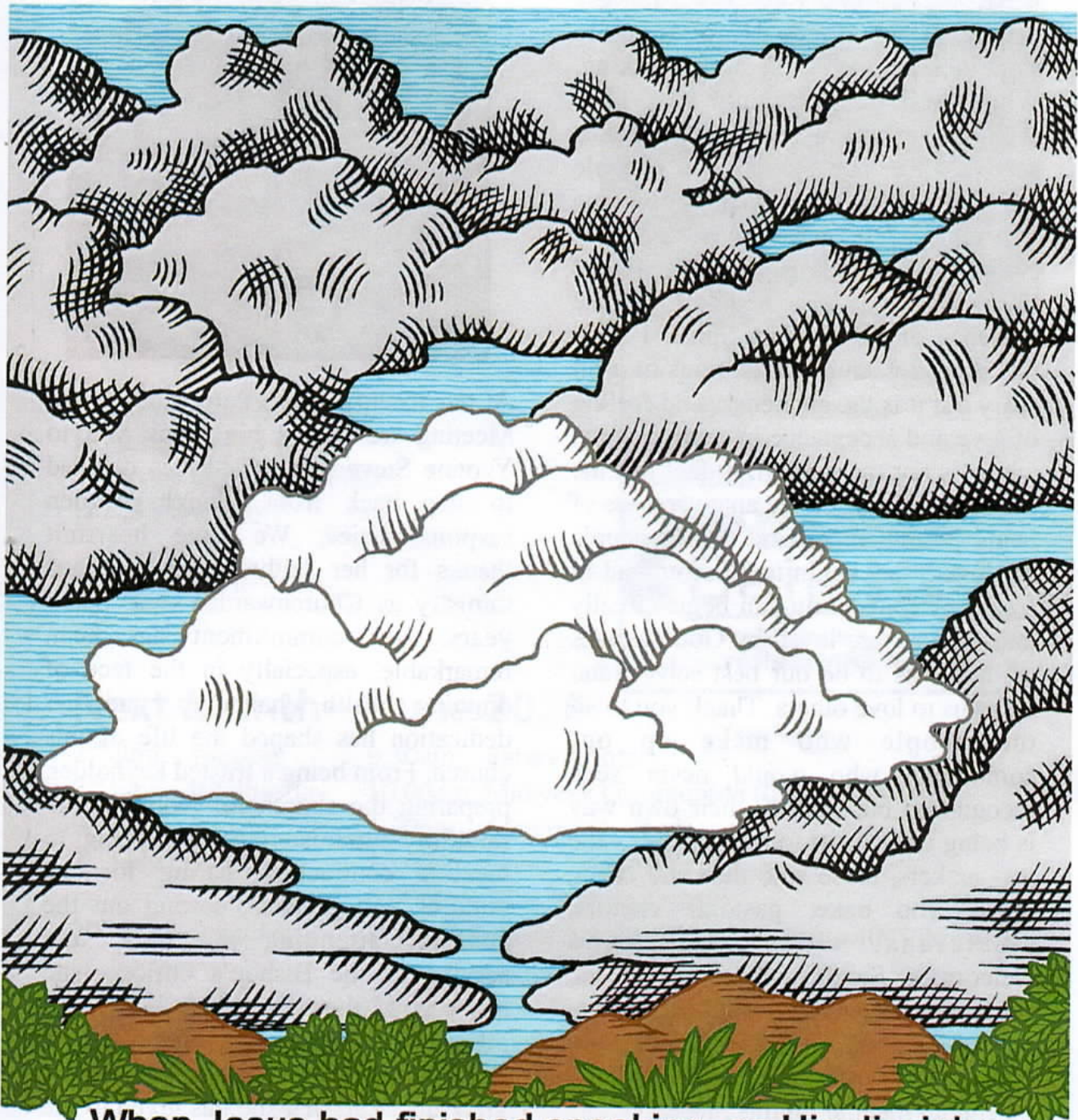


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... When Jesus had finished speaking, as His disciples watched intently, He was taken up into heaven and a cloud hid Him from their sight. Acts 1:7-9

Suggested donation **50p**

From the Vicar.....

