



St Paul's, Quarndon, Parish Newsletter

April/May 2019

From the Vicarage

Dear Friends,

By the time this newsletter arrives on your doormats we will be almost half way through Lent.

Lent is not exactly – on face value – a comfortable season. Historically it was a solemn time when Christians fasted and gave up things they enjoyed in order to help them concentrate and prepare to remember Holy Week... to remember the death of Jesus on the Cross and then to prepare to celebrate Jesus' resurrection on Easter Sunday. And today many Christians still use this season of Lent as a time of reflection and preparation.

Some people may attend a Lent group, and this year in Allestree and Quarndon we have been using some resources based on the 2016 BAFTA winning film; I, Daniel Blake. Blake is a fictional character whose story has echoes of real life based on a Derbyshire former miner and telecoms engineer, David Groves who died of a massive heart attack the night before his medical, after already going through a stressful 8-month appeal to keep his £91 a week benefits.

Others may use this season to 'give something up and take something on' with more and more people using this time to engage in a 'plastic free Lent' or challenge themselves to buying only second-hand clothing or giving an item of clothing or purchasing an item for the local Foodbank each of the 40 days of Lent. There is now a Foodbank box in St Paul's for people to leave donations at any time during the day and St Nick's have a clothing collection bin in aid of the Air Ambulance located helpfully in their car-park.

In this age of mindfulness it's clear though that Lent gives us a perfect opportunity to pause to take time to reflect on life and how we're journeying through it. Jesus said that He came that we might have abundant life... full and overflowing (John 10:10).

At the time of writing this article however, we woke up to the news from New Zealand that a number of people had been killed in a terrorist attack, in a place of worship whilst they were praying; old and young, men and women. In response there have been quite a few people, including Christians in the UK, who have been visiting nearby mosques to offer their prayer and support at this terrible time.

Trending during the day on my news feed is a photo of Andrew Greystone from Manchester holding his message of support outside his local mosque, "*You are my friends, I will watch while you pray*". The Archbishop of Canterbury tweeted, "*Let all Christians pray for healing of people, interfaith relations and New Zealand itself. Jesus calls us to welcome strangers and love our neighbour however different*".

The details of all the services across Holy Week and Easter Sunday are in this newsletter... it would be great to see you at one of them. And if you'd like to chat about what new life as a Christian might look like please do get in touch with me; I'd love to have a chat with you.

Have a thoughtful Lent and a Very Happy Easter.

Yours in faith,
Becky

<https://www.mirror.co.uk/news/uk-news/stress-of-tory-benefits-tests-killed-129934>

FAMILY OCCASIONS

In their bereavement our prayers are with the family and friends of Rev Alan MacGregor.

ST PAUL'S CHURCH SERVICES AND EVENTS FOR APRIL/MAY

Date	Time	Service/Event	
	April 6	12.30 pm	Lent Lunch at Holy Family Church
	7	10.00 am	Holy Communion
		6.30 pm	Annual Church Meeting
	13	12.30 pm	Lent Lunch at St Edmund's
	14	10.00 am	All Age Worship (Palm Sunday)
	18	7.00 pm	Maundy Thursday Informal Holy Communion at ST NICK'S
	19	2.00 pm	Good Friday – Hour by the Cross
	21	10.00 am	EASTER Informal Holy Communion with SHINE
	28	10.00 am	Morning Praise with speaker from Christian Aid
		7.00 pm	Prayer & Praise at St Nick's
	May 5	10.00 am	Holy Communion
	12	10.00 am	All Age Worship
	12 - 18		Christian Aid Week
	16	7.30 pm	PCC
	19	10.00 am	Holy Communion - SHINE (in hall)
	26	10.00 am	Morning Praise
		7.30 pm	Prayer & Praise at St Nick's

Morning Prayer is said in church every Wednesday and Thursday in term time at 9.05am

SHINE (Sunday School) meets on the 3rd Sunday of each month, usually in the lower church hall.

The next meeting of the **PCC** will be on Thursday 16th May at 7.30pm in church.

Sunday 21st April is Easter Day. Our service of Holy Communion at 10am will reflect the joy of the Good News that Jesus is alive! Shine will be in church for this service and there will be an **Easter Egg Hunt** in the churchyard afterwards (or in church if wet). All are welcome to join us, whether or not you wish to receive communion. Please remember to bring one or two short-stemmed flowers to place in our Easter cross!

CHURCH NEWS

CAN YOU HELP?

In 2024 St Paul's Church, Quarndon, will celebrate its 150th anniversary. It is currently in desperate need of Repair, Renovation and Redecoration. For example; the cast iron guttering needs replacing as it is leaking, putting the structure of the building at risk, and water ingress is causing internal damage.

As the church is a listed building, we are restricted as to the materials we can use.

We need to raise £57,000.00 to carry out the work.

Our aim is to start the work as soon as possible to ensure it is completed by the end of 2023.

