

October 2025

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Paul Judson



The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches.

Matthew 13: 31-32

Suggested donation **50p**

From the Vicar.....

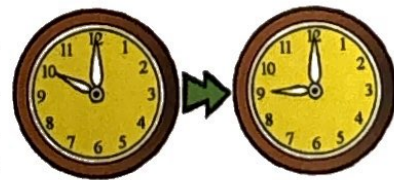
Dear Friends,

The nights are drawing in and once again we begin to observe the seasonal changes that occur as this time of year. This month is also when we reset our clocks from British Summer Time back to Greenwich Mean Time. The pleasure of an extra hour in bed is quickly replaced with the reality of the shorter hours of light. As a child, I struggled to understand both how and why we changed the clocks twice a year. How could we alter time? Wasn't time – just time? How could we mess about with it, and decide that what on one day was 8.00am was now 7.00am? The idea of time as something that could be manipulated and shifted baffled me. It wasn't until I was much older, that I understood that the whole notion of measuring and naming 'time' was a human invention. Calendars (for reckoning intervals of time) and clocks (for measuring its passage) have a long history. The first calendars were lunar, and there's evidence of them as long as 6,000 years ago. The first clocks were a form of sundial, found in Egypt so clearly humans have long felt the need to track the passage of time. A dictionary defines time as '*the indefinite continued progress of existence and events that occur in an apparently irreversible succession from the past, through the present, into the future.*' From a human perspective, time is linear and goes in one direction.

What could happen if we were freed from this constraint has long captured writers' imaginations by exploring the idea of being able to travel back in time or even jump from timeline to timeline. So that's what time is like for human beings. But what about for God?

Christians believe that God stands outside time. There was never a time when God wasn't, and there will never be a time when God isn't. But even though God exists outside time, and is not subject to it, God reveals Godself within time, because humanity and creation is. Starting with Abraham, God promised that through his descendants, all creation would know God's blessing. Some thousands of years later, and 2,000 years distant from us, God revealed Godself in human flesh, in the person of Jesus, a human being born in a specific place at a specific time.

So as we move through the month of October – and yes the days are shortening and Christmas is getting closer – let us take some time to marvel at the changing of the season and what it brings, and remember that each season and our own time and how we use it, is precious to us.



Yours in faith,
Vicar Becky

The free phone-line Daily Hope continues to be a source of inspiration for many who cannot get to church:



...if you have been affected by any of the issues raised in this sermon...

All Soul's Day

Sunday 2nd November gives us all the opportunity to join in worship for the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed. A time to remember those we have loved but see no longer.

Please bring along a cut-flower in memory of a loved one.

Refreshments will be served after the service at the back of church.

If you would like the name of a loved one to be remembered by name during this service, please add their name to the list in church which will be available from the 5th October.



Tuesday Group

Last month we enjoyed a very joyful afternoon singing hymns and songs chosen by the Group and accompanied by Anne Allen. We are very grateful to her.

Sadly, the very next day we heard of the death of our dear friend Sheila. The words of someone from the Group 'Sheila was loving, caring and faithful and an example to us all. May she rest in peace after her long battle with cancer. We send our love to Lisa.

On 14th October at 1.30pm we shall be having a talk on the Mercy Ships. It is estimated that 17 million people a year die from conditions that surgery could have saved. That is why Mercy Ships use hospital ships to deliver world class healthcare where it is most needed. This will be an Open Meeting and all church members are welcome. Please note we shall be making a collection in support of this amazing organisation at the end of the meeting.



Diana

Road Closures— reminder

Sunday October 12th – Manchester Half Marathon will be taking place – Sibson Road will remain open, but Springfield Rod will be closed and surrounding roads in Sale Central and Sale Moor.

Remembrance Sunday the roads from St Paul's (Sibson and Springfield) up to and around the Town Hall will be closed for the Act of Remembrance.

Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Judges 6:36 - 7:8, 16 - 22

God had told Gideon he would drive the Midianite invaders out of His country. 32000 men had come to fight with Gideon.

Gideon asked God for proof.



God did as Gideon had asked.



Could you show me again, but with the wool dry and the ground wet?



God said The army is too big. They will think that they beat the Midianites, not Me.



So Gideon sent home all who were afraid - 22000 of them



There were still too many, so Gideon told them to drink from the spring.



300 scooped up water to drink, and the rest were sent home.



Each man was given a jar with a lit torch in it and a horn.



That night they surrounded the Midianite camp.