Dear Friends,

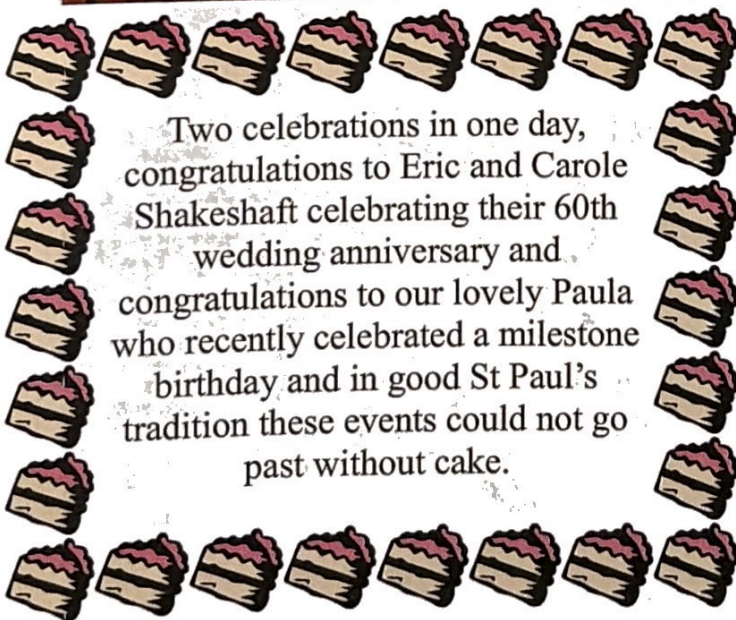
I wonder if you have noticed that God is doing wonderful things among us! Have you noticed? We're often so busy getting on with things that we forget to stop, look around and see God working. What does 'God working' look like? Well, it's tangible and real and it makes such a difference to our lives. People often comment on 'it' when they come into church. But what is 'it'? . . . 'it' could be described as the presence of God amongst his people, or the presence of God's Holy Spirit. I hope this does not sound pretentious or a bit scary but it is the awareness and feeling of love and acceptance in a community, which is not scary at all. In fact just the opposite! We also have an awareness of being promoted by God. When people are loved they begin to blossom and in a safe place, healing can begin. Really knowing we are loved by God changes us, helps us to be our best selves, and helps us to love others. Thank you to all the people who make up our community who would never seek recognition but each in their own way is being like Christ to one another - the tea-makers, those who dust and clean, those who bake, pastoral visitors, musicians, sides-people and welcomers, Sunday-school volunteers, prayers, gardeners, group organisers, service leaders...Because of you, and your love for each other, we are able to be church together in this place,



At our recent Annual Parochial Church Meeting we said a big thank you to Yvonne Stevenson as she has decided to step back from Church Warden responsibilities. We give heartfelt thanks for her faithful and generous ministry as Churchwarden over many years. Her commitment has been remarkable, especially in the face of ongoing health challenges, and her dedication has shaped the life of this church. From being a trusted keyholder, preparing the church for worship, and faithfully administering the banking, to meeting contractors, caring for the building and grounds, sorting out the heating, attending meetings, and serving as the Bishop's Officer—she has carried these responsibilities with diligence, commitment, and a deep sense of service. We are profoundly grateful for all that she has given to the life of this church. We offer our prayers for her and husband Ric and the family.

On the 24th May we will be celebrating a wonderful festival, Pentecost. It is a celebration of the day when God gave the gift of the Holy Spirit, through wind and flame to the followers of Jesus who were then empowered to spread the good news of Jesus death and resurrection - it was the birth of the church and the Holy Spirit was God's gift to every Christian. "I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. If you have love for one another, then everyone will know you are my disciples." John 14:34-35. Thanks to all of you that God's love shines out like a beacon of hope.

Vicar Becky



Two celebrations in one day, congratulations to Eric and Carole Shakeshaft celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary and congratulations to our lovely Paula who recently celebrated a milestone birthday and in good St Paul's tradition these events could not go past without cake.

Tuesday Group

On 12th May we shall be having a talk by Ann Cassington who trains puppies to provide Guide Dogs for the Blind.

What a job!! Actually it must be lovely at the start, but heartbreaking each time the puppies have to move on.

Thank you Jean for organising this for us and as usual this will take place in the church hall. Please arrive at 1.20pm so we can start promptly.

Diana



Guide Dogs for the Blind

It's Picnic in the Park time!

