



St Paul's, Quarndon, Parish Newsletter

FEBRUARY/MARCH 2017

Hope and Reconciliation

In his New Year message Justin Welby, the Archbishop of Canterbury, talked about Coventry. He referred to the bombing of Coventry Cathedral in 1940 and that the following day the then Provost of the Cathedral made a commitment not to revenge but to seek forgiveness and reconciliation. A global ministry grew out of this vision and from 2002 Justin Welby worked for Coventry Cathedral helping to lead this worldwide mission.

Two years ago during a visit to Berlin, I found out about this ministry, in the Kaiser Wilhelm Church near the centre of the City. This church was also partly destroyed in World War II, and has a story similar to that of Coventry Cathedral; the ruins of the church were preserved as a reminder to the terrors of warfare and a new church built around them. It was here that I read about the Community of the Cross of Nails (CCN). Back in Coventry in 1940 following the bombing charred timbers found in the shape of a cross were placed on the rubble and a cross of nails formed out of nails salvaged from the damaged roof. This Cross of Nails became a symbol of reconciliation, and the ministry Justin Welby referred to in his New Year message was the CCN, which now has around 200 partners around the world. The Kaiser Wilhelm church joined in 1987 and was presented with their own cross of nails as a sign of their commitment to CCN values – these including working for peace, justice and reconciliation, and healing the wounds of history, while growing together in hope.

Another facet of the CCN is that of learning to live with difference and celebrate diversity. This was shown in the message of Justin Welby as he talked about his visit to the centre for refugees in Coventry, and the welcoming nature of the city with its vibrancy and diversity.

We live today in a world in which we have much to celebrate but that also faces huge challenges countrywide and worldwide. Yet we always have the Hope that comes from God and we at St Paul's continually pray for peace and healing in the world. **In working for peace, justice and reconciliation, can we in our community make a difference? Yes we can!** We need to keep talking to one another, give to those in need, welcome the stranger and show love and care. We cannot shut ourselves off from the world. How much better, for example, to call on an elderly neighbour or to help another in need, than to put up barriers. Actions of love and care will be far more effective and increase cohesion and warmth in our community. They may also be infectious – small prayers and deeds growing so that love and care spreads further and further.



At St Paul's we believe in hope and forgiveness. During February our Prayer Corner will focus on Hope, Peace and Reconciliation, with information on the CCN and the Coventry Litany (prayer) of Reconciliation. Do join us at any of the services, but also remember that the church is open most days in daylight hours for prayer and quiet contemplation.

With best wishes

Jill Reed (Churchwarden)

FAMILY OCCASIONS

In their bereavement we remember the family of Audrey Smith.

ST PAUL'S CHURCH SERVICES AND EVENTS FOR FEB/MARCH

Key: FOG - Focus on God (an informal service with time for quiet prayer) at St Nick's.

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| February | 5 | 10.00 am | Holy Communion (with the Walton family) |
| | 12 | 10.00 am | All Age Worship |
| | | 7.00 pm | FOG at St Nick's |
| | 19 | 10.00 am | Holy Communion |
| | 26 | 10.00 am | Morning Praise |
| | | 4-6 pm | Messy Church (in church hall) |
| | | 7.00 pm | FOG at St Nick's |
| March | 4 | 12.30 pm | Lent Lunch at St Paul's |
| | 5 | 10.00 am | Holy Communion |
| | 9 | 7.30 pm | PCC |
| | 11 | 12.30 pm | Lent Lunch at St John's |
| | 12 | 10.00 am | Morning Praise |
| | | 4 – 6 pm | Messy Church (in church hall) |
| | | 7.00 pm | FOG at St Nick's |
| | 18 | 12.30 pm | Lent Lunch at St Nick's |
| | 19 | 10.00 am | Holy Communion |
| | 25 | 12.30pm | Lent Lunch at Holy Family |
| | 26 | 10.00am | All Age Worship (Mothering Sunday) |
| | | 7.30 pm | FOG at St Nick's |

Please note there is a change to the usual pattern of services in March due to Mothering Sunday, so our All Age service this month is on the 4th Sunday and Morning Praise will be on the 2nd Sunday.

CHURCH NEWS

On **Sunday 5th February** we shall welcome back Simon and Laura Walton and their family at our morning service. The Waltons were our church's Link Mission Partners in Tanzania for many years. They returned to England last summer and are now busy adjusting to life in the UK.

Edward Bear is a small and very friendly group of pre-school children and their carers who meet on Thursday afternoons in term time from 2.15 to 3.30 in church. We enjoy songs, games, Bible stories, play and chat together and would love others to join us.