We are launching our fundraising appeal, '**St Paul's Appeal 150**', and are in the process of forming an appeals committee. If you are an experienced fundraiser or would like to help, you are most welcome to join the team.

There will be a number of fundraising events over the next 2 years and we look forward to your support.

For further details please go to our website www.stpaulsquarndon.org.uk



The **Annual Parochial Church Meeting** will take place this year on Sunday 7th April at 6.30pm in the church. This is the AGM of St Paul's Church and is the meeting at which members of the church council are elected, reports on the past year are given and plans for the future may be discussed. Only those on the church electoral roll are entitled to vote at the annual meeting, but all are welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served.

The Allestree Churches Together Lent Lunches continue on 6th April at Holy Family church, Allestree and on 13th April at St Edmund's, Allestree, both at 12.30pm.

Save the date!

We are holding a **Summer Fair** on Sat 15th June from 2pm in the church and hall. There will be a variety of stalls, competitions, refreshments, children's entertainment, etc. Watch out for posters nearer the time!



Our next **Mini-outing** will be to the Children's Society Coffee Morning in St Nicholas' church hall on Thursday 11 April from 10am (see below). Details for May are not yet available, so please pick up a bulletin in church nearer the time. All are welcome and lifts can usually be arranged if needed. Please telephone Mary on 01335 360422 by the day before the outing to arrange a lift.

The Children's Society Spring Coffee Morning will be held in St Nicholas' church hall on Thursday 11th April from 10 – 11.30am. Entry £1, includes tea/coffee and biscuits. Home-made cakes, raffle, tombola, plants, books, crafts and more. All welcome.



Christian Aid Week this year starts on Sunday 12th May. We shall endeavour to deliver as many envelopes as possible, as last year, but they will not be collected. The money raised during this campaign is vital to the work of Christian Aid, so we do hope you will still want to be generous. If you would like to make a donation, please would you deliver your envelope to the church or to one of the collection points in the village, or give it to someone who is coming to church. There will also be spare envelopes in church for anyone who does not receive one. You can also give online.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Quarndon Cricket Club would like to remind everyone that the cricket season will start with the first game on the 20th April and we would be delighted to see you at the club house during the season. The bar will be open on match days and at all our many events that are planned. The first event will be our Car Boots starting in April, dates 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th. Just arrive or book a space with Kate 01332862666. We have many more events and all you have to do is visit www.qccevents.co.uk or call in at the club house. You could become a Social Member and enjoy everything we have to offer at the club house. QCC would be delighted to see you at our picturesque ground this summer.

Save the Date! Tiny Tim Trust 2019 Charity Golf Day on Friday 6 September at Chevin GC, Duffield

Just a gentle reminder ahead of the annual fund raising event - more details, booking form etc to follow in a few months' time.

Peter Burgess - on behalf of the Tiny Tim Trust

Quarndon pre-school are looking to recruit a qualified assistant.

If you have a level 2 or 3 or would be interested in gaining this qualification, please contact Dawn on 07840791153 or Quarndonpre-school@hotmail.co.uk

Parking in Quarndon

The Diocese of Derby owns the parking spaces immediately at the front of the Hall and reserves the right to use them solely for hirers and visitors using the Village Hall and those visiting St Paul's Church.

Due to the limited number of spaces available, including designated parking for those with mobility issues, they kindly request that school parents/carers do not use these spaces during Hall opening hours.

Anyone visiting the school, pre-school, local businesses or visiting the Hall or Church is allowed to park in the short-term car-park located to the rear of the Hall which is owned by Quarndon Parish Council.

MONTHLY ORGANISATIONS

Quarndon Friendship Group meets on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month at 2pm in Quarndon church hall.

Thursday 11th April at 2pm our guest Dan Keeley will tell the story of his life so far and in doing so will show how talking about mental health helps us all to a better understanding, and especially the problems today's younger generation face.

Thursday 25th April at 2pm is the time of year again for our AGM. It will be followed as usual by another fabulous high tea.

Thursday 9th May at 2pm will be a Social Afternoon.

Thursday 23rd May we have a coach outing to Trentham Gardens. Plenty there for everyone to do: Garden centre, shops, cafes and long walks for the fittest! The coach will leave the Church Hall at 9.45am.

Ecclesbourne Barn Dance Club meets fortnightly on Tuesdays at 7.30pm in Quarndon church hall. A fun and friendly way of keeping fit. New members, including beginners, assured of a warm welcome. Enquiries to Rene Dobson 558908 or Stephen Yates 606640.

Church Hall bookings

The church hall is available for private or group hire and this can now be done through our church website. Just visit www.stpaulsquarndon.org.uk and click on 'Hall Hire' to complete an online booking form. Alternatively you can telephone or email Pat Glover (see below).

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The deadline for copy for the newsletter is earlier next month, so please note that copy for the June/July edition must be with the editor no later than **11th May**, please.