Coming to a park near you with activities run by local Messy Churches, including:

Ashton Park: Saturday 28th June
 Worthington Park: Sunday 5th July

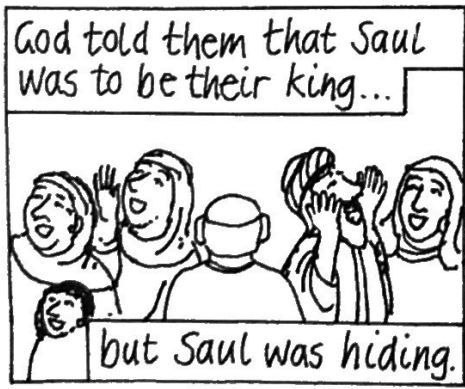
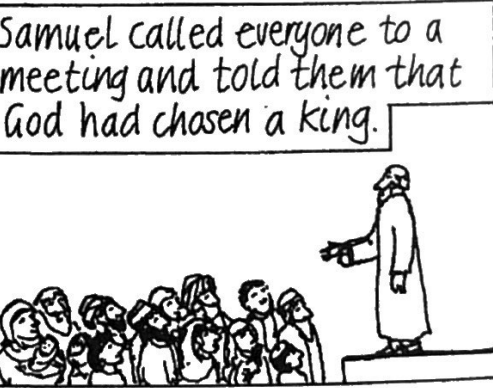
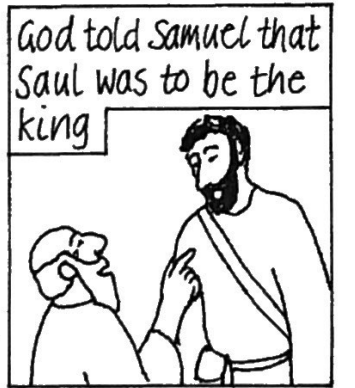
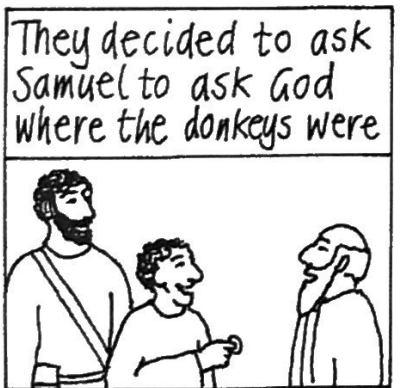
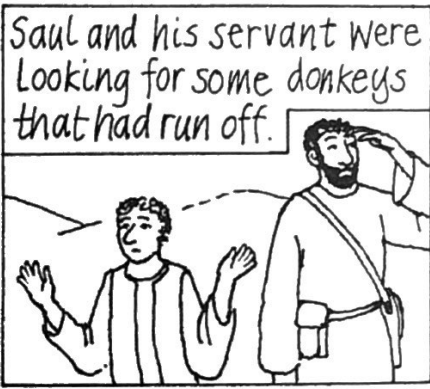
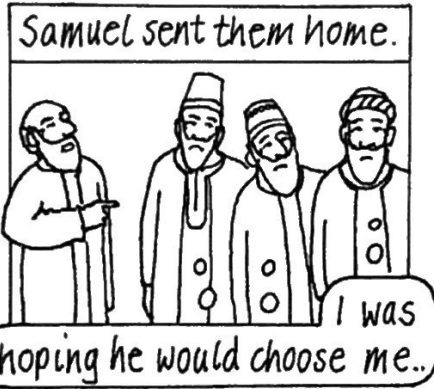


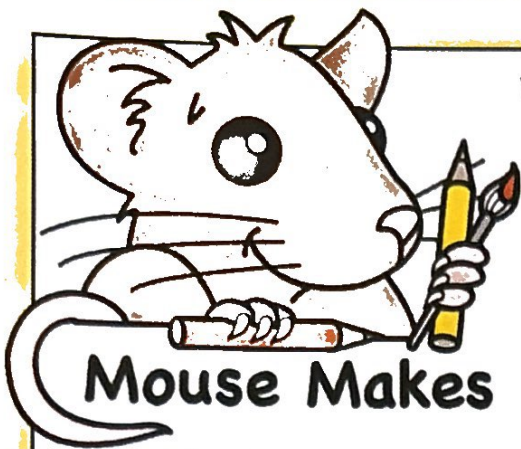
Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in Samuel 8:1-10:1, 17-24

Samuel had been a good leader of Israel but he was now old. The leaders of the twelve tribes came to talk to him...





WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT?

The Spirit of

_____ *Genesis 1:2*

The

_____ of the Father.

Acts 1:4

The Spirit of

A _____ *Romans 8:15*

H _____ *John 14:26*

The Spirit of

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The Fruit of the Spirit
Galatians 5:22-23

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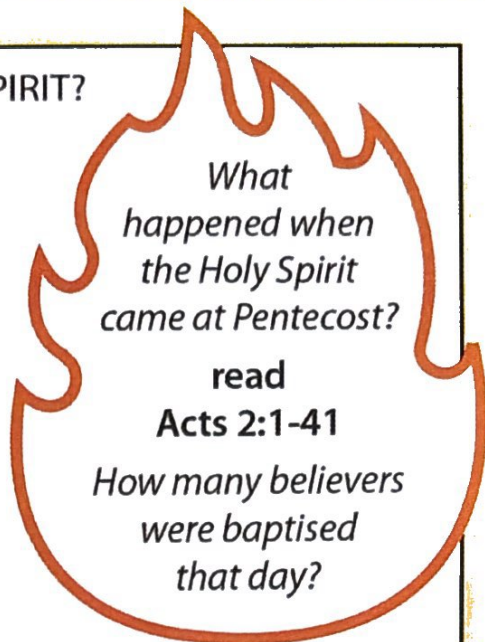
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What happened when the Holy Spirit came at Pentecost?

read *Acts 2:1-41*

How many believers were baptised that day?

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Look up the Bible verses and fill in the missing words. Look for them in the word search then look for these words below.

- HOLY • SPIRIT • COUNSELLOR • COMFORTER
- ADVOCATE • TEACHER • LORD • PROMISE
- GLORY • GRACE • FAITH • DOVE • FIRE • WIND



Saturday June 20th– Foundation Day in conjunction with Sale Festival
 Celebrating the innovation and ingenuity of Victorian inventors.

A open planning meeting is taking place on **Sunday 24th May** after morning service in the Church. We will need volunteers—welcomers, stewards, help with serving refreshments and publicity distributors.

Please sign up on the volunteers rota.

There are Lego workshops (ages 6-16,) children must be accompanied by an adult. Timings are 10.30,11.30,1.30 and 2.30 to book via the Sale Festival webpage, each child will build and take home specially designed custom model of a James Joule experiments. Sale Brass Band and Tower Tours as well as displays and models by students from Manchester School of Architecture.



You can find the full-listing of Sale Festival events online or in the festival brochure they include:

Sale Poetry Club Meeting
7-8pm 12th May at Coppice Library
Celebrations

Sale Poetry Trail 2026
June will see Sale businesses flooded
with poetry for the month.

Sale Comic Con 6th June
With the 7th Dr Who—Sylvester
McCoy

A Taste of Calligraphy & Hong Kong
Mahjong 9.45am-12.15pm 13th June
St Joseph's Parish Centre

An Evening of Pride and Prejudice by
candlelight 7.30pm Saturday 13th
June Waterside Arts Centre

