

June 2025

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# From the Vicar.....

Dear Friends,

How do you like birthdays? Do you try and forget when yours is, or do you have a big celebration every year? Do you like presents, or would you rather have experiences?

This month Christians celebrate the birthday of the church. It's celebrated fifty days after Easter, which of course means it moves around and this year that puts it on the 8<sup>th</sup> June.

Some folks refer to it as Whit Sunday also known as Pentecost and we particularly remember the story in the book of Acts in the bible, when the Holy Spirit was given to the followers of Jesus: *'And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.'* Acts 2 verses 2-4.

It's the moment from which a confused, frightened group of people with a little hope changed into an inspired, energised group of people who had the confidence and courage to go and tell the world that they had found something wonderful.

Birthdays can be a time for re-evaluating, looking back and planning forwards. How have you changed for better and worse in the years you have been on the planet, what do you want to achieve in the future? It could be said of the church that it (we) need to do the same – its history since those heady early days has not been completely wrapped in glory let's face it.

So whether you are a part of a church or not, it's good to take stock and work out where next – for yourself, your family, an organisation you are part of. To look back at the places where we have not taken care of ourselves or others; where we have not been that nice, or thoughtful; where we have allowed ourselves to become lazy and self-serving and out of condition. To look also at the things we *have* done well, the talents and skills we have made best use of, the times when things worked well, or we did the right things that resulted in our wellbeing and that of those around us. Christians can ask for the gift of the Holy Spirit to feel real and vital and to help us change and move forward in hope and courage and energy like those first Christians. The Spirit hasn't gone away, but just like with our bodies, we don't always listen to or take her advice – and it shows!

Perhaps the beginning of summer is a good time in the year to take stock of ourselves and the things we belong to –



better weather, the abundance of nature around us and longer days somehow make us feel that new things are possible. So if you decide to begin a new healthier eating regime, or to take up a pastime that will enrich you, or some exercise, or if you think it's time repair a relationship or to try something new or different I wish you every success. And if June is your birthday month too I wish you a very Happy Birthday!

Yours in faith,  
Vicar Becky

*P.S Given that birthday celebrations should surely include cake and ice-cream look out for extra-special refreshments on June 8<sup>th</sup>!*



## Babes & Tots Day Out Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July

Departing at 9.30am  
and returning at 3.10pm

Please contact Becky at  
Babes & Tots to book your place.

*If you haven't been trust me it is  
an amazing place and ice-cream too  
So what's not to like???*



## Tuesday Group

When Margaret Jones kindly agreed to come and talk to us last month, I had known idea that she was really going to give us a lot to think about! She entitled her talk 'unconscious bias' and I must admit she made me realise that I am very guilty of that!

What is it that triggers automatic bias when we meet something or someone who doesn't fit into our usual group of friends? Lots to think about.

On 10<sup>th</sup> June we are meeting at Fiona Gardens for what sounds like a delicious afternoon tea. Anyone who needs a lift please get in touch with me 07473287730

If we can share lifts it will help with parking there. We have been asked to arrive about 12.30pm so we can start eating by 1pm at the latest.

Please note we shall not be meeting in July and August. I wish you all a healthy and happy summer.

Diana

# Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in  
Mt 2:1-12, Mk 9:1-8, Lk 5:17-26

The Pharisees had come to Jesus' home in Capernaum to make sure he wasn't breaking any of their religious rules...

So many came to hear Jesus speak that they filled his house...



and the streets outside.

Four men brought their paralysed friend to Jesus for healing



But the crowd wouldn't let them get close



so they climbed up to the roof and took off some tiles.

They lowered their friend down, right in front of Jesus



Jesus was so impressed by their faith, he said to the paralysed man



Your sins are forgiven.

The Pharisees were shocked!



Only God can forgive sins...so this fellow is insulting God!

But Jesus knew what they were thinking.



Why are you thinking such wrong thoughts?

Is it easier to say 'Your sins are forgiven' or 'Get up, take your mat, and walk'?

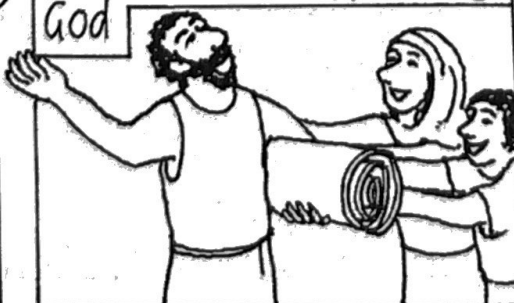


But I want you to know that I do have the authority to forgive sins...

