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**June
2026**



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From the Vicar.....

Dear Friends,

One of the things I love about living and working in this area is the multiculturalism and diversity of faiths and culture. It's a joy to be part of a hospital chaplaincy team where we support each other and explore and share our cultural and religious differences in a respectful space. Difference can bring great benefits and opportunities to discover cultures and traditions that are not our own. It can also help us to re-evaluate what our own values are, what is important to us and what we might hold in common.

You might have seen this reflected too on BBC 1's 'Race across the World' series where participants compete against each other using public transport to race to checkpoints in far-flung places. This year's competitors raced from the island Scilly across Greece, Turkey, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Krygyzstan into Northern Mongolia where they experienced the flat open steppes and cultures completely different. They were greeted with hospitality, kindness and found themselves frequently being given much more than they had anticipated. One of the teams were so overcome by thankfulness at having their taxi fare paid for, decided to volunteer their help to a subsistence

farming family, undertaking various jobs in order to help them in their daily living.

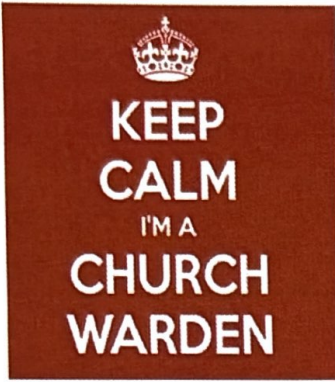
Our very own St Paul recognised that difference was a key part of our faith. Christians are called to live counter culturally and that alone marks us as different. Our values are shaped by the kingdom and in the kingdom the differences that matter in this world are meaningless. Instead, St Paul wants us to know that what is important is our trust in Jesus as our Lord because this enables us to be citizens of heaven.

"So in Christ Jesus, you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were baptised into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male or female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus".
Galatians 3: 26-28

Let's continue to be thankful for diversity and difference,

Yours in faith
Vicar Becky





Congratulations to Mr Craig Myerscough recently elected as Church Warden designate, Craig will become our new Church Warden after the Archdeacon's Visitation Service on June 11th where he will be sworn in and licensed.

Please do keep Craig and his wife Becky in your prayers as he takes on the responsibility of being a Bishop's officer and our senior lay leader.

All are welcome to attend the Visitation including sidespersons, PCC members and Deanery synod members which will be at 7.30pm on Thursday 11th June at St Cross Church, Knutsford, WA16 8EL.

With Sympathy

Our condolences to the family of the late John Barlow, holding in our prayers especially his wife, Vera.

John's funeral will take place on Wednesday 24th June, 12noon at Altrincham crematorium.

Tuesday Group

In May we all enjoyed meeting Ann Cassington and her beautiful black labrador, Jacky. She is the fifth dog she has prepared towards providing a fully trained Guide Dog for the Blind. Ann has introduced her to as many people, sounds and smells as possible and she was delightful with all of us.

Apparently she was quite amazed at the sound of our church bells! On the 9th June, Paul Jamieson is coming to give us a talk with the interesting title of Greater Manchester Blood Bikes.

As usual, the talk will be in the church hall at 1.30 pm

Diana

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



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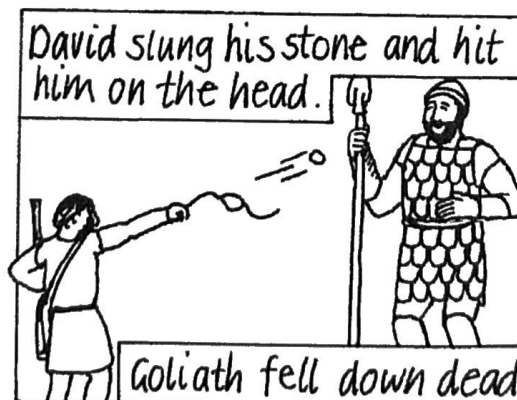
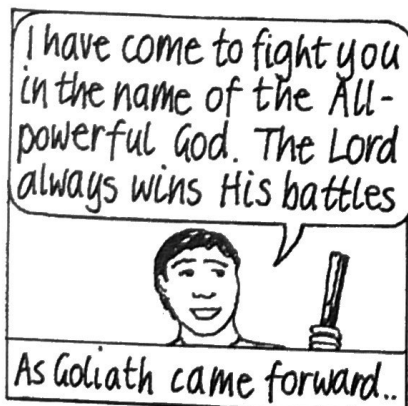
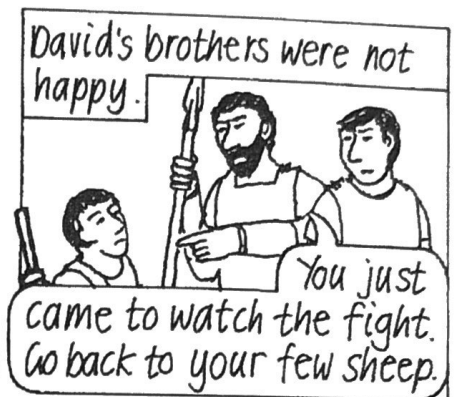
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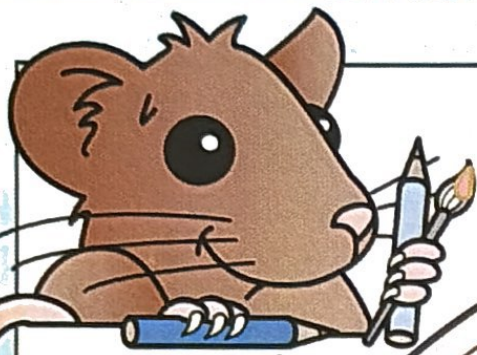
Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
1 Samuel 17:1-50

