

ST PAUL'S NEWS

July & August 2023



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JULY

SERVICES

Sunday 2nd July

The Fourth Sunday After Trinity

- 10.00 am Eucharist (CW)
President & Preacher: The Vicar
- 10.00 am Family Service at the Church Centre
+ Zoom
Lead: Daphne Pollard
Link: Rosemary Romano
- 12 noon Adult Baptism at the Parish Church
- 6.30 pm Evensong (BCP)
Minister & Preacher: The Vicar

Sunday 9th July

The Fifth Sunday After Trinity

- 10.00 am Parish Eucharist with Baptism (CW)
President: The Vicar
Minister & Preacher: Rev. Nicholas Burton
- 10.00 am Family Service at the Church Centre+ Zoom
Lead: Mary Holmes
Link: Children's Group
- 6.30 pm Evensong (BCP)
Minister & Preacher: Rev. Nicholas Burton

Sunday 16th July

The Sixth Sunday after Trinity

Mission to Seafarers

- 10.00 am Eucharist (CW)
President: The Vicar, Preacher: TBC
- 10.00 am Family Service at the Church Centre + Zoom
Lead: Rev. Nicholas Burton
Link: Viv Littlechild
- 6.30 pm Evensong (BCP)
Minister & Preacher: The Vicar

Sunday 23rd July

The Seventh Sunday after Trinity

- 10.00 am Matins (BCP)
Minister & Preacher: Rev. Nicholas Burton
- 10.00 am Family Service with Holy Communion
at the Church Centre + Zoom
President: The Vicar
Link: Chris Bassett
- 6.30 pm Eucharist (CW)
President & Preacher: The Vicar

Sunday 30th July

The Eighth Sunday after Trinity

- 10.00 am Eucharist (CW)
President & Preacher: The Vicar
- 10.00 am Family Service at the Church Centre + Zoom
Lead: Wendy Anderson
Link: Liz Mankelow & Sophie Carter
- 6.30 pm Compline with Homily
Minister & Preacher: The Vicar

DIARY

Wednesday 5th July

10.30 am Julian Meeting at Chancellor House

Thursday 6th July

6.00 pm Youth Council meet in the Lodge

Sunday 9th July

12 noon Parish Picnic on the Common

Wednesday 12th July

3.00 pm Communion to Chamberlain Court - Lois

Thursday 13th July

10.00 am TWBC Resident's Survey clinic – Church at the Church Centre

10.30 am Communion to Rusthall Lodge – Lois

11.00 am Parish Fellowship trip to Great Comp Garden

Saturday 15th July

5.00 pm The Choir sing Evensong at Westminster Abbey

Thursdays throughout the month

12 for 12.30 Rusthall Lunch Club at the Church Centre



Magazine Article Deadlines

14th August for September

11th September for October

16th October for November

13th November for December/January 2024

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AUGUST

SERVICES

Sunday 6th August

The Ninth Sunday after Trinity

- 10.00 am Eucharist (CW)
President & Preacher: The Vicar
- 10.00 am Family Service at the Church Centre + Zoom
Lead: Jenny Cooper
Link: Rosemary Romano
- 6.30 pm Evensong (BCP)
Minister: The Vicar
Preacher: Rev. Nicholas Burton

Friday 11th August

- 1.00 pm Wedding of Jenny Murray & Ben Perry
at the Parish Church with the Choir

Saturday 12th August

- 1.00 pm Wedding of Jenny Catherine Kay & Charles
Geary at the Parish Church

Sunday 13th August

The Tenth Sunday after Trinity

- 10.00 am Eucharist with Baptism (CW)
President & Preacher: The Vicar
- 10.00 am Family Service at the Church Centre + Zoom
Lead: Linde Horseman
Link: Chris Bassett
- 6.30 pm Junior Choir Concert

Saturday 19th August

- 1.00 pm Wedding of Jenny Hannah Braisted &
Matthew Peckham at the Parish Church
with the Choir

Sunday 20th August

The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

- 10.00 am Eucharist (CW)
President & Preacher: The Vicar
- 10.00 am Family Service at the Church Centre + Zoom
Lead: Susan Powley
Link: Daphne Pilcher
- 6.30 pm Evensong (BCP)
Minister & Preacher: The Vicar

Sunday 27th August

The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

- 10.00 am Matins (BCP)
Minister & Preacher: Rev. Nicholas Burton
- 10.00 am Family Service with Holy Communion
at the Church Centre + Zoom
President: The Vicar
Link: Liz Goddard
- 6.30 pm Eucharist (CW)
Minister & Preacher: The Vicar

DIARY

Thursday 3rd August

- 6.00 pm Youth Council meet in the Lodge

Monday 7th August

- Junior Choir Camp all week
8.00 pm PCC meeting in the Lodge

Thursday 10th August

- 7.30 pm Parish Fellowship visit King Charles the
Martyr then Compline
- 6.30 pm Wedding rehearsal at the Parish Church

Thursday 17th August

- 6.30 pm Wedding rehearsal at the Parish Church

Monday 28th August

Bank Holiday

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Rusthall Community Cinema



A Man Called Otto (2022) Cert 15

Doors open: 6.30pm Saturday 8th July 2023
Director: Marc Forster
Genre: Comedy, Drama
Runtime: 126 mins
Starring: Tom Hanks, Mariana Treviño,
Rachel Keller



What's Love Got to Do with It? (2022) Cert 12

Doors open: 6.30pm Saturday 22nd July 2023
Director: Shekhar Kapur
Genre: Comedy, Romance
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Starring: Mim Shaikh, Iman Boujelouah,
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Please make cheques payable to St Paul's Church, Rusthall and send them to the Parish Office

From the Vicarage

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your continued support, prayers and hard work. Special 'thank you' to Angela Culley, Jean Kerr and everyone involved in organising our Summer Fayre, including all who attended and those who donated items and/or ran the stalls and did the BBQ. A very pleasant time was had by everyone – and over a thousand pounds was raised for church funds in the process.