Get up, take your mat and go home!



He got up, picked up his mat and walked home, praising God

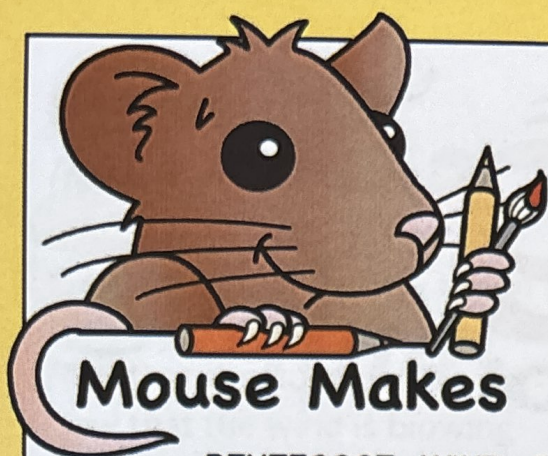


The crowd was amazed...



We have never seen anything like this!





## Mouse Makes

PENTECOST • WIND • FIRE  
 HOLY • SPIRIT • TONGUES • RESTED  
 JERUSALEM • JEWS • GALILEANS  
 HEAR • LANGUAGE • ARAMAIC • GREEK  
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 ELAMITES • MESOPOTAMIA  
 JUDEA • CAPPADOCIA • PONTUS  
 ASIA • PHRYGIA • PAMPHYLIA  
 EGYPT • LIBYA • CYRENE  
 ROME • CRETANS  
 ARABIANS • GOD



READ  
 Acts  
 2:1-41

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 M E D E S Y P A R  
 E S S H M

It was fifty days since **Passover**, and Jews from many countries had come to **Jerusalem** to celebrate Passover. As the **Apostles** were gathered together the **Holy Spirit** came upon them and they began to speak in other **languages** as the Spirit enabled them.

The crowd that were listening were amazed as they heard about God in their own language.

*How many people heard, believed and were baptised that day?*

**DID YOU KNOW?**

The Bible or parts of the Bible have now been translated into over 3,000 different languages since it was first written in Hebrew, Aramaic and Greek.





## at St. Paul's Sale

### Where?

Sunday School: St. Paul's church hall (meet in church in the children's Area).  
All-age worship: in church.

### When?

Sundays at 10am  
Sunday School in  
Term-time only.

I can't wait  
to see you!

### What?

Sunday School for 0-7  
year-olds and monthly  
All-Age Worship.



No Wiggle Worship	June	July	August
1st Sunday	School holidays	Sunday school	School holidays
2nd Sunday	All-Age Wiggle Worship	All-Age Wiggle Worship	All-Age Wiggle Worship
3rd Sunday	Sunday school	Sunday school	School holidays
4th Sunday	Sunday school	School holidays	School holidays
5th Sunday	Sunday school		

For more information, ask for Laura or speak to a member of the clergy.



# Foundations

*(Matthew 7:24-29)*

What will happen to my house Lord,  
Now that the rain is falling,  
Now that the floods are rising,  
Now that the wind is blowing  
And beating, beating upon it?

Sunday by Sunday  
I hear your Word  
With interest,  
With conflict,  
With questions.  
I hear your Word  
As I build my house.

But will it stand, Lord,  
When the rain and the floods  
And the winds challenge?  
Are my foundations  
Sunday sand of hearing only,  
Or daily rock of hearing *and* doing  
Your will,  
Living Your Word,  
Strong in the storm?

Lord, Lord,  
Help me to hear,  
Move me to act.  
Let my house stand.

*By Daphne Kitching*



# Fill me with Your Spirit, Lord

Fill me with your Spirit, Lord,  
Fill me with your love.  
Fill this empty heart of mine,  
Come down gentle dove.  
You see all my self-concern,  
Lovelessness and pride.  
Help me to open up my heart,  
Place your love inside.

Fill me with your Spirit, Lord,  
Fill me with your power.  
Give to me your source of strength,  
From this very hour.  
You have seen me trying hard,  
Failing every time,  
Show me how to let you now,  
Live Your life in mine.

Fill me with your Spirit, Lord,  
Fill me with your joy.  
Give to me that happiness  
Nothing can destroy.  
Even when my sufferings  
Point me to despair,  
May I know that joy inside  
Just because You're there.

Fill me with Your Spirit, Lord,  
Fill me with Your peace,  
Quieten all the turbulence,  
Bid my struggles cease.  
Often my anxieties,  
Fill my life with stress,  
Show me how to let them go,  
Give to me Your rest.

