



# St Paul's, Quarndon, Parish Newsletter

August/September 2019



From the Vicarage

*"God of our pilgrimage, you have led us to the living water: refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey."\**

We welcomed at the end of June a new colleague and curate in training to our church family here in Quarndon and Allestree, the Revd Dawn Knight. You'll be seeing Dawn in and around the local area including helping with assemblies at Curzon, Portway and Lawn schools. Dawn will be with us over the next few years learning about parish ministry and what it is that vicars get up to. Her calling into full-time ministry is one which she is best telling herself, although I can tell you that she has spent the last couple of years training part-time at the Queen's Foundation in Birmingham. The Church of England is working nationally to try and encourage more vocations, with particular regard to those from BAME backgrounds and it's been great to hear too about the appointment of the new Bishop-Designate of Dover, the Revd Rose Hudson-Willkin. As press coverage has reported, she is the first black woman to be a Bishop in the Church of England.

Back in 2014, a book was published by Emma Percy, the Anglican chaplain and Welfare Dean of Trinity College, Oxford entitled 'What Clergy do' with the secondary title 'especially when it looks like nothing', based on the title of a wonderful book by Naomi Stadlen, 'What Mothers Do: Especially when it looks like nothing'. Stadlen's aim was to try and articulate the valuable and meaningful activity of mothering, which can so often be dismissed. A tired mother can get to the end of the day and say 'I got nothing done', when she has in fact been actively caring for her baby all day. I will also add that there are tired fathers too who also take on the bulk of childcare responsibilities. As Percy reflects, "in a world of productivity and tangible outcomes this kind of hard work is in danger of going unremarked". Parish clergy also struggle at times with articulating the busyness of sustaining church life; we can make lists of services taken, funerals conducted and meetings chaired, but how do we talk about the time and energy spent on caring for all sorts of different people, listening to Mabel's take on the world, singing nursery rhymes with the pre-schoolers or catching up at the bus-stop with George's latest health scare? Whilst clergy are not required to be more holy or prayerful than other Christians (you may be surprised by this), we are aware of our responsibility to maintain and develop a robust spiritual life. I am very grateful to those who join me for Morning Prayer on a regular basis to keep me accountable for the development of my spiritual life. I've also been walking the Peak Pilgrimage trail over the last few weeks and have been absolutely astounded once again by the beauty of the Derbyshire peaks – having been on Duke of Edinburgh expeditions with a fully laden rucksack I didn't quite appreciate the beauty at that time. I even discovered a donkey sanctuary on my last walk and as I told the laughing manager- how could I, a Vicar, not love a donkey? The Church of England also has the most brilliant prayer resources – alongside the Daily Prayer app, Amazon's Alexa can also be summoned to ask the Church of England to read the Prayer of the Day, a grace before meals and can also answer questions like 'how do I become a Christian'.

Another brilliant resource to us in Quarndon is St Paul's church itself, open every day for those who wish to have some time out or just enjoy the space and quietness. Our 150 Appeal launched this summer as we try to raise enough funds to replace all of our very old guttering. Caring for historic buildings might not be the vocation and calling I thought I was signing up for, but it is indeed a very necessary part of what clergy do and, again, I am very grateful to those who do have a vocation and calling in this line of work.

I hope over the summer you get some time to be with family and friends, those who refresh you and sustain you in your lives. For those on parenting and grand/god-parenting duties, take heart that what you are doing is the most amazing gift that you can offer and that it is very much valued and appreciated.

Yours in faith,  
Becky  
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\*(Extract from The Post Communion Prayer for the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity)

All are welcome to Morning Prayer (Mondays St Nick's Chapel 8.30am, Wed & Thurs St Paul's 9.05am)

## **FAMILY OCCASIONS**

In Baptism we have welcomed Darcy Langton.

## ST PAUL'S CHURCH SERVICES AND EVENTS FOR JUNE/JULY

Date	Time	Service/Event	
August	4	10.00 am	Holy Communion
	6-8	All day	Holiday at Home (Broadway Baptist Church)
	11	10.00 am	All Age Worship
	13	2.00 pm	Mini Outing
	18	10.00 am	Holy Communion with <b>SHINE</b>
	25	10.00 am	Morning Praise
September	1	10.00 am	Holy Communion
	8	10.00 am	All Age Worship
	12	2.00 pm	Mini Outing
		7.30 pm	PCC
	15	10.00 am	Holy Communion with <b>SHINE</b>
	22	10.00 am	Morning Praise
	29	10.00 am	Joint service at St Paul's

Morning Prayer is said in church every Wednesday and Thursday **in term time** at 9.05am but not during school holidays.

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

The next meeting of the **PCC** will be on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm in church.

