

Benefice Walking Group

We usually set off at around 6.30pm and enjoy an evening stroll in good company. Days vary from week to week, to ensure that everyone can come at least some weeks. If you would like to join us, please speak to Jenny Short (01706 638861) and she will add you to our contact group.

Music

Rochdale Music Society is bringing back the Sveta and Slava Duo (cello and piano) after their brilliant performance at the St Michael's Church in Middleton to play in St Michael's Church Bamford on Saturday Sept 17th at 3 pm coupled with a afternoon tea of scones, strawberry jam, and clotted cream! (Adults £15, over 65 £13, Students £5, and Children £1). Please ring Gill Dyson (01706 649508) to book afternoon tea to help with the catering. This is included in the price. Programme of easy listening classical pieces.

Bury Choral Society is holding a concert In memory of John Edwards, their conductor for very many years. Bach - extracts from St Matthew Passion and Mass in B Minor; and Elgar The Music Makers. Past members are cordially invited back to sing; new members also welcome. Music provided. Rehearsals start 7.30pm Tues 6 Sept, at Holy Trinity School, BL9 0SB and the concert is on Tues 8th November in Bury Parish Church.

Bowling

Indoor Short Mat Bowls takes place weekly in St Paul's Parish Hall:

- Tuesday 7pm starting on September 27th.
- Thursday 1.45pm starting on 6th October
- All welcome.

For more information please contact Rodney Fowler on 01706 659453

No Cash with you?

Ask about contactless giving, or scan here to go to St Paul's Just Giving page. Thank you.



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The Benefice of St Paul's Norden, St James Ashworth & St Michael's Bamford

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Services in September

Wednesdays 10:30am St Michael's
Holy Communion

Thursdays @7 services start again this month:

8th: St Michael's 15th: St Paul's

22nd: St Michael's 29th: St Paul's

Sunday 4th 10am St Paul's
Holy Communion
10am St Michael's
Morning Praise
3pm St James'
Holy Communion
6.30pm St Paul's
Evensong

Sunday 11th 10am St Paul's
Morning Praise
10am St Michael's
Holy Communion
3pm St James'
Evensong
**7.30pm St Michael's
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Sunday 18th 10am St Paul's
Holy Communion
10am St Michael's
Morning Praise
1pm St Paul's
Baptisms
3pm St James'
Harvest Festival

Sunday 25th 10am St Paul's
Harvest Festival
10am St Michael's
Harvest Festival
3pm St James'
Evensong

Baptisms

This month we pray for Theodore Francis Moran and Isla Evie who will be welcomed into the family of God through baptism.

Readings for September

We have been asked to include the readings each month so people can look them up again at home.

Sunday	4	Deuteronomy 30.15-20
		Luke 14.25-33
Wednesday	7	Luke 6.20-26
Sunday	11	Exodus 32.7-14
		Luke 15.1-10
Wednesday	14	John 3.13-17
Sunday	18	Amos 8.4-7
		Luke 16.1-13
Wednesday	21	Matthew 9.9-13
Sunday	25	Amos 6.1a,4-7
		Luke 16.19-31
Wednesday	28	Luke 9.57-end

Harvest

In September we celebrate the whole of God's wonderful Creation, and his great generosity to us, providing all that we need for our daily bread.

The St James' Harvest Festival service at 3pm on Sunday 18th will be followed by a **Harvest Tea**.

The annual **Harvest Quiz**, organised as usual by St Paul's Choir, will be at 7.30 pm on Saturday 24th September in St Paul's Parish Hall.

Tickets are now available from any choir member. Price £8.00 includes supper (vegetarian options). Bring your own drinks. There will be a raffle. Proceeds in aid of Christmas Fair.

St Paul's and St Michael's will hold their Harvest Festivals at 10am on Sunday 25th.

Tea & Cakes

The Pastoral group organise a regular social get-together on the first Thursday of the month for people of the Benefice. Our next Tea & Cakes will be on Thursday 1st September at 2pm. Do come along to St Paul's Parish Hall on Blackpits Road in Norden for an informal chat and a cup of tea.

Also if you can bring anyone who is not able to get out of the house very much, it would be really helpful.

Please speak to Rev Hazel for more information

Cream Tea and Craft Fair

On Saturday 1st October St James will be holding a Cream Tea and Craft Fair, in St James' Parish Hall 2pm to 4pm.

New House Groups - Mapping Mark

In October we are seeking a brave few to try being in a house group for 5 weeks. We hope to have 3 house groups led by Jason, Hazel and Kirsten.

The groups will explore 5 key themes in the gospel of Mark. The house groups will be small, each with no more than 6 people plus the group leader.

The groups will launch at the beginning of October and run into the beginning of November.

Are **you** feeling brave?

Would you like to join a house group for a few weeks? Would you like to deepen your faith through a shared conversation? Would you like to offer a room for a group to meet?

If so, please speak to Jason, Hazel or Kirsten.

Breathe

Breathe. Sometimes we can find it hard to get space to stop, take a deep breath and rest in the presence of God. Jesus invites his disciples to come and sit, be still and know the presence of God. This is a tricky task as often it seems counterproductive in a world driven by targets, goals and output. We might even find ourselves seeking productivity from our regular Sunday worship. In September we will begin our new service, 'Breathe.' It is a service of contemporary music and contemplation. As the dictionary puts it, to breathe is to "take air into the lungs and then expel it, especially as a regular physiological process." Our hope with creating Breathe is we will find space to breathe in the Holy Spirit as part of a spiritual process which will give rest and rejuvenation to the physical. We hope to create a place of encounter with the divine.

Breathe will take place on the 2nd Sunday of the month with the first service being at St Michael's on the 11th of September at 7:30 pm. The first Breathe service will also be the launch of our Mission Community and so we will be joined by others from across the other 8 parishes. For more information please contact Jason.

Garden of Remembrance

St Paul's have been successful in obtaining a grant from the Council of £2000 towards our Garden of Remembrance. This is great news and means that the work can begin shortly.

Thanks to everyone involved in this project.

St Paul's PCC

The next PCC meeting will be at 7.30pm on Wednesday 7th September.