Recently, someone shared a Bible verse with me which was an integral part of my early discipleship in Hastings Village in Sierra Leone. The verse is one of St Paul's important and timely encouragements to young Timothy: 'Do not let anyone look down on you because you are young, but be an example for the believers in your speech, your conduct, your love, faith, and purity' (1 Timothy 4:12). Over the years, I have used this verse to challenge, encourage and spur myself on - and to encourage and exhort others also. As a young person and a committed Christian growing up in our village and as part of the local Anglican Church, I made it my goal to be a 'model Christian'. In order to achieve this I spent a lot of time reading and studying the Bible – and trying to live according to its teachings and tenets. Another of my favourite 'go-to' verses at this time was another of Paul's advice to Timothy to 'Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth' (2 Timothy 2:15). At the time, I felt that the best way I could be 'an example for the believers' in 'speech...conduct...love, faith, and purity' was by being 'approved' by God and correctly handling God's 'word of truth'. Although I don't use them as readily and often now as I did then, these two verses are foundational pillars on my discipleship journey and continue to 'inform' and influence my dealing and interaction with others.

At a time when negativity can 'swallow' us up, these verses remind me to be supportive and encouraging of others – to be an example through what we say, our conduct and demonstration of God's loving presence which is always inclusive. A word of encouragement could go a long way in positively transforming individuals, situations and outcomes. We are rarely in a situation in which there is no one we could encourage. The challenge is regarding every circumstance and situation as an opportunity for us to be encouraging of others, irrespective of whether they are supportive of us or not. Barnabas was like that. In fact, his real name was not Barnabas but Joseph – a Levite from Cyprus (Acts 4:36). He was called Barnabas – which means 'Son of encouragement' because of his gift of encouraging others, irrespective of who they were. Being an encourager like Barnabas – or, indeed, being obedient to God will sometimes involve taking risks – like Barnabas did with Paul (Acts 9:26, 27). Taking such a risk is made easy when we realise and acknowledge that God is at work in others, despite what we think of them. This in turn, releases us from prejudice and enables us to be 'generous in our judgements and unselfish in our service'.

Being 'generous in our judgements and unselfish in our service' would, inevitably lead to a community in which people feel encouraged and are able to 'be themselves', and are prepared to do/give their best because they know that whatever they do/give would be graciously received and gratefully appreciated. The reality though is that we sometimes find it difficult to 'be ourselves' for fear of what others might think of or say about us, and we are reluctant to do/give our best because we feel it might not be appreciated or that others might judge us negatively. As St. Paul reminds us, we are yet to obtain or achieve the 'ideal' but he also encourages us to keep pressing on to make 'God's ideal' our reality (Philippians 3).

As we continue to serve the generous and compassionate God, may he enable us to always be encouraging of one another and allow his benevolence to be seen in, and experienced through us. Amen.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ronnie". The script is cursive and fluid, with a large initial 'R'.

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Editorial

The summer edition has arrived to go with the summer weather! How lovely to have some properly hot days to soak up the sun, even if it has drained the water butts to the dregs keeping the veggies growing. Sadly it was still a bit cloudy on my son's Wedding Day - it was still wonderful though! Very definitely a 'micro wedding, just 12 attendees, it came in well under the average spend for a UK wedding which currently stands at a whopping £18,400. As they had already bought a maisonette and had 2 children together, they very much wanted to be married, but weren't too fussed about the wedding. Taking the view that anything saved on the wedding could go towards a bigger house as soon as possible, the cost of wedding and honeymoon was kept under £2k! Sadly the wedding has been followed by a family funeral as Andrew's Grandmother, my mother-in-law, has died. Luckily he had visited her only a fortnight before so she had met her youngest great-grandson, Bertie.



Summer sport is getting going, both men and women's cricket teams are fighting for the Ashes, pre-Wimbledon tennis tournaments and then Wimbledon to come. I shall be trying to watch some of the Tour de France, especially to see if Mark Cavendish will get just one more stage win to take the record of stage wins outright before his retirement. I hope he doesn't wait for the final stage as he did on the Giro d'Italia, though it did make for a very exciting finish. For amateur cyclists you can read about cycle touring in this magazine and also how to sign up for the annual Ride and Stride event. No need to wait for the autumn for football though, the FIFA Women's World Cup is being held in Australia/New Zealand from 20th July to 20th August.

On 5th July the country will be recognising 75 years of the NHS. Despite the current problems with staff vacancies and the need to catch up with surgeries cancelled during the pandemic, it is surely something to be proud of that we can all rest assured that an accident or illness can be treated without fear of being unable to afford the treatment.

Other commemorative days in July and August include International Joke Day on 1st July, so... Why aren't dogs good dancers? Because they have 2 left feet! July 7th is International Chocolate Day but make sure you choose dark chocolate which is lower in sugar and higher in polyphenols so it's better for you. All young witches and wizards know that 31st July is Harry Potter's birthday (he's 43 this year) and 4th August is International Owl Awareness Day. Its International Cat Day on 8th August and Dog Day on 26th August. That night is also International Bat Night, so go for a late walk and see if you can spot one flying around. 13th August is Left Handers Day. In the past they have been considered evil, the term sinister even comes from the Latin for left, and schools would insist that children write with their right hand. Only about 10% of the population is left-handed, and they can find it difficult to use tools designed for the majority right-handers, such as scissors, can openers and potato peelers. Writing with ink can be difficult as they can smudge still-wet ink as they write and writing in ring-binders leaves their hand jammed against the rings. Monday 28th August is the last Bank Holiday before Christmas Day – so make the most of it.

The magazine team are now taking their annual summer holiday. I shall be glad of the break; life is looking pretty daunting for the next couple of months. I am having a new kitchen and utility room installed (if I tell you that my current one was put in January 1989 you will appreciate that this is well overdue). This means that I have to get the contents of my kitchen and utility rooms boxed up and put into storage, together with clearing the garage which will be needed to store the new units pre-installation. As my garage still holds much of the contents of my late father's bungalow, and the possessions that Andrew doesn't have room for in his tiny flat, this is no small task! Anyway, enough of my problems! Articles for the September magazine should reach us by Sunday 13th August please.