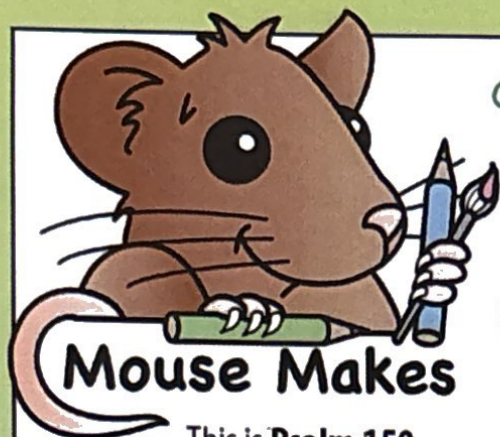
At the signal, they blew the trumpets, smashed the jars and shouted a war cry



The Midianites were so shocked they attacked each other, and then ran



The Israelites won without having to do any fighting.



Mouse Makes

This is Psalm 150,
a song of praise to God,
it tells us why and how
to worship God.

*How do you praise and
worship God?*

Praise God in His Temple,
Praise Him in His mighty heavens.
Praise Him for His acts of power,
Praise Him for his surpassing greatness.

Praise Him
with the sounding trumpet,
Praise Him
with the harp and lyre,
Praise Him
with tambourine and dancing,
Praise Him
with the clash of cymbals,
Praise Him
with the resounding cymbals.
Let everything that has breath
PRAISE THE LORD!

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Reflecting Faith: Glory to God

For the last few months in this series of articles we've been looking at the way that church services are put together.

Last time we looked at how we begin by recognising how great and amazing God is, and therefore apologise for all the things we've done wrong – or should have done and haven't – in the light of His 'perfection'.

We then receive God's forgiveness.

At this point, recognising how gracious and forgiving God is, we are asked to rise from our knees and stand together to give 'Glory to God'.

Known in Latin as '*The Gloria*'.

You will recognise those words from those spoken by the angels announcing the birth of Christ to the shepherds on the hills over Bethlehem:

"Glory to God in the highest, and peace on earth to people of good will" (Luke 2:15)

Traditionally this 'angelic hymn' has been sung and begins with praise to God the Father. It then asks for the mercy from God the Son, the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

The final lines soar into the blinding mystery of the Trinity: 'Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father'. Because it is so full of joy it is not included in worship during Advent and Lent.

This hymn dates back to the third century of the Church. Tradition holds that it was first composed as a prayer in the East, and then translated to Latin by Saint Hilary of Poitiers around the year 360.

Because this hymn is so special over the years there have been limitations on who was allowed to sing or recite it. At first it was only bishops and then in the 11th century priests were allowed to do so.

Now we all sing or say it together. That means we take our place in our Christian heritage alongside those angels singing or saying it each week. What a privilege!

This month

Next time you go to a Sunday church service think about those angels as you stand to say or sing 'The Gloria'. Can you feel their wings alongside you?



****STOP PRESS****

Our congratulations and prayers to
Revd Catherine Cleghorn,
Rector of St Martin's Ashton on Mersey
who has been appointed as Succentor of
Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford.

Her installation service at the Cathedral
will be November 15th at Evensong.

The 2025 Poppy Appeal will be launched this month.

The Poppy is a powerful symbol worn by people right across the UK to commemorate the sacrifices of our Armed Forces and to show support to those still serving today.

The Royal British Legion was first set up to help those returning from the First World War. Almost a century on, they're still helping today's Service people, veterans, and their families coping with bereavement, living with disability or finding employment.

However, the Poppy Appeal would not be able to continue without the dedication of the teams of volunteers who stand in the streets, shops and supermarkets. Each town and village has their own Poppy Appeal Organiser - also a volunteer - who runs these teams, arranges for cover, drops off and collects the boxes.

The Poppy Appeal is always grateful for the work of these dedicated people, but the volunteers say they proud to be selling Poppies to show support for those who sacrificed their lives for us.

If you want to volunteer, or if you would like a visit from a local volunteer who can speak to your community/church group, please go to: <https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-involved/volunteer>.



As you tidy your garden for winter...

Gardens are preparing to go to sleep, but next Spring will soon be here. So why not consider some changes now:

- ~ Install a water butt now, to store up the winter rain for the Spring.
- ~ Reduce the hard standing in your garden. Instead, let rain soak into the soil, rather than go down a drain.
- ~ Plant something tall to create shade in your garden next year – the soil will remain wetter.
- ~ Put in more plants – the more you have, the more protection they give the ground. Try to use native species, as your local wildlife depends on them.
- ~ Consider adding a pond – it will be a great boost to your local wildlife!