The Philistine and Israelite armies
faced each other. For 40 days, the gigantic
Philistine champion, Goliath, taunted them.





Mouse Makes



"May the grace of the Lord **JESUS CHRIST** and the love of **GOD** and the fellowship of the **HOLY SPIRIT** be with you all."

2 Corinthians 13:14



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Saturday June 20th – Foundation Day in conjunction with Sale Festival

STOP PRESS– Sale Brass Community Band will be playing 12-1pm
 Plus David Sotunde, Saxophonist will be with us during the afternoon
 Don't forget Tower Tours too.

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

Reflecting Faith: The Creed (part 2)

Last month we considered where the Creed is placed within the service. This month let's think about what is in the Creed(s).

It's important to know that the earliest known Creed, which is still substantially used today was first found in a letter from around AD 341. This is known today as the Apostles' Creed because it is widely thought to have been originally written by the Apostles themselves.

Every phrase in it can be noted as derived directly from biblical texts and it is the compilation that has taken so much thought and discussion until we arrive at the versions we use in churches today.

Because the Creed succinctly includes everything Christians believe, it unites us all in those truths; whichever Christian denomination you choose to worship within.

So, establishing wording that expresses the faith of all Christians has been the challenge.

Protestants sometimes wonder at the phrase, 'the holy catholic Church' being included, but the word 'catholic' here has the meaning of 'universal' rather than denominational.

We are ALL united in our basic faith.

This is what makes us Christians and distinguishes us from other 'churches', whether they have the name of Jesus in their title or not.

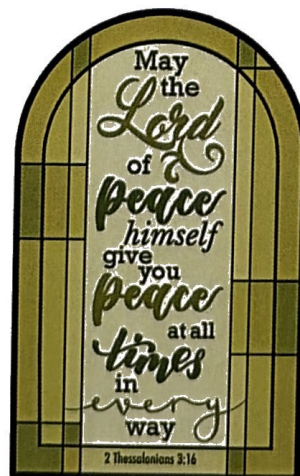
Only Churches which acknowledge and include one of the recognised creeds can join the international organisation of 'Churches Together'.

Essentially, this is a sure way to know that you are at a Christian service.

In more recent years the Church has authorized several Affirmations of Faith which contain the key tenants of faith but are shorter and, if you like, simpler to understand.

This month

Because the Creed has to be universally accepted within established churches, deviations from the texts are not permitted. However, just for the joy of thinking ... what would you include in a statement of faith if you were drafting it? Which friends would you want to include on your 'committee'?



Miracle at the Table

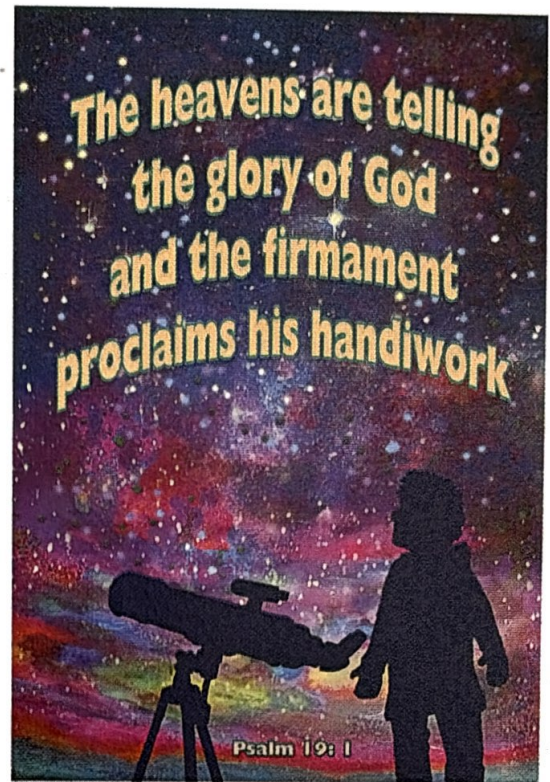
Thy table is set, but no lavish spread
A simple communion of red wine and bread.
Simple yet holy – where heaven bends low
That those knelt before Thee Thy true grace may know.