PS If you still have stamps showing the head of Queen Elizabeth and no barcode you need to send them to the Post Office Stamp Swap-Out Scheme by the end of July. See the March magazine for details.

Deborah Bruce and Sue Hare

From The Registers

Baptisms – we welcome as newly Baptised members of the church

Maya Lee Hixon

Marriages – we ask God to bless the marriage of

Tessa Mallia and Harry Wilson



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Churchwardens' Notes



Now that the Action Plan is being implemented, here is a brief resume, as to how we reached this position. One thing is certain: it will not be rushed.

During the Day of Prayer detailed notes were taken, and these were then organised into the Action Plan, which consists of seven sections.

Great progress has been made in two areas:

- the raising of much-needed funds thanks to the 100 club
- the development of the Youth Council.

The Plan will be discussed at future PCC meetings and we look forward to the expansion of the outreach opportunities. It will remain at the forefront of our actions and is the way ahead. One of the key features of this development is the release of the questionnaire and the analysis of the answers.

A new website is being developed, it is waiting for the last few pieces of information.

We are planning to organise volunteer work parties for the church and the churchyard.

Rod and I have used the internet a lot and gathered information and ideas from sites dealing with what makes a vibrant church community. It is vital that we work together to achieve this and it struck us on Thursday that this can be fun. We now have a lively group of volunteers, who clean the church. It may seem a boring prospect, but the atmosphere is so friendly and positive, that we work for just over an hour and then share coffee and conversation, with much laughter, in the Lodge afterwards. The numbers mean that we can cover holidays with ease.

Three members of the church attended a talk on intercessions one Saturday morning at the beginning of June. Nicola Brookes, Tim Harrold and Chris Reece found the talk rewarding and the journey there and back to T. Wells was an opportunity to share ideas on a wide range of subjects. I feel that the material would be of

benefit to the church members, but wonder how it can best be used. Suggestions are welcome.

Rod and I continue to widen our knowledge and our social contacts. In the next few weeks we shall be meeting the Archdeacon and the Bishop. Rod has already passed the first two stages of Risk Assessment, I still have to build up sufficient 'umph' to tackle this task.

Looking back, we are amazed by what seems to be a maze of problems before we could become wardens, the C of E does not make it easy.

We both feel that we could vaunt with confidence the good points of the church: the setting is pleasant, quiet and is safe for children, once you have crossed the road. The choir is outstanding; this has struck me in particular on two occasions: the visit to Norwich Cathedral in May 2022 and when we processed into church on Palm Sunday this year. As we entered the church and the sopranos began to sing the effect was electrifying. It is a privilege to be associated with such a group of enthusiastic musicians. You will all have aspects of church life, which you could add to this list. I just wonder how many of you think of the hard work put in by the team creating the magazine. Our sincere thanks go to them.

There is much to look forward to, we shall continue to stress the many positive features of St. Paul's Church.

Chris Reece and Rod Garcia-Fermer

Family Service Picnic Sunday 9th July from 10 am



I'm pleased to announce that our children's group will be taking over the service and afterwards we will have a BYO (Bring Your Own) picnic on the common opposite the church centre. We hope as many of you will be able to join us for this fun and friendly gathering.

Please contact Mary with any queries:
mary@mandmcreative.co.uk

A Musical Note



On Saturday 10th June we hosted the RSCM at the Parish Church for the Voice for Life Exams. These exams are a mixture of sung items, supporting musical tests and questions testing knowledge of church services and how biblical texts relate to the music we sing. There were nine candidates in total, three taking the Bronze Award, four taking the Silver Award and two for the Gold Award. Of these nine candidates, six were from Rusthall with Jess Biggerstaff, Hannah Hughes and Maddie Shoard taking the Bronze exam and Izzy Biggerstaff, Alice Hughes and Daniel Toombs taking the Silver exam.

The exams ran from 10am to 6pm as they are very long exams, the gold exam takes an hour! The examiner, Hannah Parry, was lovely and we were also joined for the day by the exam supervisor, Sue Moore, who made sure that everything ran smoothly. We used the lodge as the warm up area, having put a keyboard in there and that way tea and coffee was available throughout the day for those waiting for exams. Also available was a choice of three amazing cakes that Deborah Bruce had made and these were gratefully consumed by the candidates once their exams were finished. Roland Millar also kindly brought more delicious treats in the afternoon which were all eaten by the end of the day! Roland also found himself having to page turn which was a bit unexpected but thanks to him for coming along and supporting us and to Deborah who stayed for the whole day which was great.

The exams are really quite intensive and they take a lot of work to prepare for. For both the bronze and silver exams you have to sing three verses of a hymn, the second verse of which is unaccompanied to see whether you can stay in tune when the piano is taken away. You have to sing an unaccompanied item which is plainsong for the silver award and a spiritual for the bronze exam. Again they are looking to see if you can maintain the pitch and also for an understanding of the style of music you are singing. You then have to sing a psalm and then for the bronze award you sing one anthem. For the silver exam you sing two anthems from different musical periods. It is very strange singing anthems without the other parts around you and also a challenge singing a choral piece as a soloist. The breathing has to be so carefully

considered when you can't just stagger the breathing in the long phrases! After this they do sight singing tests and then technical musical questions like a comprehension but with a piece of music, deciphering the Italian terms, key signatures, dynamics etc. Then it is aural tests which includes singing intervals and identifying triads in different inversions. Then they have a section called 'Choir in context' which is where you have to talk about different Christian festivals in the church year, the communion service, the parts of the church, a Eucharist service and in depth knowledge of the Lord's Prayer and Chorister's Prayer. For the silver exam they also have to read aloud a passage from the Bible and identify which part of the church year it might come from. They also have to discuss their own role within the choir and what they feel they have gained from being a part of the choir.

These exams are designed to be challenging and to push people to really think about singing in the choir as a part of the wider ministry of the church. Huge thanks to our amazing accompanists, Anthony Hughes, Caroline Johnson and Paul Jeffery who so kindly came and played for the candidates and rehearsed with them. I've just had the results back as I am writing and all of our candidates have done brilliantly well and passed with some very high marks which is great. They will now be entitled to wear different ribbons with green for the bronze award and purple for the silver award and we will present these during a church service in the near future.



