

Benefice Walking Group

The first weekly walk this month will be on Monday 1st July. As it is also St Paul's PCC on that evening which will involve several of our regular walkers, we're not sure how many people want to come. If you're interested **please contact Jenny Short** either via the WhatsApp group or on the number below. We vary the evening each week to enable as many people as possible to join us. We have a WhatsApp group to keep in touch with details of walks. If you would like to join us please speak to Jenny Short 07746 408819

Cleaning St Paul's

We meet in church on the last Saturday of the month, refreshments provided, please bring marigolds and dusters and hand held hoovers if available. The team will be doing their thing at St Paul's on Saturday 27th July. Please come and help if you can - many hands definitely make for lighter work!

Vicarage

Whisper it and keep praying, but all being well and God willing this is the month when Jason and his family finally move into the benefice and take up residence in the new vicarage. More details next month, if it really happens!

Online Banking

Our bank details for direct donations are:

St Paul's	20-72-67	506 706 93
St Michael's	20-72-67	607 141 43
Ashworth St James	08-92-99	673 196 53

You may need to add 'Parochial Church Council' or 'PCC' after the church name for your bank to find and verify the account. Thank you.

No Cash with you?

All our churches now accept contactless giving, please ask if you need help. Thank you.

Vicar - Rev Jason: 01706 631 050
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Wardens

St Paul's Andrew: 07465 970020
Jenny: 01706 358 686
St Michael's Frances: 01706 659 603
St James



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Services in July

Wednesdays	10:30am	St Michael's Holy Communion
Sunday 7th	10am	St Paul's Holy Communion
	10am	St Michael's Morning Praise
	1pm	St Michael's Baptism
	3pm	St James' Holy Communion
	6.30pm	St Paul's Evensong
Sunday 14th	10am	St Paul's Morning Praise
	10am	St Michael's Holy Communion
	3pm	St James' Evensong
	7.30pm	St Michael's BREATHE
Sunday 21st	10am	St Paul's Holy Communion
	10am	St Michael's Morning Praise
	1pm	St Paul's Baptism
	3pm	St James' Holy Communion
Sunday 28th	10am	St Paul's Morning Praise
	10am	St Michael's Holy Communion
	3pm	St James' Evensong
	7.30pm	St Michael's XHALE

Baptism

Please pray for the children who will be welcomed into the church through Holy Baptism this month: Alice Soan, Jonah Tunstall, Charlotte Elizabeth Leach and Austin Crabtree.

Please take this pew sheet home with you
to act as a useful reminder
and recycle it in due course.

Thank you!

Readings for July

Readers please note: The first reading on Sundays is always the Psalm. The second reading depends whether the service is Morning Praise (MP) or Holy Communion (HC) - so please check!

Wednesday	3		John 20.24–29
Sunday	7		Psalm 123
Sunday	7	MP	2 Corinthians 12.2–10
Sunday	7	HC	Mark 6.1–13
Wednesday	10		Matthew 10.1–7
Sunday	14		Psalm 85.8–13
Sunday	14	MP	Ephesians 1.3–14
Sunday	14	HC	Mark 6.14–29
Wednesday	17		Matthew 11.25–27
Sunday	21		Psalm 23
Sunday	21	MP	Ephesians 2.11–22
Sunday	21	HC	Mark 6.30–34, 53–56
Wednesday	24		Matthew 13.1–9
Sunday	28		Psalm 145.10–19
Sunday	28	MP	Ephesians 3.14–21
Sunday	28	HC	John 6.1–21
Wednesday	31		Matthew 13.44–46

Congratulations Rev Kirsten!

Kirsten Rutherford was ordained Deacon by David, Bishop of Manchester on 30th June 2024 at Manchester cathedral. Congratulations!

We're delighted that Kirsten will stay with us in the benefice to serve as Assistant Curate.

Please pray for her as she starts this new phase of her ministry, and also hold Rob, Jasmine and their family in your prayers.

Confirmation?

'Have you been confirmed?'

What on earth is that all about?

It is a special service where an individual confirms for themselves the promises made at their baptism. In doing so the individual is claiming their faith as their own and publicly saying they want to follow in the steps of Jesus. This is done before the bishop, family, friends and church with the bishop asking for a new pouring out of the Holy Spirit as you take the next step in your faith.

Would you like to be confirmed?

Our Mission Community Confirmation Service is on the 6th October, 3 pm at St Paul's.

For further details please contact Jason

St Paul's PCC

The PCC meeting will be at 7.30pm on Monday 1st July, in church.

Heritage Open Days 2024

The fundraising team are planning to organise some sort of event for every 6-8 weeks.

The next major event will be the Heritage Open Days on the weekend of the 14th and 15th of September. While this be free of charge and will focus on showcasing the heritage at St Paul's, we will take the opportunity to seek donations towards the heating project.

The HOD theme this year is 'Routes'.

Building on last year's phenomenal success, we're planning a community walk round the benefice on Saturday 14th, taking in the three churches.

The walk begins and ends at St Paul's.

On return there will be food and drink in the church, and we're going to see if we can arrange for St Michael's school choir to come and sing for when the walkers are back.

On the Sunday we will have a songs of praise and hopefully a brass band in the afternoon.

Please note the dates in your diary!

Also we'd like help with donations toward the food and support on the weekend to sort and serve the food as well as welcome and hospitality - if you can give a hand with this, please speak to any churchwarden.

Pastoral Group

It's summer (and the election is taking over the parish hall), so we'll be heading for Queens Park on Thursday 4th July for a stroll in the gardens for those who want it, followed by Tea and Cakes in the café. Meet at Queens Park at 2pm.

The following Thursday, 11th July we will meet at 2pm in St Paul's Parish Hall for "Scones of Praise" led by Rev Kirsten Rutherford.

Everyone is very welcome to join us for either event, so if you know anyone who might like to come please invite them and bring them along. Alternatively speak to Jenny Short (St Paul's) or Sue Palmer (St Michael's).

Transport can be arranged if required.

Garden of Remembrance

Just to let you know that we haven't forgotten about it some 4½ years since we started the project... We're *still* waiting for the stonemason to source a suitable memorial stone after many and varied delays and hitches. Going elsewhere would significantly add to the cost, but we're close to it!