



St Paul's, Quarndon, Parish Newsletter

August/September 2018

From the Vicarage

“He said to them, ‘Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while. For many were coming and going and they had no leisure even to eat.’ Mark 6:31

This week I managed to get in a Quiet Day with the sisters of Community of the Holy Name* who have a house in the Derby suburb of Oakwood. They are an Anglican religious order who welcome day visitors and parish groups to use their facilities and explore their beautiful grounds. I realised quite soon after arriving that it would be really important to put the phone and laptop out of sight in order to be able to focus on simply being ‘present’ to the moment. I had no fridge to distract me with tempting goodies, no ironing pile beckoning me to do something about it, no vegetables needing watering and no children needing help with anything. How often do we retreat? How often do we purposely take time out? Can we take time out? St Paul’s church is open every day just for you to take time out. For a few minutes just before school pick up, during the course of a walk to a friend’s house, on the way to visit a family grave, pop in and be still, rest a while. We have wonderful volunteers who set up regularly changing prayer spaces, just on the right-hand side as you come into the church. Come, sit and be present too.

And as we’re heading into the summer holiday season and going away to ‘rest a while’ (and have lots of fun too) is certainly something many families look forward to, for many work frazzled parents the challenge is often keeping children and adults amused over the long weeks. On behalf of parents everywhere may I say a big thankyou to all those who unselfishly give of their time baby sitting and helping with childcare. Whilst we know the idyllic picture of summer holidays and time for families to be together, we also know that bored children and stressed out families that can’t afford a holiday away make a difficult combination. Fortunately there are things to do which are provided by charities, local councils and a whole host of organisations. St Nicks and St Paul’s combine resources to run a joint children’s Holiday club, affordable to as many as possible, and as well as crafts, games, singing and stories, we also help children to engage in thinking about their loved ones, praying, if that’s appropriate for the child, and simply being mindful.

On the other end of the age spectrum, Churches Together in Allestree are again running their popular ‘Holiday at Home’ week for those unable to go away due to infirmity or immobility. This is staffed by volunteers from local churches and includes a 3 course meal every day and a trip this year to RAF Cosford. It’s great to see so many offers of help, from driving and transportation of guests, to rolling up their sleeves to help in the kitchen or simply chatting to guests whilst completing a jigsaw together. As I continue to make visits around the village there are so many who would just appreciate a regular visitor, someone to call by. Not necessarily to ‘do anything’, simply to sit, listen and share news together.

For those going away, please try if possible to get that moment of peace, that rest which Jesus talks about. In the midst of the busyness, the fun, the sightseeing and the catching the right train, flight, ferry or bus, pause, breathe and take in what is just going on around you.

For those staying put, try using different routes to get to the shops, go exploring, walk barefoot (checking the ground first of course) and observe the flora and fauna around you, spend a few moments standing in the shade of a tree or really looking closely at a flower. Just stop.

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Hope you have a great summer, and let me leave with you the words of ‘Leisure’ by poet William Henry Davies;

“What is this life if, full of care, We have no time to stand and stare. No time to stand beneath the boughs And stare as long as sheep or cows. No time to see, when woods we pass, Where squirrels hide their nuts in grass. No time to see, in broad daylight,	Streams full of stars, like skies at night. No time to turn at Beauty's glance, And watch her feet, how they can dance. No time to wait till her mouth can Enrich that smile her eyes began. A poor life this if, full of care, We have no time to stand and stare”.
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Yours in faith,
 Revd Becky Mathew

* www.comholyname.org

FAMILY OCCASIONS

In their bereavement our prayers are with the family and friends of Barbara Bexon.
 In Marriage we have prayed for God’s blessing on Lucy Walwork and Tom Kilmister.

ST PAUL’S CHURCH SERVICES AND EVENTS FOR AUG/SEPT

Date	Time	Service	
August	4	3.00 pm	Parish BBQ in St Nick’s church garden
	5	10.00 am	Holy Communion
	7-9	All day	Holiday at Home – Broadway Baptist Church
	12	10.00 am	All Age Worship
	19	10.00 am	Holy Communion with SHINE
	22	10.30 am	Mini Outing
	26	10.00 am	JOINT SERVICE of Holy Communion at St Nick’s
Sept	2	10.00 am	Holy Communion
	9	10.00 am	All Age Worship
	13	7.30 pm	PCC
	16	10.00 am	Holy Communion and Baptism (SHINE in Church)
	23	10.00 am	Morning Praise
	25	2.15 pm	Mini Outing
	30	10.00 am	JOINT SERVICE at St Paul’s – informal worship

SHINE (Sunday School) meets on the 3rd Sunday of each month, usually in the lower church hall, but in church on 16th Sept.

