

**St Paul's Church
Christmas Tree Festival
6th to 8th December 2024**



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.

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.



**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.

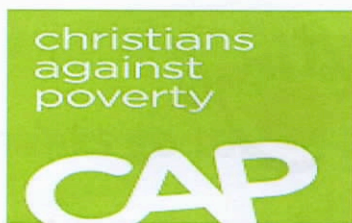
We see teenagers in our services who want to quit using drugs or alcohol. Who are looking after

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!



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.

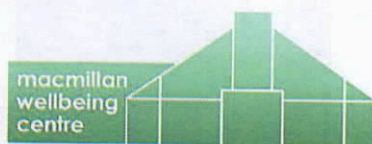
Christians Against Poverty offers face-to-face debt help through debt centres around the UK.

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.

Giving Tree

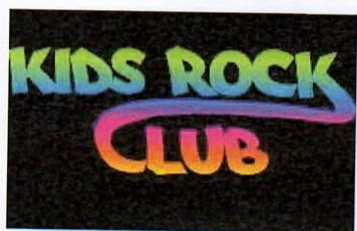


The Macmillan Wellbeing Tree

Slimming
WORLD



Mustard Tree
Combating Poverty – Preventing Homelessness



The Trussell Trust Tree and St Paul's Pantry Shelves



Inner Wheel of Sale

Forget Me Not Tree
- Home Instead



Our Prayer Tree



Please feel free to write a prayer on one of the tags and add it to the tree - we will use the prayers at our services leading up to Christmas

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 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)





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.





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.

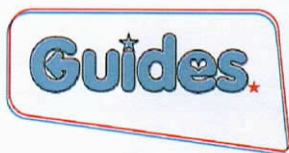


Brownies welcomes all girls from 7 to 10 years old for nonstop fun, learning and adventure.

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.



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

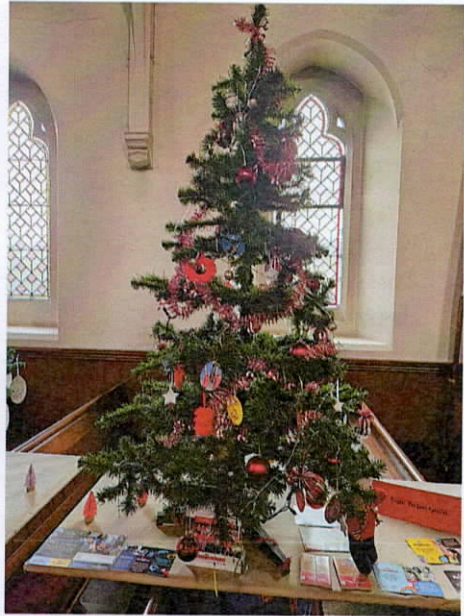
centenary in 2021 and on 12th December 2023 the unit will be 102 years old.

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.





ALTRINCHAM
COMMUNITY
HUB SUPPORT



Sale High School

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



This is one of the very most colourful trees we have seen.
But have you found their other tree?

Our Regular Services are

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

Other services are as advertised.

Thanks go to:-

To all of the musicians who have played during the Festival - we are so lucky to have such talented people willing to come along and play for us.

Their contribution has been so amazing - we owe them all a great big Thank You.

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.

To the Forresters organisation who have kindly donated food parcels and games to us to share with others less fortunate.

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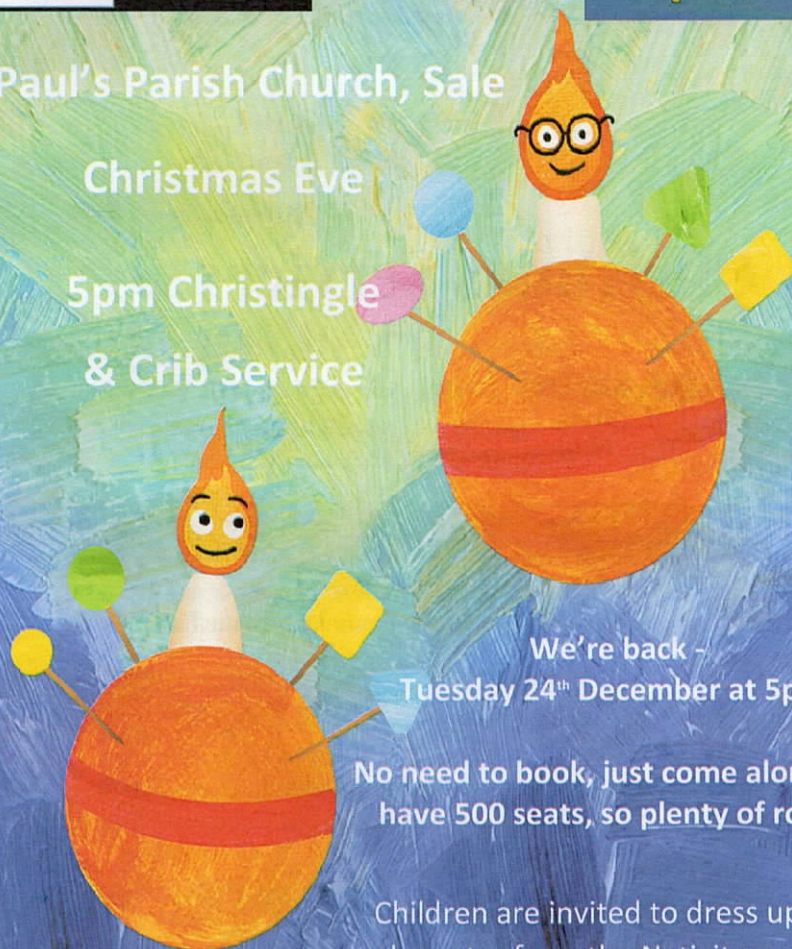
No child
should feel
alone



St Paul's Parish Church, Sale

Christmas Eve

5pm Christingle
& Crib Service



We're back -
Tuesday 24th December at 5pm.

No need to book, just come along- we
have 500 seats, so plenty of room.

Children are invited to dress up as a
character from the Nativity- angels,
shepherds, wise-men, sheep, camels,
donkeys- we'd love to see you!

Christingle 2024

St Paul's Church Sale
Springfield Rd



Christmas Services 2024



Sun 8th Dec 10am All-Age in the Trees

Please bring an unwrapped toy donation
and wear your best Christmas Jumper



Sun 15th Dec 6pm Carols by Candlelight

A traditional service of readings, poems & carols
followed by seasonal refreshments in the Hall.



Christmas Eve 5pm Christingle

Raising monies for The Children's Society.
Come dressed up as a nativity character- shepherds,
angels, wise-people, Mary & Joseph, sheep and donkeys all welcome



11.30pm Midnight Holy Communion



Christmas Day 10am Family Communion

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