We follow where firstly our Saviour has led
We listen to words that Jesus first said:
'This is My body, it's broken for you
And this is My blood, shed for you too.'

The bread that is broken, the wine seen outpoured
They tell of the sacrifice made of our Lord.
His body was broken that we might be saved
But death was defeated – He rose from the grave!

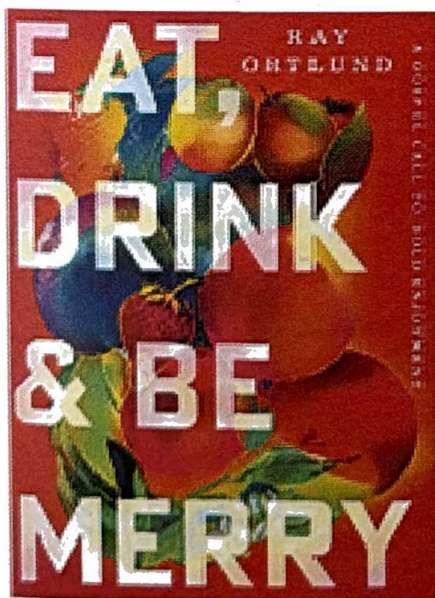
So, kneel in the stillness of this holy place
Gladly receiving these tokens of Grace.
Then go from here knowing His Spirit in you
Will help you to do what He'd have you do!

By Nigel Beeton



Eat, Drink, and Be Merry – a Gospel Call to Bold Enjoyment

By Raymond C Ortlund Jr, Crossway, £12.99



So much is going wrong in these dark days. And the daily personal demands never let up. Who has the time—much less the freedom of heart—to play, to laugh, to delight? But God's strategy for wise living *includes* bold enjoyment. In fact, any 'Christianity' that feels embarrassed about enjoying God's good gifts dishonours Him, and leaves Christians with less to give their suffering world. Meditating on Ecclesiastes 11:9-10, Ortlund argues that following Christ here in this world is a nuanced mix of both suffering *and* happiness.

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.



Our British bumblebees

Did you know we have about 270 kinds of bee in the UK, including 24 types of bumblebees? Here are just six of them:

Early Bumblebee:- Found throughout the UK. Rather small, with distinctive lemon-yellow bands on thorax and abdomen, and an orange tail. An important pollinator of our soft fruit.

Common Carder Bee: - One of our most common bees, and often still feeding in November. Fluffy, brown and orange, with sometimes darker bands on the abdomen.

Tree Bumblebee: - Found in England and Wales, and recently Southern Scotland. A fuzzy bee, with brown-orange hairs on its thorax, a black abdomen, and a white tail.

Red-tailed Bumblebee: - The female is very large, with a big red 'tail', while males are smaller.

Garden Bumblebee:- A scruffy-looking large bee, with a long tongue and face. It has yellow bands at the collar, rear of the thorax and at the first segment of the abdomen, and the tip of the tail is white.

Buff-tailed bumblebee: - The biggest of our bumblebees, with a yellow collar near the head and another on the abdomen. The queen has a buff-coloured 'tail', while the workers have white 'tails' and black hair on their faces.

Be kind to our bees. They are in steady decline across the UK.

International Day of Prayer for the Emergency Services - 25th June

Each year, the Christian Police Association hosts an International Day of Prayer for the Emergency Services. This year it will be on Thursday 25th June 2026. There are four ways to get involved:

- Watch the CPA YouTube channel 'International Day of Prayer' playlist
- Join one of the Zoom meetings held on the day. Contact CPA for details.
- Use the Pray 4 Your Police (P4YP) material on its Publications Page.
- Engage in its Social Media using the hashtag #WaveofPrayer

Please help support Emergency Service colleagues around the world, as they face a variety of challenges. More info at: <https://cpauk.net/events/>