The next meeting of the **PCC** will be on Thursday 13th September at 7.30pm in church.

CHURCH NEWS

Once a month at St Paul's we organize a '**Mini Outing**', usually to a Garden Centre or tea rooms, just to enjoy a little time out in pleasant surroundings with friendly company. All are welcome to join us on these outings and lifts can usually be provided if needed.



We are very grateful to Jill Reed who has organized these outings for the last five years. Jill now wishes to hand this task over to others, so in future different members of the group will take responsibility for choosing the venues and times. Mary Connell is organizing the next two, so please telephone Mary on 01335 360422 by the day before the outing to arrange a lift.

Our next **Mini-outings** will be to Mugginton Village Hall Coffee Morning at 10.30am on Wednesday August 22nd and to Carsington Water on Tuesday September 25th. Please meet in the Mainsail Restaurant at 2.15pm. All are welcome.

Allestree Churches Together are once again hosting **Holiday at Home** at Broadway Baptist Church for those who would enjoy a break with all the fun of a holiday but the comfort of your own home at night. It will run from Tues 7 till Thurs 9 Aug, with an optional outing on Friday 10 Aug to Cosford RAF museum. For further details please see the booking forms at the back of church or speak to Val Mallon. Also, if you could offer any help during this week, Val would be very pleased to hear from you.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Quarndon Pre school

Quarndon before and after school club are looking for an 18+ adult to join the team. You must be able to work from 7-9 am and from 3.30 till 6pm. No experience needed but enjoying working with children a must!! If you are interested please contact Dawn at Quarndonpre-school@hotmail.co.uk

Quarndon Cricket Club

We at Quarndon Cricket Club would like to thank the local people for supporting our cricket club and many have joined us as Social members. It has been a pleasure to have so many calling at the club house to watch the cricket, have a drink and chat.

During the rest of the summer we are open every weekend and several evenings.

At the end of the season we will again be holding our CAR BOOTS on 23rd, 30th Sept and 7th Oct

These have been extremely well received and have benefited the club, as all funds raised have gone back into the club.

During the winter months we will be holding our quiz nights and we always need new teams. Dates will be confirmed later.

Tiny Tim Trust - charity golf day Friday September 7 at Chevin Golf Club, Duffield

The Tiny Tim Trust raises much needed funds to support children in Derbyshire with special needs. We are holding our annual charity golf day at Chevin Golf Club, Duffield on Friday September 7 and we would welcome your support. Following the golf, at the evening dinner, our guest speaker will be **Charles Hanson - Auctioneer and TV personality**. For the auction, Charles has generously donated two (2) pairs of VIP tickets for filming of the BBC's "Bargain Hunt" show at Hanson Auctioneers, Etwell on November 15.

For more information regarding the golf day, evening dinner or the auction please contact: Peter Burgess - 07908 948111 - burgesspeterb@gmail.com

MONTHLY ORGANISATIONS

Quarndon Friendship Group meets on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month at 2pm in Quarndon church hall. As usual we have a break during August, so no meetings.

Thursday 13th September at 2pm is the start of our "Autumn Session" Yearly subscriptions are due at this meeting. Remember at the AGM it was agreed to raise subscriptions to £10 which is still very good value for all the entertainment throughout the year. New members are always welcome.

Thursday 27th September at 2pm our guest speaker is Jane Whitaker. Her talk "Walker Lane" is about 19th century Derby's "Whitechapel" a place of vice and misery, poverty and wretchedness!

Women's Institute

We meet on the first Thursday of most months but there is no meeting in August. Most meetings are currently held in Members' houses. Please phone 550478 for details.

Ecclesbourne Barn Dance Club meets fortnightly on Tuesdays 7.30pm at 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 Peter Parkin 558571.

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 the 16th of the previous month, so copy for the October/November edition must be with the editor no later than **16th September**, please.