*By Howard Webber*



## Thy Kingdom Come

Thy Kingdom Come encourages us to choose five people who we can pray for regularly. Why not ask God to guide you, as you settle on five names and commit to praying for them daily, perhaps by using the following prayer:

*'Loving Father, in the face of Jesus Christ your light and glory have blazed forth.*

*Send your Holy Spirit that I may share with my friends the life of your Son and your love for all.*

*Strengthen me as a witness to that love as I pledge to pray for them, for your name's sake. Amen.'*

*So who are your 5 people going to be?*



## Faith

When your prayers at times appear  
to go unanswered,  
And the words of your worse doubters  
seem so true,  
When it seems the whole wide world  
is all against you,  
Just put your faith in God and  
you'll pull through.

When your life is like a maze  
with no known exit,  
And your future appears to be  
as black as night,  
When it seems that all your efforts  
end in failure,  
Just put your faith in God,  
he'll see you right.

For those who put their faith in God  
have reason,  
For confidence to face each trial  
and test,  
And know better times are just  
around the corner,  
For faith is the soft pillow that  
gives rest.

*By Colin Hammacott*

## Welcome to our new PCC Members

They are -

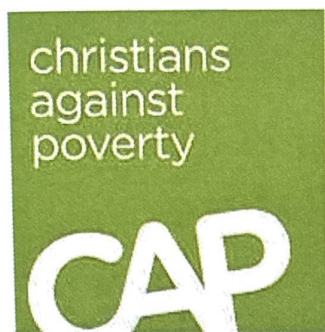
**Lisa Clarke**

**Vicky Moore**

**Gill Etherington**

Please support them and all the members of the PCC as they work to further God's mission and work here in Sale.





**Funa**  
**Joseph-Azunyilike**



## New representative

Funa is a wife, mum of two, and someone who wears a few different hats in life! I was born and raised in Nigeria in a Christian home, where I learned the importance of love, faith, and looking out for others. I later moved to Ghana for university,

where I studied engineering. This experience helped shape the way I think and solve problems.

About 15 years ago, I moved to the UK to start a new life. I did a Masters in Engineering Business management and worked in the manufacturing sector for about 10 years before taking a career break and developing a desire to go into hospitality and counselling. Since then, it's been a journey of learning, growing, and discovering new passions. One of those passions is helping people through challenging times, which led me to start training to become a qualified counsellor. I love being able to listen, support, and walk alongside others through life's ups and downs.

At the same time, I also run my own catering business. It's been such a joy to share special moments with others through food.

Faith is a big part of my life, I attend Audacious Church where I serve on the Lounge Team, offering hospitality and creating a welcoming space for newcomers and regular attendees alike. My faith continues to be a guiding force in both my personal life and professional journey.



### Local Foodbanks

Sale Moor Community Centre  
271 Norris Road, Sale. M33 2TN  
Monday -12-2pm

Sale West Community Centre  
Newbury Avenue, Sale. M33 4QW  
Tuesday—11-1pm

St Alban's Church Hall  
Lindsell Road, Altrincham. WA14 5NX  
Wednesday—10.30-12.30

St Mary's Church  
Manchester Road, Partington. M31 4FB  
Thursday 10.30-12.30

Timperley Methodist Church  
Stockport Road, Timperley. WA15 7UG

Food Donations only  
Foodbank Warehouse, Newstead Hall,  
Newstead Terrace, Timperley WA15 6JS  
Wednesday 9-11am and Friday 9-11am



## Reflecting Faith: An Offer You Do Not Want to Refuse

For the last couple of months, we've been thinking about baptism, and last time we finished by saying that, even as late as the tenth century, only baptised people could stay in the church to watch, never mind actually consume, the celebration of the Eucharist.

This tells me how highly regarded the consecration of the bread and wine actually were, and still are, within the Church. Even today this is still the 'highlight' of the main Sunday service.

Everything we do within the service leads up to this special moment, when the priest offers the bread and wine to the people.

Prior to this, we've said prayers of penitence and have been absolved. We have heard stories from the Bible and had them expanded upon in a sermon.

We have stated our faith in response to this, and recognised God's awesome power by saying prayers of intercession for ourselves and others.

We have acknowledged God's amazing gifts of love and peace by sharing this with those around us, and we responded by offering to Him our gifts as token of our whole lives.

And then – finally we get to the Eucharistic Prayer.

As soon as this is concluded and the priest invites the congregation to come forward to receive the consecrated bread and wine, we are 'so overwhelmed' by the enormity of what

is being offered to each of us that we 'fall on our knees' with the Prodigal Son and say, "Lord I am not worthy".