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June 2026

2 nd June	Tuesday	9.30am	NO Babes & Tots
3 rd June	Wednesday	10.00am	Midweek Communion (CW)
4 th June	Thursday	7.30pm	Simone Manunza Jazz Trio Concert
5 th June	Friday	1.30pm	Community Choir
7 th June	Sunday	10.00am	Parish Eucharist
		6.00pm	Taize Evening Prayer
9 th June	Tuesday	9.30am	Babes & Tots
		1.30pm	Tuesday Group
10 th June	Wednesday	10.00am	Midweek Communion (BCP)
		7.45pm	Extra-PCC meeting Church Hall
11 th June	Thursday	7.30pm	Archdeacon's Visitation St Cross, Knutsford. WA16 8EL
12 th June	Friday	1.30pm	Community Choir
14 th June	Sunday	10.00am	All-Age Worship
		6.00pm	Holy Communion
16 th June	Tuesday	9.30am	Babes & Tots
17 th June	Wednesday	10.00am	Midweek Communion (BCP)
18 th June	Thursday	7.30pm	Duo Jota — Same Kane and Ravi Natwani Violin and guitar folk songs concert
19 th June	Friday	1.30pm	Community Choir
20 th June	Saturday	10.00am	St Paul's Foundation Day in conjunction with Sale Festival
21 st June	Sunday	10.00am	Parish Eucharist
		6.00pm	Evening Prayer
23 rd June	Tuesday	9.30am	Babes & Tots
		7.00pm	Safeguarding Service at Chester Cathedral
24 th June	Wednesday	10.00am	Midweek Communion (BCP)
26 th June	Friday	1.30pm	Community Choir
28 th June	Sunday	10.00am	Parish Eucharist
		6.00pm	Evening Prayer
30 th June	Tuesday	9.30am	Babes & Tots

On 1st June the worldwide Church remembers the 'Visit of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth'...

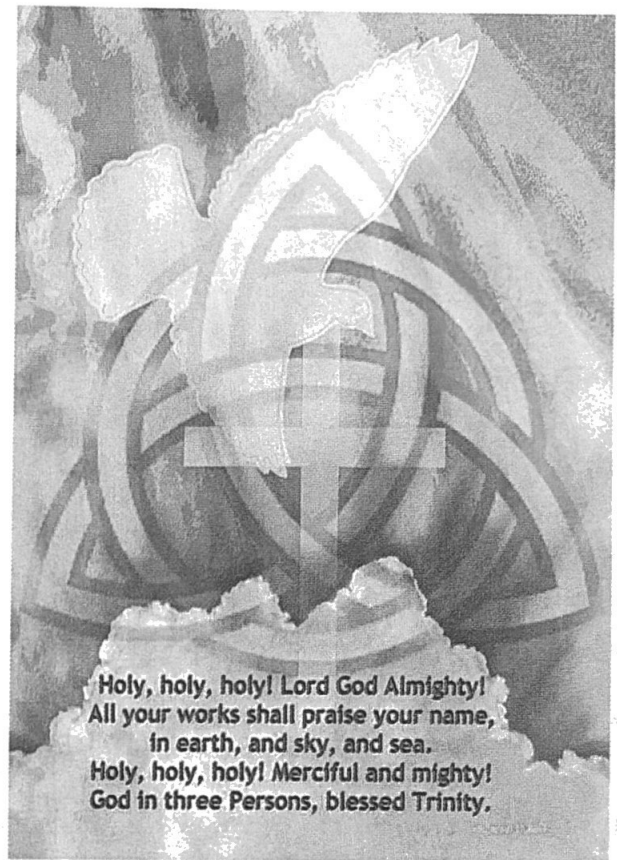
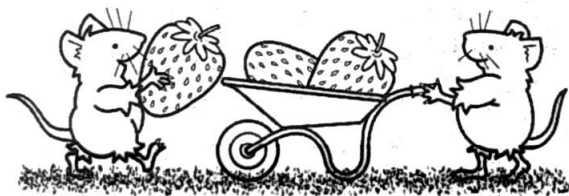
The Visit of Mary to Elizabeth

(Luke 1:39-56)

Spirit of blessing and joy
How we sang,
How we shared,
How we marvelled
At the wonder of it all.

Three months we had
To prepare, to praise You,
To ponder in private.
Three months backstage,
Before the curtain of history went up.

By Daphne Kitching



Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All your works shall praise your name,
in earth, and sky, and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.

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— July 2026

1 st July	Wednesday	10.00am	Midweek Communion (CW)
2 nd July	Thursday	7:30pm	The House Devils, Irish Traditional Songs Concert Vocals, flute, harmonica, tin whistle, uilleann pipe
3 rd July	Friday	1.30pm	Community Choir
5 th July	Sunday	10.00am	Parish Eucharist
		6.00pm	Taize Evening 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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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