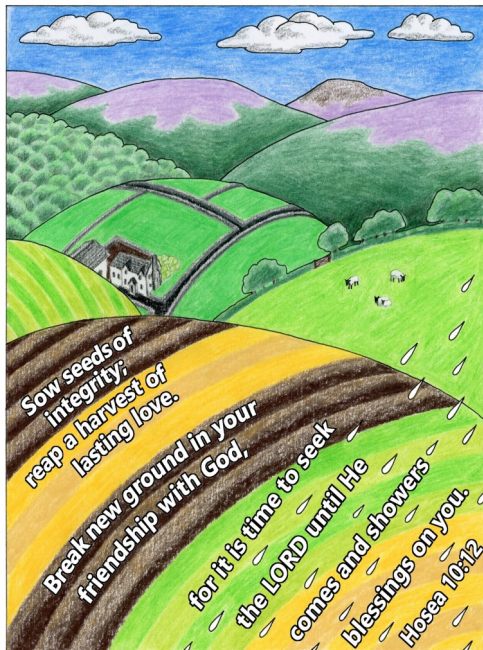


# The Voice of St Paul's

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## A Letter from Rev'd Liz Rowles

I am delighted to be able to start this article by telling you that I have now been confirmed as the next Team Vicar in the Heatons. This is a very exciting time for me and my family as we look forward to my licensing and to moving into the vicarage on Priestnall Road in the coming months. At the same time as the announcement was made about my appointment it was also confirmed that St. Mary's Church in Reddish would also be coming into the team, making the team, St. Thomas's, Christ with All Saints, St. John's, St. Paul's and St. Mary's, 5 churches with 2 Team Vicars, me and Rev. Diane Brownhill. The Mission community will see these churches join with St. Elisabeth's and St. Agnes in Reddish, St. Margaret's in Burnage and St. Peters and St. Mark's in Levenshulme to make the Mission community. This is an exciting opportunity to see us all working together more closely, looking at what each church does well and how it can share that with others and what areas do we need help in. It will undoubtedly also be a time of change, something that none of us do easily but just as my family and I will have to adapt to a new way of life, so the churches will also find a way to adapt to their new way of being a team, and I am sure that by lots of positive communication and open and loving hearts, we will be able to do that.

The pandemic has shown us that we can adapt and change when we need to, and we have seen that as we have unlocked and got used to a new normal.

It is good to see refreshments after church are back and being enjoyed by many people in church after the services. Wednesday morning communion is also back, 09:30 in church using the Book of Common Prayer, everyone is very welcome. It has been lovely to welcome young people and their carers back to Little Fishes on Thursday morning 09:30-11:15 and our new initiative of Tea on the Lawn on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Month to coincide with the Heaton Moor Market on Shaw Rd, has been a great success, with many people enjoying our gardens and our cake! The 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month is also our Family Holy Communion service which has restarted after the pause for the pandemic.

Our ECO-event on 9<sup>th</sup> September, when we hosted the reception event for the Young Christian Climate Network was a very successful afternoon, with lots of visitors including Bishop Mark Ashcroft and Adrian Nottingham the Mayor of Stockport. We have a lasting legacy in our gardens in the shape of an amazing Bug Hotel



which was made by Sustainable Living in the Heatons, do please make sure you take a look at it.

As we move from summer to autumn, we enter the season of creation tide, a time when we naturally reflect on the summer and when we traditionally give thanks for all the good things that we have. We do have lots of good things going on in our community and it has been great that St. Paul's has been able to build up those links with our community groups in the past few months and I hope you, like me, are looking forward to all that being part of the team and the mission community has to offer and to all the exciting opportunities that lie ahead. As we pause, reflect, and give thanks, take a moment to think of all that you are thankful for, all that you are anxious about and see if you can shape that into a prayer to God who always hears us when we cry out. Please also pray for me in the next phase of my ministry that I look forward to sharing with you.