On Tuesday 13th June, my Mum and I travelled to Cardiff for the day to listen to Alex Aitken's final recital for his music degree at Cardiff University.

Alex is an amazing flautist and it was great to be able to see him perform. He started his recital with a Suite by Boismortier accompanied on the harpsichord. I was so impressed by the way that he played each movement of this suite. He led the harpsichord brilliantly and played with such musicality in the slow movements. His next piece

was a solo unaccompanied piece (very brave) by Ibert. This was technically very challenging but what was so lovely about Alex's performance was that the lyricism was never compromised by these tricky elements and the high notes spoke out brilliantly well.

Alex's third piece was the Hindemith Sonata for Flute and Piano. Hindemith was a real advocate for wind instruments, writing many concertos and sonatas to demonstrate their versatility. Alex played this sonata beautifully and I loved the changes in articulation which worked so well with his accompanist.

It was an incredible privilege to be at this recital and I know that so many of you will have watched his performances at our choir concerts over the years and really enjoyed watching his musical progress. Alex has been at the forefront of everything that the choir has done in the last thirteen years and the extent of what he has contributed to the choir could fill this entire magazine! We are all so incredibly proud of what he has achieved and just feel so lucky that we have been able to be a part of his musical journey. He was very kind in the introduction to his dissertation to mention the choir so I'll just end by quoting what he said.

"Finally, I would like to thank Ms. Fiona Johnson, and the choir of St Paul's, Rusthall, for without their passion and commitment to music education, I would not be here in the first place. The support they have shown me throughout my entire music education has been unwavering, and they have instilled a passion for choral music which has supported me throughout the whole of my education."

On Saturday 15th July the choir will be singing Evensong at Westminster Abbey. The service will start at 5 pm. The choir will be travelling up by train earlier in the day so that we can rehearse in the Abbey, but it would be lovely if some of the St Paul's congregation could be there too. It is free to enter if attending a service. Please let me know if you wish to attend as it may be possible to let you have a reserved seat near the choir stalls.

Fiona Johnson

The Pet Service

On the warm evening of Sunday 11th June the annual Pet Service was held in the grounds of the Church. A first this year was the attendance of a pony, Hugo, who gave rides to children after the service.

Here are some pictures taken on the day.



‘If Only’

In order to meet the Editor’s deadline I am writing this before that date as we depart for Europe on the 6th June on one of our train journeys to take in the Amalfi Coast and then Sicily taking different routes there and back. Unfortunately, there is a General Strike in France on the 6th but we have been reliably informed that, as I write, our Eurostar and train to Cannes (our first stop) are scheduled to run. However, that does leave us with getting across Paris from Gare du Nord to Gare du Lyon. We will return, God willing, in time for the joint service at the Church Centre on the 25th June so hope to be able to tell the tale. Coincidentally, it will be my 75th birthday on the 25th and after the events of last year I am glad to be around to celebrate a half milestone. In village and club cricket a score of 75 and over was regarded in my playing days as very good and in fact I achieved it only once for my club the MCC. That is Mottingham Cricket Club before you get excited. I made 77 not out one Saturday afternoon and was convinced that I would have scored a ton (one hundred runs) had the rest of the team not been bowled out. Definitely, one of those ‘If Only’ moments. It earned me the nickname of Sunset strip from my team mates but you would have to be my vintage to understand why. The nickname might stump even our esteemed Editors. [Eds 88 – not us Tim, we’re bingo fanatics!]

We are now in Ordinary time, which in the Church of England means the period between Pentecost and Advent. It is a time when it allows for more continuous reading of the Bible and that is my theme in this article. I guess that you might say ‘if only’ on the basis that life is hectic but perhaps I could encourage you. I have taken the lectionary readings set for the eighth Sunday of Trinity which conveniently is the halftime date in the coverage of this magazine. The Readings are listed at the end for convenience.

Our Patron Saint Paul wrote that ‘I am certain, that neither death nor life nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.’ It is hard to imagine a more confident affirmation of faith and it might well prompt a reaction If Only.

The reason is that such conviction does not come easily - it didn’t to Paul and it doesn’t now. Paul’s background and education as a Pharisee installed in him a care for every joy and title of Old Testament law, just as it did in the minds of the scribes and Pharisees who were so often at the sharp end of Jesus’ tongue and, not only because they had failed to see the light but because they prevented others from doing so. The light of God’s love for his

people, indeed for the whole creation, and his desire for justice, are persistent themes throughout the Old Testament, yet it was somehow simpler to focus on the do’s and don’ts rather than how people should be, how they should live their lives in relationship to God. It is of course a big ‘if only’ moment because what applied then could most definitely apply in the 21st Century.

Paul famously saw the light on the road to Damascus, but I am pretty sure that it was more than one event which led to the absolute conviction that Paul expressed in his letter to the Romans. It was no easy ride for Paul in proclaiming Jesus Christ as the promised Lord and saviour as illustrated in Acts 9 when he escapes an angry mob in Damascus by being lowered in a basket from the City Walls. Such experiences only confirmed his belief that Jesus was Lord and that nothing can separate us from his love. Which brings me to ourselves and the ‘if only’ points of our faith. How easy do we find it to believe someone if they have experienced a complete change of heart or to forgive and learn to trust again those who have hurt us in the past? ‘If only’ moments perhaps!

I am absolutely certain that despite the ringing affirmation of faith in Paul’s letter to the Romans I’m convinced that Paul must have had his moments of fear and doubts just as Jesus did in the Garden of Gethsemane and of course in our own lives we all have had doubts and fears. I certainly have. We can work to establish the kingdom of heaven here on earth but what might it look like?

