

Welcome to our Service of Holy Communion



Fourth Sunday of Epiphany St Paul's Patronal Festival 29th January 2023

Team service with Revd Liz Rowles
and Revd Mike Read, Team Rector

Today's Hymns

Numbered hymns are in English Hymnal (green book)

We sing the glorious conquest **155**

For all the saints **224**

Lord, the light of your love is shining (*see back of sheet*)

The church's one foundation **484**

Come down, O love divine **137**

Thy hand, O God, has guided **485**

Readings

Jeremiah 1.4-10

Acts 9.1-22

Today's Gospel

Acts 9.1-22

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' He asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The reply came, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.' The men who were travelling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, 'Ananias.' He answered, 'Here I am, Lord.' The Lord said to him, 'Get up and go to the street

called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.' But Ananias answered, 'Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name.' But the Lord said to him, 'Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.' So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, 'Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.' And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, 'He is the Son of God.' All who heard him were amazed and said, 'Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem among those who invoked this name? And has he not come here for the purpose of bringing them bound before the chief priests?' Saul became increasingly more powerful and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Messiah.

We are praying for...

In memoriam

We pray for those whose anniversaries fall this week

Alfred James (Jim) Smith; Richard Phillip Hurst;

For St John's: Dorothy Archer; Sue Callon; Frank Forrest;

William Hilton; Florence Simpson; Jane Wild.

'May they rest in peace, and rise in glory'

Also in our prayers

Margaret; Ada; Raymond; Jeremy; Jean; Marcia; Derek; Peggy; Sandra; Pam.

The family and friends of Harold Taylor and Carole Foxall whose funerals were held recently.

The family and friends of Neil Linney and Kathleen Lloyd Roberts who have recently died.

Our neighbours

In January we are praying for Acrefield Road, Alan Road, Cliff Grove, Cranbourne Road and Cranbourne Court

Services this week

(services are at St Paul's unless otherwise stated)

Tuesday 31st January St John's Morning Prayer followed by light breakfast and informal Bible Study led by Revd Janet Butterworth and Peter Smith. Please bring a Bible.

Wednesday 1st February 9.45-10.30 Holy Communion followed by 'Brew in a Pew' 10.30-12.00.

Thursday 2nd February 5:30-6pm Evening Prayer Service of common worship and evening prayer. All are welcome. A lovely way to end the working day.

St. Paul's Heaton Moor

Part of the Heatons Team

Diary Dates

(events are at St Paul's unless otherwise stated)

Thursday 2nd February from 2pm St John's A spring cleaning blitz on the Organ Loft

Saturday 4th February 5-7pm St John's Candlemas marks the traditional end of the Christmas/Epiphany period. St John's Candlemas Party features Bring & Share buffet and fun and games for all ages. Tea and coffee provided, or bring a bottle. No charge. Please confirm attendance by Wednesday 1st Feb.

Sunday 5th February 9.30 Holy Communion with Revd Liz.

Tuesday 28th February 5-week Lent Course starts. 10-11am or 7:15-8:15pm at St. John's Heaton Mersey. More details coming soon.

Saturday 11th March 2-4pm St Paul's Spring Craft Fair in the Church Hall.

Every Monday at St John's 1.30-3.30
Coffee and Conversation in a 'Warm Space' Light-hearted conversation and friendly company every Monday.

Every Wednesday 10.30-12.00

'Brew in a Pew' 10.30-12.00

(following Holy Communion) Tea, coffee and cake, with quizzes, piano and singing, or just to enjoy a 'Warm Space'.



NEXT 8 WEEKS' SERVICES AT ST PAUL'S

Sun 5th February 9.30 Holy Communion with Revd Liz

Sun 12th February 9.30 Holy Communion with Revd Liz

Sun 19th February 9.30 Morning Praise led by Beryl Divine

Sun 26th February 9.30 Holy Communion with Revd Liz

Sun 26th February 6.30 Choral Evensong

Sun 5th March 9.30 Holy Communion with Revd Liz

Sun 12th March 9.30 Holy Communion with Revd Liz

Sun 19th March 9.30 Holy Communion for Mothering Sunday with Revd Liz

Sun 26th March 9.30 Holy Communion with Revd Liz

Sun 26th March 6.30 Choral Evensong

Sun 2nd April 9.30 Holy Communion with Revd Liz

Volunteers

We are looking for volunteers to welcome people and help with refreshments during our services You don't need to have done it before or have been coming to church for a long time – just be able to smile and say hello. If you think you could help please see Liz or Eleanor.



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Eco Church Be our church's Eco Champion! Let Revd Liz know if you would be interested in

Choir – If you would be interested in singing with us, please see any of the welcomers or choir members.

We are also looking for help with our coffee morning on Wednesday mornings We are having a regular gathering from Heaton School. If you think you might be able to help, even if just occasionally, you would be very welcome!



Hymns

Lord, the light of your love is shining
In the midst of the darkness, shining
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us
Set us free by the truth you now bring us
Shine on me, shine on me

*Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy
Send forth your word Lord, and let there be light*

Lord, I come to your awesome presence
From the shadows into your radiance
By the blood I may enter your brightness
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness
Shine on me, shine on me

Refrain

As we gaze on your kingly brightness
So our faces display your likeness
Ever changing from glory to glory
Mirrored here may our lives tell your story
Shine on me, shine on me

Refrain



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Please take this sheet home with you for reflection and prayer and another one for someone who may like it.

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