**This month:** When you next go to a Communion Service, take note of the pattern of it as a whole and then 'think' about how you feel as you are invited to take the bread and wine.



# Ordination season is underway

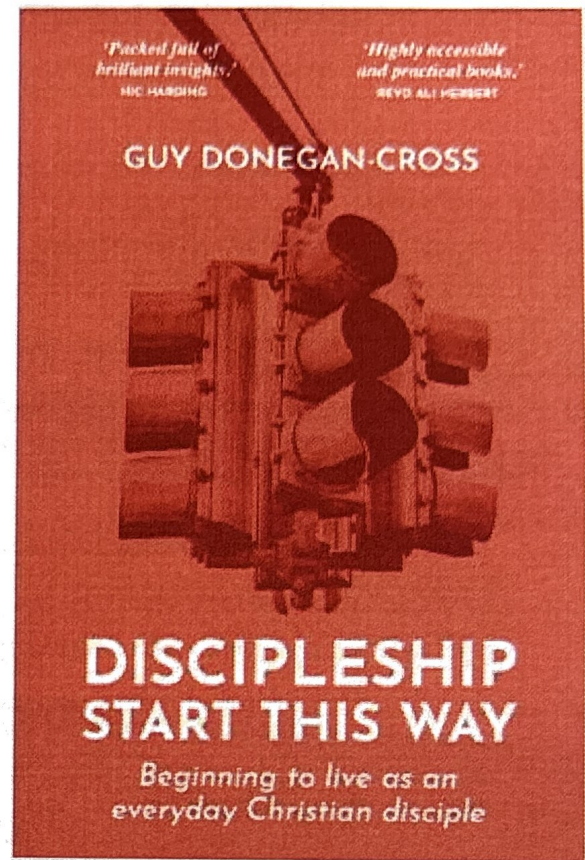
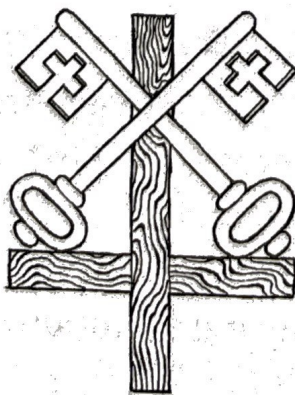
Every summer the CofE ordains its new deacons and priests.

The services are traditionally held during Petertide (29<sup>th</sup> June), a feast day that remembers the martyrdom of Saint Peter. He was the fisherman who became a devoted disciple of Jesus, and who then went on to be an instrumental figure in the early Church in Jerusalem.

Although the ordinations this summer will be held in a variety of cathedrals across the country, those being ordained will have certain important things in common:

- ♦ They will have felt called by God to serve as a deacon or priest.
- ♦ They will have passed a rigorous selection process.
- ♦ They will have completed a two-to-three-year training course (diploma or degree) at one of the theological education institutes (TEIs) based around the country.

And so here they are now – called, accepted, trained and soon to be set apart for this specialised ministry. If you know a deacon or a priest, pray for them and their families this month, as they begin a lifetime of public service to God.



## Discipleship: Start This Way: Beginning to live as an everyday Christian disciple By Guy Donegan-Cross, BRF, £9.99

This book emphasises the difference that discipleship can make in our day to day experience. Both a resource for the enquirer and a tool for anyone wanting to support someone in their faith journey, this book provides an accessible and grounded route into the beginnings of discipleship, with a clear explanation of what it looks and feels like to become a disciple and to start to live as one.

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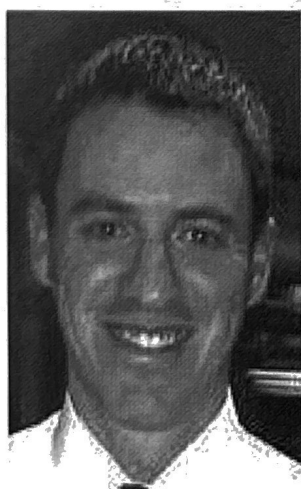
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*Vivian, Sale*

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## Who's Who? Members of the Parochial Church Council (not mentioned on the back page)

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# June 2025

1 <sup>st</sup> June	Sunday	10.00am 6.00pm
3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Tuesday	9.30am
4 <sup>th</sup> June	Wednesday	10.00am
6 <sup>th</sup> June	Friday	1.30pm
8 <sup>th</sup> June	Sunday	10.00am 6.00pm