Tapas & Flamenco—Caldo Lounge
Sale Waterside Plaza—16th June

David Sotunde Saxophonist—The
Caldo Lounge Sale Waterside Plaza
23rd June

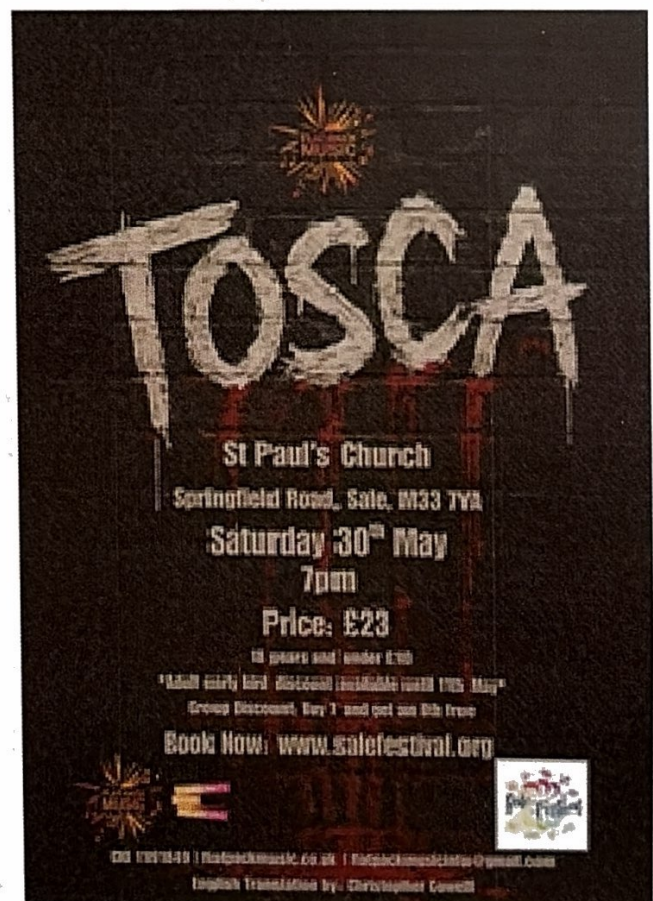
Thursday Evening concerts here at
St Pauls at 7.30pm.
Tickets available on the door or on-
line.

4th June 'Simone Manunza Jazz Trio'

18th June 'Duo Jota' Same Kane and
Ravi Natwani—violin and guitar folk
songs.

2nd July 'The House Devils' Irish Tra-
ditional songs—vocals, flute, har-
monica, tin whistle, uilleann pipe.

We Kick off our Musical offerings
with a performance of Tosca on
Saturday 30th May:



Reflecting Faith: The Creed (part 1)

There are various sections that make up a Communion service. While different denominations, and different styles of churches even within the same denomination, may do things differently, generally speaking they all include the same foundational elements.

So, after the Bible readings, and then sermon, what follows next?

In Common Worship (CW) we 'immediately' jump to our feet and proclaim our faith!

If you follow the Book of Common Prayer (BCP), the Creed comes between the Gospel reading and the sermon – which is my excuse for forgetting to say it more than once when I've conducted the latter service first (if you get what I mean) on a Sunday morning.

The question is, 'Why is it placed here?' Wouldn't it make more sense to have it at or close to the beginning of a service; so that we can be sure everyone in the congregation is on the same page, so to speak.

Or why not at the end, just before we go out into the world taking our faith with us?

Why here?

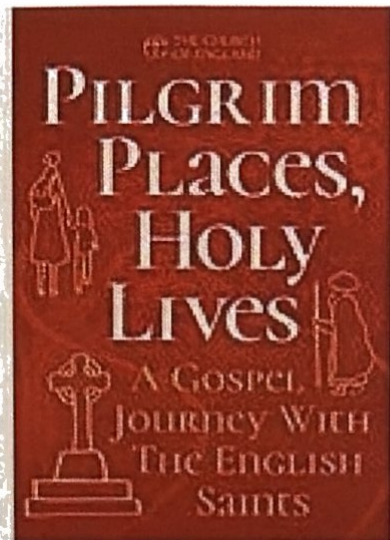
When (BCP) it follows directly after the Gospel reading, it's as though having heard the words of Jesus we rush to say 'I believe that. I believe in who said it. And I believe in ... etc etc.' Rather like after your favourite team has scored a goal!

Where we've had the sermon first (CW), it's as though the 'explanation and contextualisation' by the preacher makes it so plain that we can do nothing less than join together and reaffirm our baptismal faith.

This month

Pause for a moment before you say the Creed next time and consider where in your service it is placed. What has encouraged you to be able to say it from your heart? Was there a word, phrase or sentence that particularly gripped you and prompted you to your feet? Or was it just words written on the service sheet with a direction to stand?





Promise of the Father

(Lk24:44-53, Heb 11:1-3)

Blessing led to leaving,
and leaving to a new coming,
a coming in power and joy
to worship and to witness
to God's plan fulfilled
in the reality of Jesus, living.

This is the promised day,
the day of clothing
with power and presence,
and a fresh sending
of those with opened eyes
in every generation,
releasing hope and faith-filled cer-
tainty,
making sense of everything.

Come Holy Spirit, clothe me, send me.