Well, if you read the Gospel of Matthew you will gain plenty of pointers in his down to earth way. It will flourish, given half a chance, something to be treasured and to be worked for. When John the Baptist, languishing in prison, sought reassurance from Jesus that he was the one Jesus pointed out what he was doing in the world, healing the sick and preaching good news to the poor. Of course when we look around at the world around us and we see, what climate change is doing to the planet and the human suffering on an unprecedented scale how can we see signs of the Kingdom? If only, I hear you say. However, we tend to look at the bad news and not hear the good but you know there are glimpses of it and the work that people do searching for peace or the things that are being done to preserve our planet ought to give us hope for the future for us to continue working and praying for the establishment of the kingdom of heaven here on earth.

The ancient Israelites were called ‘the chosen people’ not because they were God’s favourites but because they were chosen to fulfil a particular role,

to be a light to lighten the Gentiles. So there is work for us to do, stand up for justice, to champion the poor and the weak, to feed the hungry in body and spirit and to preach the good news in word and deed.

Very few of us get to make great cricketers, great evangelists or intrepid explorers but we are all cut out for something. Our 'if only' moment is to recognise that and take responsibility as faithful followers of Christ to exercise the gifts we have been given in the service of God and his whole creation.

Recommended Reading:
Romans 8. 26-39,
Matthew 13. 31-33, 44-52.

Have a wonderful summer.

Tim Cripps

St Paul's Parish Fellowship

Elaine Bruce "Impartiality – can the media ever get it right?"

There was an excellent turnout for Elaine's talk on 8 June. Members and non-members of the Fellowship attended, everyone clearly eager to hear Elaine speak on this hot topic. She guided us through the arguments and the complexities of the issues in an engaging and thought-provoking way. I came away clear in my own mind that there are no easy answers and that checking facts and sources was always of the essence. Thank you, Elaine.

Future Dates

Thursday 13 July

Outing to Great Comp Garden, Great Comp Lane, St Mary's Platt, Sevenoaks Kent TN15 8QS. We meet at 11am at the entrance to the garden.

Thursday 10 August at 7.30pm

Church visit to King Charles the Martyr, followed by Compline.

Vreni Gould

The things children say

Child: Mrs B was cross with us at school today.

Mother: Oh dear what did she say?

Child: She didn't say anything. She just gave us one of her looks!!



Survey

We are conducting a survey amongst the local community to understand what people would like from your Parish Church. The survey is open to everyone from the local area regardless of your faith and whether you live within the Parish itself.

The survey will be totally anonymous and no records will be kept of your email address or IP address. You will have the option to disclose your contact details in the survey should you so wish. The survey will run until the **end of July**.

There are a number of ways you can access the survey:

- By using the QR code below:



- By entering directly into your browser:
<https://forms.gle/jSffhs2HVViiph4Cv7>
- By going to the St. Paul's Rusthall website, www.stpaulsrusthall.org.uk and clicking on the link to the survey
- Whilst our preference is to receive the survey electronically, we recognise this is not always possible. As a result, you can also access hard copies of the survey at either *St. Paul's Parish Church*, *St. Paul's Church Centre* in the High Street or at *Rusthall Library* also on the High Street.

You can also email survey@stpaulsrusthall.org.uk to request a hard copy of the survey. This email address can also be used if you have any issues in accessing the survey.

On Your Bike!

On the evening of 25th May, Ian and I, along with Susan and Kevin Powley, 2 bikes and a tandem, drove to Portsmouth Ferry terminal to meet up with 6 other cycling friends to start our tour of the Normandy coast.

We enjoyed a smooth overnight ferry crossing to Cherbourg where we disembarked after a very early breakfast!



It was quite easy to navigate out of the ferry port and join the lovely quiet dedicated cycle ways. Ian had planned all the route and accommodation and made sure everyone had downloaded a route map onto the electronic devices on their bikes. I didn't need one as I don't have any choice where I'm going as stoker on the tandem!!



We also had another tandem in our group which led to quite a few double takes from passers-by.

We started with a gentle ride to the lovely little port of Barfleur for lunch, moving on to St Vaast-La-Hougue for our first night. The short cycling distance allowed time to explore the historic fort there and enjoy a nice evening meal before retiring to the beautiful Fuschia hotel (the whole front was covered in a climbing fuschia).



Isigny Sur Mer

From St. Vaast-La-Hougue we moved on to the pretty town of Isigny Sur Mer - famous for butter and soft cheese, for our second night. We then took a detour inland to visit the beautiful city of Bayeux and the famous tapestry.



Bayeux Cathedral



Arromanches-Les Bains





Our cycle tour took us past Omaha, Utah and Juno beaches and several museums dedicated to the story of the D Day landings on 6th June 1944. Each museum was very different describing aspects of the landings from the amazing feat of collaborative pre planning and training, to the landing crafts, flooded marshes and individual stories from soldiers and French residents.

In Arromanches-Les Bains there is a new museum which has a lot of fascinating information about the designing, building and execution of the Mulberry harbours to allow the British to supply ongoing arms and equipment following the beach landings. There are many monuments and statues along the way but those overlooking the bay of Arromanches-Les Bains are the most moving in my opinion.



Remains of Mulberry Harbour at Arromanche. These artificial harbours were floated over the channel and used to enable cargo and men to be rapidly offloaded despite the shallow water of the beaches.

The last night was spent in Arromanches-Les Bains before a very windy, sand blasted ride to the return ferry at Ouistreham on the Bank Holiday afternoon. Not such a calm voyage and the less said about that the better, other than it was 6 hours long!!!

We are now back in Blighty and after watching the ITV programme “My Grandad’s War” on 5th June, showing the areas we had visited, it really brought it home to us how much sacrifice and bravery there was during WW2 for our freedom and how this is very sadly continuing around the world today, especially in Ukraine.



However, the trip was not all about the D Day Landings. The route we followed was very beautiful, taking us through lovely sandstone villages, past churches with their typical Normandy towers, along canal paths and across fields of wheat and barley. The roads were very flat, quiet and mostly we followed a dedicated cycle route (<https://en.francevelotourisme.com/cycle-route>) - similar to the Sustrans cycle paths in the UK (<https://www.sustrans.org.uk/national-cycle-network>).