## PENTECOST

10 <sup>th</sup> June	Tuesday	9.30am
11 <sup>th</sup> June	Wednesday	10.00am
13 <sup>th</sup> June	Friday	1.30pm
15 <sup>th</sup> June	Sunday	10.00am

16 <sup>th</sup> June	Monday	6.00pm 7.30pm
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St Mary Magdalene, Ashton Upon Mersey

17 <sup>th</sup> June	Tuesday	9.30am
18 <sup>th</sup> June	Wednesday	10.00am
20 <sup>th</sup> June	Friday	1.30pm
22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Sunday	10.00am

24 <sup>th</sup> June	Tuesday	6.00pm 9.30am
25 <sup>th</sup> June	Wednesday	10.00am
26 <sup>th</sup> June	Thursday	7.00pm

27 <sup>th</sup> June	Friday	1.30pm
29 <sup>th</sup> June	Sunday	10.00am

6.00pm

Parish Eucharist  
Taize Evening Prayer  
**NO** Babes & Tots  
Holy Communion (CW)  
**NO** Community Choir  
Pentecost All Age Worship with Wiggle  
Communion Service

### Deadline for the July Parish News

Babes & Tots  
Holy Communion (BCP)  
Community Choir  
Parish Eucharist  
and Wiggle Sunday School  
Evening Prayer (BCP)  
Archdeacon's Visitation

Babes & Tots  
Communion Service (BCP)  
Community Choir  
Parish Eucharist  
and Wiggle Sunday School

Evening Prayer (BCP)  
Babes & Tots  
Communion Service (BCP)  
Churches Together in Sale  
Prayer Meeting, followed by a Prayer  
Prayer Walk and then refreshments  
Community Choir  
Parish Eucharist  
and Wiggle Sunday School  
Evening Prayer (BCP)



## Next Month—July 2025

1 <sup>st</sup> July	Tuesday	9.30am	Babes & Tots
2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Wednesday	10.00am	Communion Service (CW)
4 <sup>th</sup> July	Friday	1.30pm	Community Choir
6 <sup>th</sup> July	Sunday	10.00am	Parish Eucharist
			Wiggle Sunday School
		6.00pm	Taize Evening Prayer
22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Tuesday	9.30am	Babes & Tots trip to Cheshire Ice Cream Farm
			See Vicar Becky to book your place

*Oooo—if you have never been to the Cheshire Ice Cream Farm you are in for an absolutely terrific visit—the choice of flavours—well, I will let you see for yourself!*

*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—*

***officestpaulsale@gmail.com***

## Prayer for June 2025

Dear Lord,

June is the loveliest month, with long days and the beauty of summer all around us. Thank you that, in the church's year this month, we remember one of the loveliest of your followers – Barnabas, known as the Son of Encouragement.

He encouraged the believers in Antioch to *remain true to the Lord* with all their hearts. Through his ministry of encouragement, a great number of people were brought to know you.

Lord, we all thrive when we are encouraged. And we, your people, so need to be encouraged today in this world which can seem so confusing and discouraging.

So, thank you for those who have encouraged us in the past, and for those who encourage us now.

Help us to read your living unchanging Word and to remain true to you with all our hearts. Help us to be a *Barnabas* to those we know who might be struggling. May we bear fruit in our discipleship.

In Jesus' name.

Amen.

*By Daphne Kitching*





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Women's Tuesday Group:		Hilary Moore	969-1831
St. Paul's Babes & Tots	*		
Tower Warden:		Ian Moore	0787-670-6834
Christian Aid:		Anita Evans	973-4679
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Wiggle Worship	*	Laura Jackson	TBC
Church Hall Bookings:		Contact via the Parish Office	
4 <sup>th</sup> Sale Central (St. Paul's) Rainbows, Brownies & Guides		Vicky Williams	0798-652-5898

**Parish Office (Unmanned)**

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*Names above marked with \* are members of the Parochial Church Council.*

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

*Notices for the weekly pew-sheet please contact Revd Becky*

### Parish Organisations affiliated to St Paul's

*The following groups meet in St Paul's Church Hall unless otherwise stated.*

<b>Tuesday</b>	9.30am-11am	St. Paul's Babes & Tots (school term time)
	1.15pm	Tuesday Group (2 <sup>nd</sup> of every month)
	6.15pm	4 <sup>th</sup> Sale Central (St. Paul's) Brownies
	7.30pm	4 <sup>th</sup> Sale Central (St. Paul's) Guides
<b>Friday</b>	1.30pm-2.30pm	Community Choir (school term time)
	5.30pm	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sale Central Rainbows