By Daphne Kitching

Sale Trefoil Guild will be hosting a talk
from Pete McEvoy from GM Police
talking about **Fraud Awareness**—
Thursday 7th May 7.30pm all
welcome please let Joyce or Eileen
know if you plan to attend

Pilgrim Places, Holy Lives - A Gospel Journey with the English Saints

By various C of E writers, CHP, £3.99

The greatest story ever told is of God becoming human in Jesus Christ to offer us a transforming relationship with Him. *Pilgrim Places, Holy Lives* explores how this amazing story took root in Anglo-Saxon England, and how those who responded to it can still inspire and encourage us today.

Through eight places of spiritual awakening and the saints associated with them, this full-colour devotional booklet offers 24 days of Bible readings, reflections, questions and prayers on the ancient practice of pilgrimage. From Durham to Canterbury, Lindisfarne to Lastingham, it will help you reflect on what it means to live as a pilgrim on a purposeful journey through life. Each week focuses on two saints who dedicated their lives to God and shared the gospel with others: the Venerable Bede of Durham; Bertha of Canterbury; Cuthbert of Lindisfarne; Cedd of Lastingham; Frideswide of Oxford; Etheldreda of Ely; Alcuin of York; and Hilda of Whitby. *Pilgrim Places, Holy Lives* will help you to see the saints not merely as remarkable people from the past but as fellow travellers on the pilgrim journey who can shape our identity, our worship, and our witness to the world today.

Contributors include Sarah Mullally, Stephen Cottrell, Dee Dyas, James Shelton, Sammi Tooze, Sally Welch, Jenny Wright and Alexandra Zhirnova.

wiggle worship



at St. Paul's Sale

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	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.



Christian Aid Week 10th -16th May

It's that time of year again – when Christians across the country raise funds for Christian Aid's programmes, which help those suffering poverty and injustice worldwide.

Since 1957, Christian Aid Week has brought faith and action together to help families survive poverty and violence, and communities rebuild after crisis.

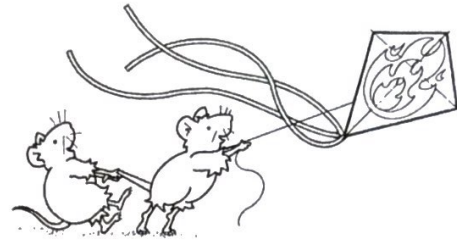
It says: "This is all thanks to the amazing support of churches, communities and individuals who choose to walk, run, bake, dance, make, and do whatever it takes to help make lasting change.

"Through our locally led work with partners around the world who are rooted in their communities to lead change, your valuable support will help communities ravaged by poverty and the effects of the climate crisis.

Could you be our new Christian Aid rep at St Paul's? Please talk to Becky or Anita.

Christian Aid welcomes anyone who would like to be involved this year in raising support. And there are various ways to take part:

- Give online or through collections.
- Fundraise with friends, family, colleagues or your community.
- Take part through your church with worship, prayer and events.
- Volunteer locally to support Christian Aid Week activities.

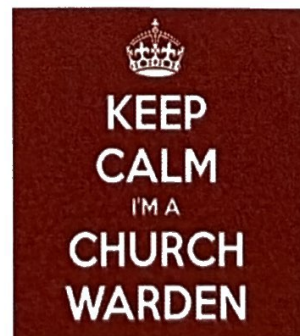


Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2026

Having given our thanks to Yvonne for her many years of service to St Paul's as Church Warden, sadly, no new nominations for Churchwardens were received at the APCM.

There is still an opportunity to convene another meeting of parishioners before the Archdeacon's Visitation to elect a Churchwarden. Any potential nominees must be on the church Electoral Roll, be a regular communicant and be over the age of 21. They must be able to fulfil being a charity trustee, undertake safeguarding training and be prepared to have a DBS check. It's really important that we follow processes for safer recruitment of volunteers, so please bear this in mind.

Please have a word with Vicar Becky if you'd like to consider taking on this particular responsibility in our church. If we receive no nominations, then responsibilities are delegated amongst the PCC. It makes life a bit more interesting as we will need to work out the best way of implementing this.