A big thankyou to my pilot Ian for his meticulous planning and getting us all there and back in one piece – just about!!

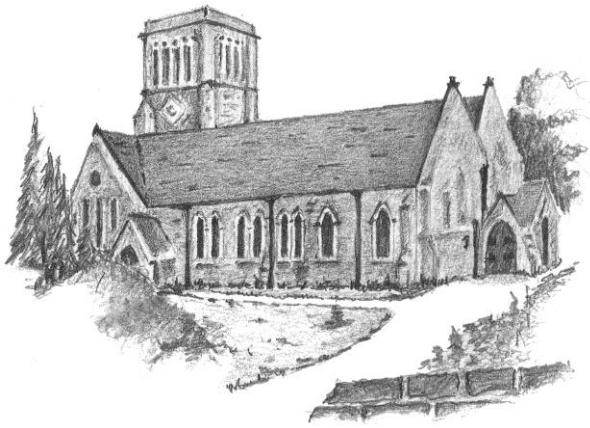
Now is the time to think ahead to future cycle rides – swapping croissants for cakes and the annual **Ride and Stride on 9th September**.

Please let me know if you would like to have a go either on the Romney Marsh – where it is very flat and the roads are very quiet, or in Tunbridge Wells (where they are not so much!). I have routes for both areas for those interested in riding or striding. I will also be looking for people to man both churches on the day so please save the date.

<https://www.kentrideandstride.co.uk/how-to-get-involved>

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Who can use it?

Anyone can come and visit the community larder. There are no restrictions, no booking necessary, just turn up with a carrier bag to fill.

How much does it cost?

We suggest a small cash donation of £2 or as much as you can afford. For this you can take away a bag full of quality food.

We'd love to see you!

For more information please email contact@rusthallvillage.org or telephone 07805 475397

Animals of the Bible

Part 6 Wild Animals

Wolves are mentioned a dozen or so times in the Bible. They are not actually described as killing either people or sheep, but they clearly had the same habits as they do today. In several verses wicked people are compared to ravenous wolves. In John's Gospel Jesus, when telling about the Good Shepherd, tell us that when a hireling and not the shepherd who actually owns the sheep sees a wolf coming, will run for it and leave the sheep to the mercy of the wolf. The Bible refers more often to wolves rather than a lone wolf, but those who have studied the behaviour of wolves say that packs of wolves are rare.



Foxes and jackals are closely related and it is possible that the word fox covered both animals in the Bible. When the Bible was translated into our

language foxes would have been known, but not jackals. In the cruel story of Samson and the foxes (which he tied together with a lit torch and set loose to create destruction in the Philistines' fields and vineyards) it is more probable that they were actually jackals. Jackals were very plentiful in Palestine and it would have been quite possible to have caught 150 couples that Samson is said to have used.

In the Song of Solomon we read about the little foxes that spoil the vines and eat the tender grapes. In this case they probably were foxes because a fox is a mixed feeder, eating all sorts of small animals including insects and plenty of fruit during the summer and autumn. It is a fact that even today when the grapes are ripening foxes can do serious damage.

When Herod was once described by Jesus as that wicked fox it is more than probable that he was referring to a jackal. The jackal spends much of its time hanging around waiting for scraps left by bigger animals. The dictionary tells us that when a person is called a jackal – the person is describing someone who does mean and dirty work for another person. This description does indeed fit Herod.

Today the wolf, the fox and the jackal are all somewhat rare in Bible lands.

Lions were very well known to the Hebrews although probably most of them would never have seen one. They are mentioned more often than any other wild animal in the Bible and are generally used to portray strength. Although lions are so often mentioned there is nothing to suggest

that they were common in Palestine. The Bible does record several cases of people being killed by them but it is clear they were exceptions. The same is true today. If people behave foolishly and go looking for trouble they will find it.

The bear is often mentioned in the Bible and is still found today in some of the more mountainous parts of the Middle East. In early days the territories of the lion and the bear just overlapped – one belonging to warmer climates and one to colder ones. Probably, because of this, David is one of the few people who could have claimed to kill a lion and a bear in one place. Bears are mentioned 14 times in the Bible and three of these are references to bears being robbed of their cubs. This may be surprisingly but we know from ancient records that kings and nobles were keen to have a bear in their collection. A cub could probably be fairly easily caught and transported. They are very easy to bring up in captivity and they stay tame for many months.



The beast of prey which was most frequently found in Bible lands and is still found there today is the hyena.

Jewish writers had four different names for the hyena and one of them means 'something streaked' and it is more than probably that in Jeremiah 12 v 9 it was a striped hyena who was being referred to. This animal seems to have been designed especially for scavenging. It has just about the most powerful jaws in the whole world and few bones are too hard for it. To the Hebrews it was a robber of graves which was one reason that people, when they could manage it, arranged to be buried in rock tombs with a huge slab of stone rolled across the entrance. Bodies buried in the ground were not safe, even when covered with huge boulders.

The leopard is about the same size as the hyena, but it is as graceful as the hyena is ugly and awkward. It is mentioned several times in the Bible by a Hebrew name meaning 'spotted one'. The best known Bible reference comes from Jeremiah in the proverb we use today – Can the Ethiopian change his skin or the leopard his spots. It is also possible that the name 'spotted one' referred to the cheetah. When Habakkuk claimed that Chaldean horses were swifter than leopards he was probably referring to the cheetah. They can touch up to 70 miles per hour in a brief sprint but on the whole they can do 40 mph. while a horse has set the record for around 43 mph. Leopards are more heavily built than cheetahs and good for only short bursts of speed.

Daphne Pilcher

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Down the Garden Path

'June is the month of roses!' I have no idea who first said that but it's a phrase that has certainly been repeated an uncountable number of times.

In my garden I had – at the last count – seventeen different varieties! All are cared for by an enthusiastic friend, and another man who sprays them in early spring in the hope of keeping them free from Black Spot. This last mentioned job is only partially effective, as I avoid the really strong spray because it also kills insects which are enjoyed by birds and ladybirds.



