



St Paul's, Quarndon, Parish Newsletter

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2017

(Revd Becky Mathew wrote this letter to us in June, before she went on holiday. She will be joining us in September.)

*“And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.”
1 Cor 13:13*

It's a very hot summer's day and as I sit down to write this my first article for the newsletter, I've got the window open, the radio on and I'm listening to the coverage of the minute's silence held earlier this morning for the victims of the Grenfell Tower fire. There is news too of a terror attack on people leaving the Finsbury Park mosque which subsequently takes me back a few weeks to the Westminster bridge attack and the bombing in Manchester Arena. So much grieving, so much pain. The fragility of human life is plain to see. Stories of heroism emerge, ordinary people doing the extra-ordinary, fire-fighters and emergency service personnel pushing themselves to the very limits of their training and endurance. The Oasis song 'Don't look back in anger' was sung spontaneously at vigils through Manchester and at the 'One Love Manchester concert' the people of Manchester joined together in proclaiming their unity and compassion, their response to not meet evil with evil was to lift up banners asserting '*Love for all, hatred for none*'. The Manchester concert was opened by Marcus Mumford singing a soulful rendition of his song 'Timshel' which comes from a Hebrew word meaning 'thou mayest' and which occurs in Genesis in a conversation between God and Cain concerning humanity's choice between good and evil, sin and righteousness. It was when Mumford poignantly sang the words of the chorus, 'you are not alone in this' that the tears flowed. And yet it was the former child pop sensation Justin Bieber who surprised me most with his words: *"I'm not going to let go of hope. I'm not going to let go of love. I'm not going to let go of God. Put your hand up if you're not going to let go. God is good in the midst of the darkness. God is good in the midst of the evil. God is in the midst, no matter what's happening in the world, God is in the midst and he loves you and he's here for you."*

I hope and pray that as people of faith together in Allestree and Quarndon we can proclaim God is in our midst, through our words and actions, through our deeds of kindness and compassion, through our faithfulness and love. That we will continue to walk alongside those in trouble and darkness. Please continue to keep in your thoughts and prayers those affected by these events.

On a different note, we will be moving into the vicarage during the last week of July and trying to sort out as much as possible before we travel overseas to visit family. I'm very much looking forward to the licensing service on Tuesday 5th September and hope that as many as possible will be able to attend the service. I look forward to meeting you and being back in the Midlands once again.

Yours in faith,

Revd Becky Mathew

FAMILY OCCASIONS

In their bereavement our prayers are with the family of Lynne Randle.

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

Aug	6	10.00 am	Holy Communion
	13	10.00 am	All Age Worship
	20	10.00 am	Holy Communion SHINE in the church hall today
	27	10.00 am	'Prayer and Praise'
Sept	3	10.00 am	Holy Communion
	5	7.30 pm	Licensing of Revd Becky Mathew at St Nick's
	10	10.00 am	All Age Worship
		7.00 pm	FOG at St Nick's
	17	10.00 am	Holy Communion Shine in the church hall
	21	7.30 pm	PCC
	24	10.00 am	Morning Praise
		11.30 am	Prayer meeting in church till 12
		4 – 6 pm	Messy Church (in church hall)
		7.00 pm	FOG at St Nick's

Edward Bear is on holiday until 21st September.

CHURCH NEWS



Come and welcome our new Vicar!

Revd Becky Mathew will be licensed as Vicar of St Nicholas, Allestree and Priest in Charge of St Paul's, Quarndon on **Tuesday 5th September**, 7.30pm at St Nicholas' Church. All are welcome to join us for this happy occasion. Refreshments will be served in the church hall after the service.

Summer Fair

Our Summer Fair on 10th June was a very lively occasion, with something for everyone. Many thanks to all the dancers, recorder players and puppeteers who provided such varied entertainment, and to all the stallholders and everyone who helped to make this such a happy event. . The Fair raised nearly £650 which will go to the church renovation fund appeal.

NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL at St Paul's!