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1 st May	Friday	1.30pm	Community Choir
3 rd May	Sunday	10.00am	Parish Eucharist
		6.00pm	Taize Evening Prayer
5 th May	Tuesday	9.30am	Babes & Tots
6 th May	Wednesday	10.00am	Midweek Communion (CW)
7 th May	Thursday	7.30pm	Trefoil Guild host Pete McEvoy from GM Police Talk on Fraud Awareness—everyone welcome
8 th May	Friday	1.30pm	Community Choir
10 th May	Sunday	10.00am	All-Age Worship –Start of Christian Aid Week
		6.00pm	Holy Communion (CW)
12 th May	Tuesday	9.30am	Babes & Tots
		1.30pm	Tuesday Group
13 th May	Wednesday	10.00am	Midweek Communion (BCP)
		7.45pm	PCC Meeting
14 th May	Thursday	7.00pm	Ascension Day Joint Service at St Anne's
15 th May	Friday	1.30pm	Community Choir
17 th May	Sunday	10.00am	Parish Eucharist
		6.00pm	Evening Prayer (BCP)
19 th May	Tuesday	9.30am	Babes & Tots
20 th May	Wednesday	10.00am	Midweek Communion (BCP)
22 nd May	Friday	1.30pm	Community Choir
24 th May	Sunday	10.00am	Parish Eucharist
		11.30am	Foundation Day Meeting
		6.00pm	Evening Prayer (BCP)
			No Babes & Tots
26 th May	Tuesday		
27 th May	Wednesday	10.00am	Midweek Communion (BCP)
			No Community Choir
29 th May	Friday		
30 th May	Saturday	7.00pm	Tosca in Church
31 st May	Sunday	10.00am	Parish Eucharist
		6.00pm	Evening Prayer (BCP)

Pentecost 



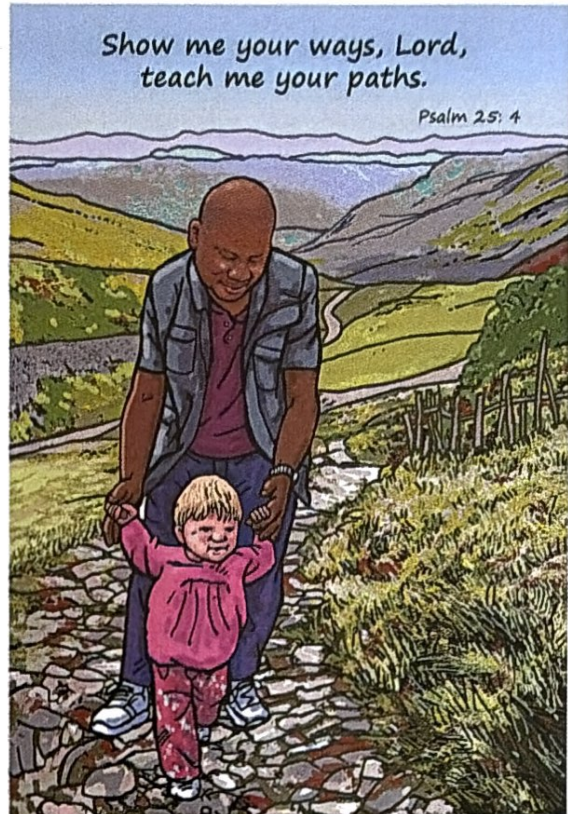
His Glorious Day

He's the Ground of all being,
 The Spirit of life,
 The Father of faith
 And the Mother of love,
 He's the Christ-child within
 Who fills darkness with light,
 He calms our worst fears
 With the peace from 'above'!

He's the giver of comfort
 When our spirit is low
 And source of all courage
 When faith calls out – 'Go:
 Go tell all the nations
 That peace truly comes
 When God's voice is heard
 And God's will is done.

So follow the Christ-man,
 Hold fast on His way,
 Then one day we'll all share
 His glorious day'!

By Sam Doubtfire



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

0800 804 8044

DailyHOPE

A free phone line of hymns, reflections and prayers

Next Month— June 2026

2 nd June	Tuesday	9.30am	Babes & Tots
3 rd June	Wednesday	10.00am	Midweek Communion (CW)
5 th June	Friday	1.30pm	Community Choir
7 th June	Sunday	10.00am	Parish Eucharist
		6.00pm	Taize Evening Prayer
20 th June	Saturday		St Paul's Foundation Day in conjunction with Sale Festival

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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		Vacant	
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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.

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