit unto his praise to yield;
Wheat and tares together sown,
Unto joy or sorrow grown;
First the blade and then the ear;
Then the full corn shall appear:
Grant, O harvest Lord, that we
Wholesome grain and pure may be....*

By H Alford (1810 - 71)

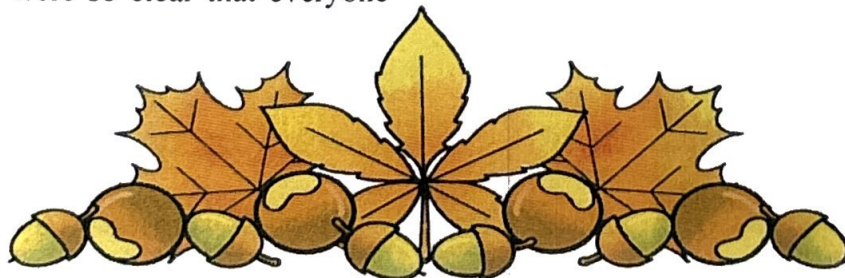
Very probably, you will sing this well-loved Harvest hymn this month. It was written by the Revd Henry Aldford, DD, a Victorian clergyman who had been a fellow student at Trinity College, Cambridge with Alfred Tennyson, and whose transparent goodness and friendliness seem to have made him liked and appreciated wherever he went.

His ministry began as vicar of Wymeswold, a tiny village in Leicestershire with a badly neglected church. Over 18 years, Henry rebuilt the faltering Christian community, faithfully visiting every person in his parish, and preaching his way through the Bible in sermons that were so clear that everyone

could understand him. He then moved on to the incumbency of Quebec Chapel in London for four years, before moving to the Deanery of Canterbury, in 1857, where he lived until his death in early 1871.

Henry was one of life's good people; gentle, kindly, grateful for everything he had (he used to say 'grace' before AND after each meal), and eager to encourage all those whom he served. He was prodigiously productive: writing something like 50 books. The best known of these was a four-volume exposition of the New Testament, which took him nearly 20 years.

His famous hymn draws upon two of Jesus' parables: the story of the wheat and tares (Mt 13:24-30) and also the story of the seed that grows unbeknown to the sower (Mark 4:26-29). Both are parables drawn from agriculture; both are about the ultimate harvest of our souls before God. During this lifetime we properly give thanks to God for our harvest of His gifts of creation, but we should also reflect on what seed we are sowing in our lives, and what harvest we may expect; as one day God will gather together *only His own* for the eternal heavenly harvest.



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October 2024

1 st	Tuesday	9.30am	Babes & Tots
2 nd	Wednesday	10.00am	Communion Service (CW)
4 th	Friday	1.30pm	Community Choir
6 th	Sunday	10.00am	Harvest Parish Eucharist
		6.00pm	Taize Evening Prayer
8 th	Tuesday	9.30am	Babes & Tots
9 th	Wednesday	10.00am	Communion Service (BCP)
10 th	Thursday	8.45am	Morning Prayer
11 th	Friday	1.30pm	Community Choir
13 th	Sunday	10.00am	Parish Eucharist
		3.00-4.15pm	Forest Church
		6.00pm	Evening Prayer

Watch out for road closures for the Marathon today

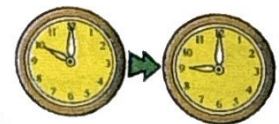
Deadline for the November Parish News

15 th	Tuesday	9.30am	Babes & Tots
16 th	Wednesday	10.00am	Communion Service (BCP)
17 th	Thursday	8.45am	Morning Prayer
18 th	Friday	1.30pm	Community Choir
20 th	Sunday	10.00am	Parish Eucharist
		3.00pm	Forest Church
		6.00pm	Evening Prayer
22 nd	Tuesday	9.30am	Babes & Tots
23 rd	Wednesday	10.00am	Communion Service (BCP)
24 th	Thursday	8.45am	Morning Prayer
25 th	Friday	1.30pm	Community Choir
27 th	Sunday	10.00am	Parish Eucharist
<i>Clocks go back</i>		5.00pm	<i>In Loving Memory</i>

Service for All Souls

Please stay for refreshments after this service.

29 th	Tuesday	9.30am	NO Babes & Tots
30 th	Wednesday	10.00am	Communion Service (BCP)



Next Month — November



1 st	Friday	1.30pm	NO Community Choir
3 rd	Sunday	10.00am	Parish Eucharist
		6.00pm	Taize Style Evening Prayer
6 th	Wednesday	10.00am	Communion Service (BCP)
		7.45pm	PCC Meeting
7 th	Thursday	8.45am	Morning Prayer

*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—*

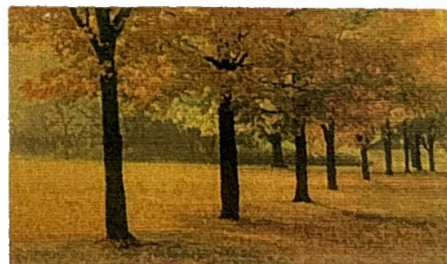
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Church Garden Tree update

Thank you so much to those who have contributed monies towards the cost of purchasing new trees for our orchard project, we still have 9 trees needing sponsorship if anyone is interested in making a donation towards their cost.

Planting is to take place in a few weeks time so please watch this space.



Amazing achievement

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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