'**SHINE**'(Seeking Him IN Everything) is on the third Sunday of each month in the church hall for children whose parents/carers are attending the church service.

Parents/carers please drop your children into the lower church hall entrance (the preschool entrance) at 9.45am, before the church service. Children will then be brought back into church before the end of the service. Please note an adult must attend SHINE with children under two years of age.

So far in Shine we have learned about the Garden of Eden and Noah's Ark (you can see some of our artwork in the church) and we've had a very exciting time. Come and join us!

Our next **Mini-outings** will be to Queenie's Tea Rooms in Quarndon on Tuesday 29th August at 2.15pm and to Hackwood Farm Tea Rooms, Radbourne on Tuesday 26th September at 2.15pm. These outings are simply an opportunity to enjoy some refreshments and chat in pleasant surroundings and friendly company. All are welcome and lifts can be arranged if needed – please telephone Jill Reed (see back page) by the day before the outing to arrange a lift.

Messy Church takes a break in August but will be back on Sunday 24th September in the church hall.

The next meeting of the **PCC** will be on **Thursday 21st September** at 7.30pm in the church.

Christian Aid Week

Many thanks to everyone who helped to deliver Christian Aid envelopes in the parish and to those who agreed to let their home be used as a collection point. Thanks, too, to all of you who took the trouble to deliver your envelope to one of the collection points – it made the whole process a lot easier this year. The final total, with gift aid, was **£1054.70**, a very worthwhile result!

St Nick's Church in Allestree is holding a **fun community day** on Saturday 12th August, 12 till 4pm, with crafts, activities, games and refreshments for all ages. This is to raise funds for the work of Jigsaw in the Philippines.

Allestree churches host '**A Bucket full of Memories' Holiday at Home** from Tues 8th to Thursday 10th August, 10.30am – 3.30pm at Broadway Baptist Church, DE22 1BP. Tel: 01332 346719
email: allestreehah@gmail.com

This is a seaside-themed 'holiday' for adults, providing a chance to meet new friends and old and enjoy entertainment and good food in a relaxing atmosphere, while still enjoying the comfort of your own bed at night. Transport is available if needed. The cost is £7.50 per day or £20 for all three days. On Friday 11th there will also be a coach trip to Rutland Water at a cost of £25. Booking forms for the holiday and the trip can be found on the table at the back of St Paul's church.

St Paul's will once again be joining in the **Operation Christmas Child** appeal to send shoeboxes filled with gifts to needy children in many countries this Christmas. Leaflets explaining how this works will be available at the back of church in September but we need to start collecting empty shoeboxes now. If you have a shoebox you could give us, please leave it at the back of church. All boxes will be covered with wrapping paper and returned to church ready to be filled with gifts – more information in the next newsletter.



SAVE THE DATE



Christmas Tree Festival
in St Paul's Church, Quarndon
Fri 8th – Sun 10th December,
in aid of the church restoration appeal.



Come and view all the beautifully decorated trees and enjoy some refreshments from Friday afternoon until Sunday evening.

There will be various musical events over the weekend as well as activities for children, the opportunity to vote for your favourite tree and much more!

If you would be interested in sponsoring a tree please contact one of the churchwardens. Further details will be in the next newsletter.

MONTHLY ORGANISATIONS

Quarndon Friendship Group

August is our holiday month, so no meetings.

14th September 2.30pm is a Social Afternoon for the start of our Autumn Session. Time again for subscriptions of £5 for the year. New members are always welcome.

28th September 2.30pm we welcome our guest speaker Andrew Heading whose talk is entitled "1000 Miles Across Alaska"

Women's Institute

We meet on the first Thursday of most months. Most meetings are currently held in Members' houses. Please 'phone 550478 for details.

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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For enquiries during the vacancy please contact the church office which is usually manned on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. There is an answerphone which will be checked every day.

The deadline for copy for the newsletter is the 16th of the previous month, so copy for the Oct/Nov edition must be with the editor no later than **16th Sept**, please.