My latest gift – from my son – is a rather strange rose named 'For Your Eyes Only'. The flat, open petals are an attractive, if rather odd, display of dark, medium, then pale pink. It is said these types of flat, open blooms offer a safe and easy landing place for pollinating insects; in this rose it gives us a surprisingly effective view of yellow pollen!



Rosa 'For Your Eyes Only'

There is much discussion about climate change and this year I was not at all pleased when an early mild spell brought out buds and flowers which were then killed by frosty nights. However, I remember my mother's roses being covered in snow! So maybe we are not doomed by climate

change and 'we' will continue to grumble about the weather in the foreseeable future!

Roses have been displayed for many years and for many reasons: Roman armies used them as signals of victory, while Nero was said to enjoy food but dislike the smell, which is why his banquets were always thickly adorned with roses! (No! I do not remember it, I read about it!)

Ancient government in the Middle Ages displayed roses to signify secrecy, while even today, in Scotland, we are not informed of discussions which are 'sub rosa'!

Rose water is produced by boiling rose petals in water and condensing the vapour. Among various uses, other than perfume, this vapour is used as flavouring in 'Turkish Delight' and 'Pistachio' confectionery.



Rosa 'Gertrude Jekyll'

We must not forget (nor, in my case, buy!) 'attar' of roses – used in the most expensive of all perfumes – produced from seven thousand blooms picked in early morning, distilled immediately from the vapour, which yields one teaspoonful of oil that is unspeakably valuable.

I will end with my favourite quote:

'The flavour of rose desserts teeters between transcendent bliss and the sensation of eating soap!'

(Jonathan Drori)

Elsie Emes

P.S. I can't remember the name of the creamy yellow rose pictured top left (I know I knew it once!!) If you know what it is please tell me!

Poems for the Summer Months

Trees! They inspire us all year, including in full summer. They may be our guardians, witnesses, friends, teachers... The third tree poem is one of sorrow and hope for Ukraine and all war-torn places.

Susan Barber

Yew and Me

I've seen you come, and I've seen you go,
For fifteen hundred years or so.

Call me guardian, call me friend,
I see you begin, I see you end.

All your lives you walk me by,
Never a care if I live or die.

I grew the wood that made your longbows.
Remember at Crecy, we helped defeat your foes.

Evergreen I am, and ever beside you,
As close as your family, your own true yew.

From where I stand, I have known you all,
Weeks and Sully, and all of the family Hall.

"Joan Weeks, beloved wife, and mother dear,
Gone to rest, have no fear.

With Charlie again where they knew they'd be,
Together again, for eternity."

A child she was when I saw her there,
A beetle on her palm, a heart full of care.

And gathering primroses every spring.
I saw her dancing, heard her sing.

I was there when she married, all in white,
Charlie her darling. How the sun shone bright.

She passed me by with her children too,
They looked up and laughed as the swallows flew.

She sat in my shade, lost in widow's dreams,
Longing to know what it all means.

Well now she knows, as I've always known,
That to be is enough, to have lived, to have grown.

Michael Morpurgo

Lost

Stand still. The trees ahead and bushes beside you
Are not lost. Wherever you are is called Here,
And you must treat it as a powerful stranger,
Must ask permission to know it and be known.
The forest breathes. Listen. It answers.
I have made this place around you.
If you leave it, you may come back again, saying
Here.
No two trees are the same to Raven.
No two branches are the same to Wren.
If what a tree or a bush does is lost on you,
You are surely lost. Stand still. The forest knows
Where you are. You must let it find you.

David Wagoner



The Singing Tree

The swing hangs, swaying in the wind,
Empty, waiting.
The slide stands silent, full of fallen leaves,
Empty, waiting.
The climbing frame has no more climbing
children,
Empty, waiting.

I'm alone in the park, the solitary tree,
The others are all gone.
Splintered and charred or broken, by bombs.
The others are all gone.
Or taken for firewood to keep out the cold.
The others are all gone.

No running feet, no skipping rhymes,
Only a swinging broken window.
No note of music, no voice to be heard.
Only a swinging broken window.
No car going by, no bicycle bell.
Only a swinging broken window.

They bombed out the houses, they burnt down the
flats.
But no one got me.
The people died or the people left.
But no one got me.
They killed our heaven and made it a hell,
But no one got me.

One morning I woke to music again,
In me, the singing tree.
The birds were back, in my branches,
In me, the singing tree.
A new dawn chorus for a whole new world,
In me, the singing tree.

The people who left came home again,
They grew new trees for me.
In time, rebuilt, restored, remade,
They grew new trees for me.
And the birds they sang their song again,
In me, their singing tree.

Michael Morpurgo



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Activity Pages

Word Search – Clothing

At the end you will be left with seven unused letters which might refer to something worn in school.

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ANORAK	BIKINI
BOA	BRA
CARDIGAN	CLOG
DRESSINGGOWN	GILET
HABIT	HAT
HELMET	HOOD
JERKIN	KILT
MITT	PANAMA
PINAFORE	RUFF
SARI	SASH
SCARF	SKIRT
SPATS	TABARD
TIARA	TIE
TROUSERS	TUNIC
TURBAN	WADERS
WAISTCOAT	WIG

Twenty Questions to Test You

1. What fur is usually used for trimming robes
2. Who was the first named shepherd in the Bible
3. Who are the parents of Cygnets
4. Who was the elder brother of Moses
5. In which city was St Paul born
6. The American name for Autumn
7. Which city did God want Jonah to visit
8. What name was given to the food miraculously provided to the Israelites during their wanderings in the Wilderness
9. Name of a Tibetan ox
10. What is the name given to the main body of the church
11. An artificial waterway
12. What is the last letter of the Greek alphabet
13. What is the name for carbonated water
14. With which country do you associate Fidel Castro
15. In which mountain range will you find the Matterhorn
16. Which festival celebrates the birthday of the Christian Church
17. What were the Ancient Peruvians called
18. Who is the patron saint of Ireland
19. What is the Welsh name for Wales
20. What name is given to the song sung by Zechariah and now sung at Mattins.