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What?

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

When?

Sundays at 10am (Sunday school is term-time only).

I can't wait to see you!

Where?

Sunday school: St. Paul's church hall (meet in church in the children's area).

All-age worship: in church.



| No Wiggle Worship | September | October | November | December |
|-------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| 1st Sunday | Sunday school | All-Age Wiggle Worship | School holidays | Sunday school |
| 2nd Sunday | All-Age Wiggle Worship | Sunday school | All-Age Wiggle Worship | All-Age Wiggle Worship |
| 3rd Sunday | Sunday school | Sunday school | Sunday school | School holidays |
| 4th Sunday | Sunday school | School holidays | Sunday school | School holidays |
| 5th Sunday | | | Sunday school | |

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

REPARATION WORKSHOP



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Sunday 19 October
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is it necessary?

who makes this decision?

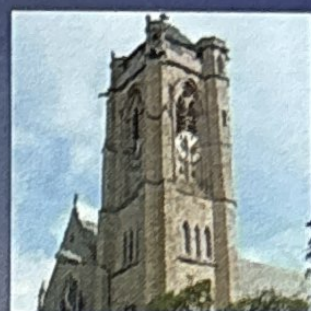


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Remembering our loved ones.



All Souls Day

Sunday November 2nd
at 4pm



All welcome- please bring a cut-flower in
memory of a loved one

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| 1 st October | Wednesday | 10.00am | Communion Service (CW) |
| 2 nd October | Thursday | 12.00noon | Funeral of Sheila Clarke |
| 3 rd October | Friday | 1.30pm | Community Choir |
| 5 th October | Sunday` | 10.00am | HARVEST ALL-AGE WORSHIP |
| | | 6.00pm | Holy Communion |
| 7 th October | Tuesday | 9.30am | Babes & Tots |
| 8 th October | Wednesday | 10.00am | Communion Service (BCP) |
| 10 th October | Friday | 1.30pm | Community Choir |
| Today is the Manchester Half Marathon (don't forget the road closures) | | | |
| 12 th October | Sunday | 10am | Holy Communion |
| | | 6pm | Taize Evening Prayer |
| Deadline for the November Parish News | | | |
| 14 th October | Tuesday | 9.30am | Babes & Tots |
| 15 th October | Wednesday | 10.00am | Communion Service (BCP) |
| 17 th October | Friday | 1.30pm | Community Choir |
| 19 th October | Sunday | 10.00am | Parish Eucharist |
| | | | St Anne's USPG Reparation event |
| | | 6.00pm | Evening Prayer (BCP) |
| 21 st October | Tuesday | 9.30am | Babes & Tots |
| 22 nd October | Wednesday | 10.00am | Communion Service (BCP) |
| 24 th October | Friday | 1.30pm | Community Choir |
| 26 th October | Sunday | 10.00am | Parish Eucharist |
| | | 6.00pm | Evening Prayer (BCP) |
| Don't forget that today is the day the clocks go back an hour | | | |
| 28 th October | Tuesday | 9.30am | NO Babes & Tots (Half Term) |
| 29 th October | Wednesday | 10.00am | Communion Service (BCP) |
| 31 st October | Friday | 1.30pm | NO Community Choir |





Don't forget to put the Christmas Tree Festival in your dairies— we will need volunteers to act as decorators, stewards and assisting Father Christmas in his grotto!

Next Month— November 2025

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| 2 nd November | Sunday | 10.00am | Parish Eucharist |
| | | 4.00pm | All Souls' Service (please note new time) |
| 4 th November | Tuesday | 9.30am | Babes & Tots |
| 5 th November | Wednesday | 10.00am | Communion Service (CW) |

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



Don't forget to check out Foxhill's website for upcoming events -

foxhillchester.co.uk

you will be surprised at how many events they have on offer—including one run by our neighbour Revd Catherine Cleghorn just prior to her departure to Oxford and Revd Jill Elston - **Meeting God in Music: Identity**—1st November 9.30am to 3.30pm £27.50 including refreshments—no singing experience is needed.



St. Paul's Parish Directory

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*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.

| | | |
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| Tuesday | 9.30am-11am | St. Paul's Babes & Tots (school term time) |
| | 1.15pm | 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 |
| Friday | 1.30pm-2.30pm | Community Choir (school term time) |
| | 5.30pm | 2 nd Sale Central Rainbows |