

Tea & Cakes

It's back to our usual format of Tea and Cakes in St Paul's Parish Hall at 2pm on Thursday 1st August. Then on the following Thursday, 8th August we will meet at 2pm, again in St Paul's Parish Hall, for a session of Song and Prayer led by Rev Kirsten Rutherford.

And a diary date...The second Thursday in September will be a Holy Communion service with Rev Jason. Everyone is very welcome to join us at these events, 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.

Benefice Walking Group

We go for a local walk every week in the season, and we vary the evening each week to enable as many people as possible to join us.

Please check on the WhatsApp group to find out the plans for this month.

Please contact Jenny Short on 07746 408819 if you'd like to join the group.

Jenny's Hut

Jenny Buckley has a hut on the Solway Firth in SW Scotland, which is often standing empty. It is perfect for getting away from the noise and stress of modern life. If anyone in the Benefice fancies using it, please phone 01706 358686 for details. No charge, but a donation to St Paul's Heating Fund would be appreciated.

Cleaning St Paul's

We meet in church from 10am - noon on the last Saturday of the month (31st August), refreshments provided. Please come and help if you can - many hands definitely make for lighter work!

Heating Fund

The latest total we have raised so far is £24,216 - a great start but there's a long way to go yet!

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St James



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

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Services in August

Wednesdays	10:30am	St Michael's Holy Communion
Sunday 4th	10am	St Paul's Morning Praise + St Michael's Morning Praise
	10am	St James' Evensong
	3pm	St Paul's Evensong
	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 BREATHE
Sunday 18th	10am	St Paul's Holy Communion
	10am	St Michael's Morning Praise
	3pm	St James' Holy Communion
Sunday 25th	10am	St Paul's Morning Praise
	10am	St Michael's Holy Communion
	3pm	St James' Evensong
	7.30pm	St Michael's XHALE

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	07-92-99	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.

Please take this pew sheet home with you!

Readings for August

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!

Sunday	4		Psalm 78.23–29
Sunday	4	MP	Ephesians 4.1–16
Sunday	4	HC	John 6.24–35
Wednesday	7	MP	Matthew 15.21–28
Sunday	11		Psalm 34.1–8
Sunday	11	MP	Ephesians 4.25 – 5.2
Sunday	11	HC	John 6.35, 41–51
Wednesday	14		Matthew 18.15–20
Sunday	18		Psalm 34.9–14
Sunday	18	MP	Ephesians 5.15–20
Sunday	18	HC	John 6.51–58
Wednesday	21		Matthew 20.1–16
Sunday	25		Psalm 34.15–22
Sunday	25	MP	Ephesians 6.10–20
Sunday	25	HC	John 6.56–69
Wednesday	28		Matthew 23.8–12

Thank You, Donors and Gift Aiders

We would like to thank all those who donate money to our Churches, and especially to those who are willing and able to Gift Aid their donations. These are greatly appreciated and a valuable contribution to our Churches.

You may be interested to hear that St Michael's was able to claim back £ 7114 in the last tax year.

Some of you may need information about your own donations for your financial paperwork, letters will be sent out individually in due course.

If you would like to sign up to a Gift Aid scheme in any of our Churches, please contact the Gift Aid administrator there, or the Wardens.

Frances Brough – St Michael's GA admin

Jane Barker – St James GA admin

John Richardson – St Paul's GA admin

In view of the rise in many of the regular Church expenses, may we also encourage people to consider their regular donations, and perhaps consider giving an extra £4 per month, the price of a cup of coffee. If you would like to set up a standing order, please speak to one of our Wardens who will be able to help.

Craft Club

The next meeting of the Craft Group will be Tuesday 3rd September, 1.30 at St Paul's Parish Hall, all welcome, contact Jean 07443 939343

Harvest 2024

St James' Harvest Festival will be at 3pm on Sunday 8th September. Harvest Tea will follow in the Parish Hall. Please ring 07413 363799 if you intend to come to the tea, which will help with catering.

St Paul's and St Michael's Harvest Festivals will be at their 10am services on Sunday 22nd September

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

New Craft Club

Beginning this September at St Michael's there will be a bring and share craft club on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month from 2 - 4 pm.

All are welcome to bring their craft along and share in a good conversation, a cuppa and plenty of biscuits. Do you make cards, knit, crochet, paint or something else? Would you like to do this with other crafty minded people? Would you like to share your craft with others or be inspired to learn a new craft? This is the place to be.

Heritage Open Days 2024

We're planning a community walk round the benefice on Saturday 14th September, taking in the three churches.

The walk begins at St Paul's at 10am.

On return at about 1.30pm there will be food and drink in the church, and St Michael's school choir are coming to sing for us at 2pm.

On Sunday 15th September we will have a songs of praise, and there will be a performance by Rochdale Light Orchestra (details to be confirmed)

Please note the dates in your diary!

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