

St. Paul's Heaton Moor

Part of the Heaton's Team



Welcome to our Service of Holy Communion

Twelfth Sunday
of Trinity

4th September

Today's Hymns

New Hymns and Worship Songs (Yellow Book)

- 182 Jesus stand among us at the meeting of our lives.
261 Open our eyes Lord
75 Follow me
34 Broken for me
12 And can it be.

Readings

Deuteronomy 30.15-20

See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

Philemon 1-21

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,
To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow-soldier, and to the church in your house:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith towards the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and

encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for ever, no longer as a slave but as more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

Luke 14.25-33

Now large crowds were travelling with him; and he turned and said to them, 'Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, "This fellow began to build and was not able to finish." Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

We are praying for...

In memoriam

We pray for those whose anniversaries fall this week
'May they rest in peace, and rise in glory'

Also in our prayers

Gordon; Raymond; Jeremy; Jean; Rev Canon Marcia Wall;
Derek; Peggy

We pray for Ophelia and her family as she is baptised later this morning.

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Our neighbours

In August we are praying for Ryedale Close, Sibley Road, Whitley Road and Oakley Villas.

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

Monday 5th September (St John's) NEW TIME 9.30am

Holy Communion

Tuesday 6th September (St John's) NEW TIME 9.30am

Northumbrian morning prayer followed by light breakfast.

Wednesday 7th September 9.45am

Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

Diary dates

Today – after the service until 2pm approx 'Tea on the Lawn'.

Gardening Day – 1st Saturday of the month. 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.

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.

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

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.

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 Heatons Team

We are delighted to welcome Revd Mike Read as the next Team Rector of the Heatons. 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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