

St. Paul's Heaton Moor

Part of the Heatons Team



Welcome to our Service of Holy Communion

**Eleventh Sunday
of Trinity**

28th August 2022

Today's Hymns

New Hymns and Worship Songs (Yellow Book):

25 Be still, for the presence of the Lord

22 Beauty for brokenness

143 I come with joy

New English Hymnal (Green Book)

294 Just as I am (Communion Hymn)

333 All my hope on God is founded

Readings

Ecclesiasticus 10.12-18

The beginning of human pride is to forsake the Lord;
the heart has withdrawn from its Maker.

For the beginning of pride is sin,
and the one who clings to it pours out abominations.

Therefore the Lord brings upon them unheard-of calamities,
and destroys them completely.

The Lord overthrows the thrones of rulers,
and enthrones the lowly in their place.

The Lord plucks up the roots of the nations,
and plants the humble in their place.

The Lord lays waste the lands of the nations,
and destroys them to the foundations of the earth.

He removes some of them and destroys them,
and erases the memory of them from the earth.

Pride was not created for human beings,
or violent anger for those born of women.

Hebrews 13.1-8, 15-16

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honour by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, 'I will never leave you or forsake you.' So we can say with confidence,

'The Lord is my helper;
I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?'

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to

you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever.

Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Luke 14.1,7-14

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. 'When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, "Give this person your place", and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, "Friend, move up higher"; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.'

He said also to the one who had invited him, 'When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.'

We are praying for...

In memoriam

We pray for those whose anniversaries fall this week

Michael Earle Jepson	28 th August 2004
Margaret Taylor	28 th August 2007
John Rennie	30 th August 2021
Victor Hancock	2 nd September 2015
Winifred Johnson	3 rd September 2008
Jane Elizabeth Bailey	3 rd September 2014
Marc Levi Antonio Quinn	3 rd September 2015

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

Our neighbours

In August we are praying for St Paul's Road, Parsonage Road, Lea Road, Gibsons Road and Wilson Road.

Also in our prayers

Gordon; Raymond; Jeremy; Jean; Marcia; Derek; Peggy

We also pray for Iris and her family as she is baptised after the service today.

Services this week

We are a people of prayer and we would like to encourage others to pray with us or just to sit in the presence of God in our churches. Please do come along for half an hour of music,

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prayer, readings and contemplation. Most of the services are informal and based around spirituality rather than formal prayers.

Wednesday 31st August - 9.45 Holy Communion will be followed by 'Brew in a Pew' at approx. 10.30. Tea, coffee, biscuits, and another opportunity to hear Margaret Wyatt sing accompanied by her husband Roger on the piano.

Diary dates

Gardening Saturday 3rd September – Join us to help keep our garden tidy and welcoming. 11am-1pm

Walking Group – this is on 2nd Saturday of the month, and meets at 9.30 am at St Paul's. Please speak to Geoff Kay for details.

Saturday 10th September 11am-4pm Heaton Mersey Heritage Day – at St John's Heaton Mersey. Archives, photos, memorabilia. Free admission/refreshments.

Choral Evensong – There will be no Choral Evensong in August, the next one is at 6.30pm on 25th September.

Little Fishes – Closed during August, opens again Thursday 8th September.

Other notices

The Church Development Tool: a way of planning together
This year we are running the Church Development Tool survey in this church.

It's a quick, anonymous survey that we're inviting everyone in the church to complete, to help us shape our prayers and our planning as a church for the year ahead.

What we find out will help us see where we're doing well and help us discern areas where God might be calling us to do something new or different.

The survey can be found online here

<https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/15829/surveys/church-development-tool/survey/>

or ask Eleanor, Anne or Liz for a paper copy.

Please respond by 25th September 2022

Renew Stockport is a growing network of churches and Christian faith-based projects working together for the renewal of Stockport.



Renew Stockport invite you to join with others on

Friday 2nd September, 8am-9am, St Mary's in the Market Place as together we pray for our Stockport Schools at the beginning of the new academic year.

Generosity and Thankfulness Conference Saturday 24th September 2022 10am-4pm

This conference aims to inspire the development of generosity and thankfulness as part of the mission of every church across our diverse diocese. Please register now for your free place online at

https://whova.com/portal/registration/domgc_202209

Please make sure you include the details of your church and the deanery it is part of, and you have chosen your two morning and two afternoon workshops.

From Monday 12th September 7pm at St. Margaret's Parish Centre M19 1FL - Alpha Course

We want to invite you to come and join us as we explore questions of life and faith through the Alpha course. A free meal will be provided. There will be talks to make you think and an opportunity to ask questions- big or small.

Fostering

Stockport Council Fostering Service is encouraging residents to take part in fostering services; if you are interested in more information go to

<https://www.stockport.gov.uk/people-who-can-foster>

New Rector in the Heaton's Team

We are delighted to welcome Revd Mike Read as the next Team Rector of the Heaton's. It is expected he will take up his post in the autumn.

We now have **Wi-fi in church!** The password is **Congregat!on**

Volunteers needed at St Paul's

We need volunteers to take Holy Communion to people at home, or in a retirement or nursing home. If you would like to be part of this ministry, please speak to Revd Liz.

Eco Church Be our church's Eco Champion! Revd Liz is looking for someone to help with our Eco Award. Please let her know if you would be interested in helping.

Little Fishes Thursdays 9.30-11am To enable our thriving mums and toddlers group to continue, we urgently need volunteers! Please speak to Revd Liz.

Choir - Please see any of the welcomers or choir members.

Church – Welcomers needed! Please see Revd Liz or any of the welcomers if you would like to help with the important job of welcoming people into church.

Refreshments Join us after the service for a cuppa.

Contact details:

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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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