Messy Church will be back on Feb 26th and March 12th. All are welcome – any age, either with family or on your own. February's theme is 'Hidden Treasure' and in March we'll be thinking about the 'Unforgiving Servant'. There will be lots of activities (and they are not just for the children!), a very short service and a tea of sandwiches and cake. Why not join us? All children must be accompanied by a responsible adult please.

The next **Mini Outing** will be to **Meynell Langley Garden Centre** on **Friday 24th February**. Please meet in the café at 10.30am or, if you need a lift, contact Jill Reed (Tel: 843909) by Thursday 23rd February. This is simply an opportunity to take a break and enjoy the company of others over a cup of tea or coffee in pleasant surroundings, so please do join us and invite your friends, too.

PCC

The next meeting of the **PCC** will be on Thursday 9th March at 7.30 pm.

Christian Aid 'Light the Way' Appeal: During Advent and Christmas at St Paul's we raised the wonderful total of £330 which, with Gift Aid, rises to £388.75. Many thanks to everyone who contributed.

On **Mothering Sunday** (March 26th) all ladies in the congregation will receive flowers and there will be the traditional Simnel cake to share. The service will be led by Bob Goody, Scripture Union Development worker for Nottingham and Derby.

Vacancy Update

The post of Vicar of St Nicholas, Allestree and Priest-in-Charge of St Paul's, Quarndon has been advertised both locally and nationally, with a closing date of 3rd February, so we hope to be able to interview candidates at the end of February. In the meantime services continue as normal with the help of visiting clergy and Readers.

Lent Lunches 2017

St Paul's, along with other members of Allestree Churches Together, supports the needy in Nagpur, India by means of the Social Services Institute in Nagpur. During Lent our churches host a light lunch on Saturdays, where all are welcome to share in food and fellowship to raise funds for the Nagpur Institute.

Each lunch starts at 12.30pm, dates as follows:

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| March 4 th | St Paul's, Quarndon |
| March 11 th | St John's, Park Farm |
| March 18 th | St Nicholas, Allestree |
| March 25 th | Holy Family, Blenheim Parade |
| April 1 st | St Edmund's, Allestree |
| April 8 th | Broadway Baptist |



Choice of soups, ham or cheese roll, fruit and tea/ coffee
£3.00 adults, £1 children, payable on the door
Cake, preserve and plant stalls

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox update: a total of **8184** shoeboxes left Derby on their way to children in Latvia. Many thanks to everyone at St Paul's who helped to fill 23 boxes. These were added to those collected by the Curzon School.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday (1st March this year) and is the period of 40 days leading up to Easter. Lent is a season of reflection and preparation before the celebrations of Easter and was traditionally observed with fasting and contemplation, recalling Jesus Christ's withdrawal into the desert for 40 days. Many Christians today prefer to use the period of Lent to further their study of the faith or to do something extra which will benefit other people. We have the opportunity to do both at St Paul's:

- A study group meets fortnightly at the home of Mary & David Connell
- We are hosting a Lent Lunch to raise funds for Nagpur
- We are collecting food and toiletries for the Derby food banks (*these may be left at the back of church at any time*).

For further information about any of the above please contact Mary Connell (see Directory on back page).

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

The **Padley Centre** is holding a 'Good as new' clothes sale in the atrium at Derby University on Friday 17th March from 5 to 8.30pm (Admission £10 with ticket) and on Saturday 18th March, 10am to 2pm (Admission free). If you have any clean, good quality clothes or accessories you no longer require they would be pleased to receive them.

For collection of clothes or to buy tickets contact Kerry Collyer on 01332 774480 or email admin@padleygroup.com 68 Rutland Street, Derby DE23 8PR

MONTHLY ORGANISATIONS

Quarndon Friendship Group

Thursday 9th February 2.30pm we will have a Social Afternoon.

Thursday 23rd February 2.30pm Our guest speaker is Charles Hanson who will give a talk about his life at the BBC. I bet there have been some mishaps together with hilarity over the years!

Thursday 9th March 2.30pm our speaker will give a talk on behalf of Rainbows Children's Hospice.

Thursday 23rd March 2.30pm we will have a Social Afternoon.

Women's Institute

We meet on the first Thursday of most months:

2nd February 2.15 p.m. : History of Pop Music - Talk by Alan Hopkin

2nd March 2.15 p.m. : Staying Well 350 years ago - Talk by David Bell

For further details please contact Ann Horton on 01332 550478

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).

ST PAUL'S, QUARNDON, DIRECTORY

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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 Feb/March edition must be with the editor no later than **16th March**, please.