Mini Beast Maze

Hidden in the maze are ten mini beasts. You can find them by moving from one letter to the next, up or down, left or right, but never diagonally. You pass through each letter once only.

I	D	E	R	F	R	O
P	U	L	S	T	B	G
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P	W	Y	L	A	E	T
S	A	B	E	E	R	F
T	O	R	I	D	A	L
H END	M	D	B	Y	L	Y

Make the Bee Grow

1	B	E	E							A tree
2	B	E	E							A drink made from hops
3	B	E	E							Meat from a cow
4	B	E	E							A German composer
5	B	E	E							Member of the insect family, often black
6	B	E	E							Past tense of the verb TO BE
7	B	E	E							Often used in salads
8	B	E	E							Warder of the Tower of London

A General Crossword

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Clues Across

- A colourful salad fruit
- Tailless monkeys
- Spread on bread
- Irish singer who won the Eurovision Song Contest with "All Kinds of Everything"
- Male sheep
- Creature connected with St George
- A deer has two
- A young goat
- Weather sometimes welcomed
- A blur
- Might summon you to a meal
- London river

Clues Down

- A knight's sleeveless coat
- Busy insects
- A rowing implement
- Bird often seen strutting around in formal gardens
- The wise men followed one
- Might be worn in a plait
- Large house
- Yorkshire valley
- Mammary glands of a cow
- Croaking pond dweller
- Stage in the life of an insect
- Opposite of stand

Two Tree Riddle-me-Rees

My first is in both sand and sea
 My second's in she but not in he
 My last is in wheel but not in tyre
 My whole reminds us there has been a fire

My first is in both but and ben
 My second's in ink but not in pen
 My third is in church but not in nave
 My fourth is in cave but not in wave
 My last is in both hen and chick
 My whole was used as a punishment stick.

How the Months got their Names – Part 4

JANUARY

This month was named after Janus, a god who could look back into the past and see everything that had happened and look forward to future events. When the Romans made statues of Janus they gave him two faces, one looking back and one looking forward. The temple of Janus had twelve windows and four doors – a window for every month and a door for each of the seasons.

FEBRUARY

This month was not named after a god. The name comes from a word meaning ‘to make pure’. During February, the ground which has seemed dead for so long suddenly begins to show signs of new life. The Romans thought that one of their gods actually came and touched the tired ground and made it pure and fresh again. The god who did this was called Pan. Pan was not like other gods because he was half man and half goat. His body was covered with goat’s hair and his feet and ears were like those of a goat. He loved music and during February people sang songs and danced to please him.

A Quick Tour of towns around Great Britain

A crossword where the last letter of one answer is the first letter of the next.

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1. City on the River Avon
2. Capital of the UK
3. City on the River Tyne
4. Ancient city on the River Exe
5. Cathedral city in North Yorkshire
6. City connected with Robin Hood
7. County town of Kent
8. Capital of Scotland

9. Sounds like a farm implement
10. Home of a Royal Castle
11. Cathedral town of Kent
12. Sounds like a game of sport
13. This city is the residence of an Archbishop
14. Market time on the Scottish Borders lying between the Tweed and the Teviot
15. Famous university town
16. Capital of the Isle of Man
17. Town where William Wallace defeated the English at the Battle of Bannockburn
18. Ship building city on the Clyde
19. Kentish town known for its oysters
20. Home of a Surrey racecourse
21. Town on the River Alyn in Flintshire
22. Coastal city on the Estuary of the Firth of Tay
23. Home of a well known Public school
24. City in Norfolk
25. Important port in Essex
26. Town in the SE corner of Hampshire
27. Cathedral City in Cornwall
28. Resort town in Argyll and Bute
29. County town on the Isle of Wight
30. Was the principal centre of Royal power of the Anglo-Saxon kingdom of Mercia
31. Famous for its lace
32. Cornwall’s principal holiday resort
33. It is the home of a country park which includes Nine Springs
34. City in Yorkshire on the south bank of the River Aire
35. Second largest city in Wales

SUDOKU

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ANSWERS

Clothing Wordsearch – the unused letters spell Uniform

Twenty Questions to Test You

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|----------------------|----------|---------------|
| 1 Ermine | 2 Abel | 3 Swans |
| 4 Aaron | 5 Tarsus | 6 The Fall |
| 7 Nineveh | 8 Manna | 9 Yak |
| 10 Nave | 11 Canal | 12 Omega |
| 13 Soda | 14 Cuba | 15 The Alps |
| 16 Whitsun/Pentecost | 17 Incas | |
| 18 Patrick | 19 Cymru | 20 Benedictus |

Make the Bee Grow

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|-------------|-------------|--------|
| 1 Beech | 2 Beer | 3 Beef |
| 4 Beethoven | 5 Beetle | 6 Been |
| 7 Beetroot | 8 Beefeater | |

Two Riddle-me-Rees

Ash Birch

Mini Beast Maze

Fly Bee Ant Slug Wasp
Spider Frog Butterfly Ladybird
Moth

A General Crossword

Across

- | | | |
|-----------|---------|-----------|
| 1 Tomato | 5 Apes | 7 Butter |
| 8 Dana | 10 Ram | 12 Dragon |
| 14 Antler | 15 Kid | 18 Rain |
| 19 Smudge | 20 Gong | 21 Thames |

Down

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|------------|---------|-----------|
| 1 Tabard | 2 Ants | 3 Oar |
| 5 Peacock | 6 Star | 9 Hair |
| 11 Mansion | 12 Dale | 13 Udders |
| 14 Frog | 17 Pupa | 19 Sit |

A Crossword with a Difference – A quick tour of towns around Great Britain

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|---------------|--------------|--------------|
| 1 Bristol | 2 London | 3 Newcastle |
| 4 Exeter | 5 Ripon | 6 Nottingham |
| 7 Maidstone | 8 Edinburgh | 9 Harrow |
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All worshippers who are baptised members of the Church of England, and aged over 16, should have their names entered on the Electoral Roll. This entitles them to attend and vote at the Annual Parochial Meeting. Forms for enrolment will be found in the Parish Church or the Parish Office and should be sent to the Vicar.



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