## CHURCH NEWS

A message from **Dawn Knight**, our new curate:

Thank you all so much for the welcome and hospitality my family, friends and I received on my ordination on 30<sup>th</sup> June. I have already started to meet many of you; and for those I haven't yet encountered, I very much look forward to meeting you and working with you too in due course.



### Summer Fair

Many thanks to everyone who supported our Summer Fair and flute/organ concert in June. The weekend raised over £2,000 for our 150 Appeal – a fantastic result!

Congratulations to the following winners in our prize draw:

1 Bargain Hunt	D Simpson
2 Chatsworth House & Gardens	Rogers
3 £100 cash	H Illingworth
4 Kedleston Golf Voucher	Anney
5 Croots Hamper	M Parkes
6 Dove toiletries Hamper	J Newlands
7 Tea for Two hamper	L Kirkland
8 Queenies Cake Voucher	L Kirkland
9 Birds Voucher	J Capel
10 Poker	E Hook
11 Champagne	Sue M
12 Beauty hamper	S Etheridge
13 Chocolates	R Jackson

## Changes at the Church Hall

After many years of faithful service to both St Paul's Church and the Church Hall, Tony Glover, although still a very active member of the Church, has now handed over his responsibilities for the fabric of the Church and Hall to the Church Building Group.

We are delighted that Pat Glover remains the contact for Hall bookings, but for any issues regarding the Hall, ie maintenance, the Building Group must be contacted. My mobile number can be found on the notice board in the Hall.

I am sure you will join me in thanking Tony for all his hard work over the years and wish him all the best for the years ahead.

*Mike Annable, Churchwarden*

*Email: [mike@stpaulsquarndon.org.uk](mailto:mike@stpaulsquarndon.org.uk)*

## SAVE THE DATE!

Yes, St Paul's **Christmas Tree Festival** will be back this year for the weekend of 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> December. Make a note of the dates now because you won't want to miss it!

Programme details will be in the next newsletter but, in the meantime, we'll be looking for people to sponsor and/or decorate about 25 trees. Sponsors could be individuals, families, community groups, businesses.... We provide the trees and you bring the decorations and lights.

If you, or someone you know, would like to sponsor a tree (minimum donation £25) please contact Mike Annable or Mary Connell. Sponsors can decorate their tree on a theme of their choice or, if they prefer, we can find someone else to decorate it. There will be a prize for the best dressed tree (judged by our visitors).

Our next **Mini-outings** will be to Hackwood Farm, Radbourne on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> August at 2pm. Then on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September we'll meet at the Willow Tree Café, Willington Marina, at 2pm. 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. All are welcome.



## SPONSOR A MOW

Help us to keep the churchyard looking at its best!

We all like to see the churchyard kept well mown and tidy but you may not be aware that we pay for this as part of the running expenses of the church. This year it is costing us £90 (including VAT) per fortnight during the growing season to have the churchyard professionally mown.

We are sure you agree this is money well spent. If you would like to help us by sponsoring all or part of a mow in celebration of an important date or loved one please contact our treasurer John Waldron at ☎ 3 Old Church Close Quarndon Derby DE22 5JF; ☎ 01332 553687; or [treasurer@stpaulsquarndon.org.uk](mailto:treasurer@stpaulsquarndon.org.uk)

Thank you!

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Quarndon Cricket Club

### Charity Cricket Match

Sunday August 25<sup>th</sup> 2019

Supporting the British Heart Foundation

Play commences 2pm

Full Indian meal served at 7pm

Bar open all afternoon and evening

The meal will still go ahead in the event of rain!

Car Boots. 22nd and 29th Sept and 6th Oct.  
November Christmas Market. 15th Nov.  
contact Kate 01332862666 for further information.

## **Tiny Tim Trust - 2019 Charity Golf Tournament: Friday Sept 6th**

On behalf of the Tiny Tim Trust charity - which raises much needed funds for special needs children across Derbyshire, we are organising a charity golf day at Chevin Golf Club, Duffield and are looking for any support - be that teams of four for the golf at £110 per team; donations for the raffle or auction; sponsorship or a donation.

All and any support for the charity would be greatly appreciated.

For further details please contact Mike Annable - mike.annable@hotmail.co.uk - 07811287953.

## **VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS**

**Quarndon Friendship Group** meets on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month at 2.30pm in Quarndon church hall.

As usual we take a break during August.

Thursday 12th September is the start of our "Autumn Session" Annual subscriptions of £10 are due for the year. New members are always welcome.

Thursday 26th September our guest speaker will be either Dr Jill or Dr Tony Bethell whose talk "Land of Fire, Ice and Chocolate" is about their family's work on the island of Sula, Indonesia: growing chocolate beans, building a factory and producing chocolates which we will be able to purchase.

**Ecclesbourne Barn Dance Club** No meetings in August but 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](http://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).

**Please note the Hall is closed for maintenance during August.**

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