## Current Services at St Paul's

**Sunday: 10.45am**

1st Sunday Family Service with Communion

2nd Sunday: Service of the Word

3rd & 4th Sundays: Parish Eucharist

**6.30pm** 4th Sunday: Choral Evensong

**Wednesday: 9.30am** Holy Communion.

*Remembering Service November 1st 7.00pm*

*A quiet reflective service for anyone who would like to remember those they have loved and lost.*



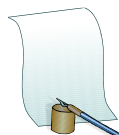
**Charity Christmas Card Sale**  
**Saturday 6th November 10am – 12 noon**  
**St Paul's Church Hall**  
**Support local charities!**  
**Christmas cards, small gifts and more.**  
**Enjoy a coffee as well....**

### *From the Register:*

**Baptism** 18th Sept: Georgia May McKiernan

26th Sept: George Clegg

**Funeral** 29th Sept: Betty Paleolog



Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness; make thy way plain before my face. For it is thou Lord only that makest me dwell in safety.  
*Psalm 5:8,*

## NOTICES!

Thank you to the family of the late Graham Dale, whose family donated flowers to church.

Thank you to everyone who donated food at the Harvest Festival which has been given to Wellspring.

Zoom services have now finished as we welcome everyone back into church.

Rambling group will restart on October 9th—please see Hilary or contact Geoff Kay for more details.

Sunday 31st October is a 5th Sunday and so will be a Team Service - venue to be confirmed - watch out for details.

In October our street prayers are for Mentone Rd, Stanley Rd, Norman Rd and Napier Rd.

Monday November 1st 7.00—there will be a Remembering Service in church.

Saturday 6th November- charity Christmas Card Sale in church.

**If there are people missing from church that might like a copy of the news sheet, a home visit or home communion then please let Liz, or one of the church wardens, know.**

## 6<sup>th</sup> Oct William Tyndale, Bible translator and Reformation martyr

This month is the 501<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the beginning of the Reformation, and so a good time to pay tribute to an outstanding English scholar, translator and martyr of the Reformation.

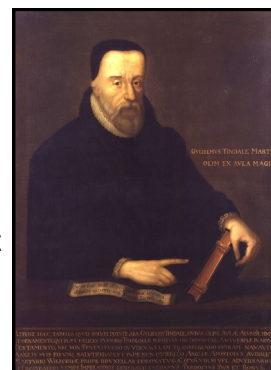
William Tyndale (c. 1494 – 6<sup>th</sup> October 1536) was born near Gloucester, and studied at Oxford and Cambridge. He could speak seven languages, and was proficient in ancient Hebrew and Greek. As a priest, his abilities would have taken him a long way, but by 1523 Tyndale's only desire was to translate the Bible, so that English men and women could read it for themselves. It became his life's passion.

For Tyndale had rediscovered a vital doctrine that the Church had been ignoring: that of justification by faith. He had found it when reading Erasmus's Greek edition of the New Testament. In fact, his life's work was well summed up in some words of his mentor, Erasmus: "Christ desires His mysteries to be published abroad as widely as possible. I would that [the Gospels and the epistles of Paul] were translated into all languages, of all Christian people, and that they might be read and known."

Tyndale's translation was the first Bible to be published in English, the first to draw directly from Hebrew and Greek texts, and the first English translation to take advantage of the printing press. It was to cost him his life. For Tyndale's work was seen as a direct challenge to the power of both the Roman Catholic Church and the laws of England in maintaining the Church's position.

When the authorities had tried to stop his translation, Tyndale fled to Hamburg, Wittenberg, Cologne, and finally to the Lutheran city of Worms. It was there, in 1525, his New Testament emerged. It was quickly smuggled into England, and King Henry VIII, Cardinal Wolsey, and others, were furious.

Tyndale moved on to Antwerp, where for nine more years he continued his work. Then in May 1535 he was betrayed, arrested, and jailed in a castle near Brussels. Tied to the stake for strangulation and burning, his dying prayer was that the King of England's eyes would be opened. Sure enough, two years later King Henry authorised the Great Bible for the Church of England, which relied largely on Tyndale's work. Not only that, but in 1611, the 54 scholars who produced the King James Bible drew very heavily from Tyndale. Even today we honour him: in 2002, Tyndale was placed at number 26 in the BBC's poll of 100 Greatest Britons.



*Parish Pump*