



# St Paul's, Quarndon, Parish Newsletter

June/July 2019



From the Vicarage

With the Easter holidays also upon us, it was always going to be a slightly chaotic Easter for our household as we were away with the churches for Spring Harvest, a big Christian festival at Butlins' in Skegness and then hotfooting it straight back to Allestree & Quarndon for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter services. My other half somehow found himself being interviewed by Songs of Praise, his second time on the programme. If he makes it through the editor's cut- we shall see... The overarching theme though for the week was 'Unlimited-When you Pray' with lots of bible based teaching around the Lord's Prayer and Jesus' teaching on prayer. The main speaker at Spring Harvest was Pete Greig, an author of several books including 'God on Mute' and his personal experience of suffering the silence of his own unanswered prayers when his wife was diagnosed with a brain tumour. He writes that *"thousands of us carry around the pain of unanswered prayer in our hearts. Occasionally, we wonder why God does not respond to our requests, but generally we just get on with life and try to trust in Him. But it truly doesn't have to be like this."* For the many hundreds of us gathered in the Big Top, it was so refreshing to hear Greig's honestly in wrestling with prayer. *"No matter how simply and honestly we pray, it's easy to lose heart and it's tempting to give up when our prayers don't seem to be working. God invites us to pray simply, directly and truthfully and to not give up. Take a walk in the rain, write prayers on the soles of your shoes, sing the Blues, Rap, write sonnets, go for a run, throw yourself down a waterslide yelling hallelujah..."*

Greig had already been involved in the formation of a 24-7 prayer community prior to his wife's illness and over the last few years it's gone global with prayer rooms being set up across the world. And so despite the 24 hour prayer room being located right opposite our accommodation, we were somewhat miraculously undisturbed by the constant comings and goings, the ebb and flow of visitors through the night and early hours of the morning completely passed us by. A prayer trail had also been set up around the site and it was good to be able to sit and take a moment to pause during the busy day.

You may be hearing about 24-7 prayer rooms around Derby churches this month as we once again participate in the global wave of prayer, 'Thy Kingdom come' which encourages Christians across the world from many different denominations to pray together during those 11 days between the church festivals of Ascension and Pentecost (30<sup>th</sup> May-9<sup>th</sup> June). Last year we encouraged children from the Curzon school to construct and fly kites to remind them of God's Holy Spirit and to think and pray for all those they cared for. This year there will be a prayer space in St Nick's Chapel, which will offer visitors the opportunity to be prayed for or offer their own prayers. We will be inviting people to try and pray as Greig suggests, simply, directly and truthfully, not giving up.

The news that came through on Easter Day about the bombings in Sri Lanka was a profound shock especially as the country was rapidly approaching its tenth anniversary since the end of a 30 year civil conflict. I can tell you the exact date when the war ended, May 19<sup>th</sup> 2009, because I was in my second year of a 3 year contract working with the Anglican Diocese of Colombo in Sri Lanka when war was declared over. This year the tenth anniversary falls on the same day as the great Buddhist festival of Vesak – celebrating the Buddhas' birth, enlightenment and passing into nirvana and is characterised by displays of light - think Blackpool illuminations scale then bigger. The light shines in the darkness...

If you aren't sure about what prayer is, if you'd like to know more please get in touch or take a look at the resources and websites listed below. If there is something you'd like prayer for, please let me know.

<https://www.24-7prayer.com/>

<https://www.thykingdomcome.global/>

<https://www.anglicannews.org/blogs/2019/05/sri-lanka-easter-massacre-reflection-from-bishop-dhiloraj-canagasabey.aspx>

By Pete Greig "God on Mute" and "How to Pray"

Yours in faith,

Becky

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

Date	Time	Service/Event	
June	2	10.00 am	Holy Communion
	9	10.00 am	All Age Worship
	13	7.30 pm	ACT AGM at Broadway Baptist
	15	2.00 pm	<b>Summer Fair</b>
	16	10.00 am	Holy Communion with <b>SHINE</b>
	21	2.00 pm	Curzon School Commemoration Service
	23	10.00 am	Morning Praise
	30	10.45 am	Ordination of Deacons Derby Cathedral – (NO service at St Paul's)
July	7	10.00 am	Holy Communion
	11	7.30 pm	PCC
	14	10.00 am	All Age Worship
	21	10.00 am	Holy Communion with <b>SHINE</b>
	28	10.00 am	Morning Praise
	30 July – 2 Aug		<b>Holiday Club at St Nick's *</b>

Morning Prayer is said in church every Wednesday and Thursday in term time at 9.05am  
**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 11<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm in church.

*\*Please see our website for booking information.*

## CHURCH NEWS

### **Celebrate!**

On Sunday 30th June there will be no morning service at St Paul's, as we'll all be at the Cathedral to support Dawn Knight, our new curate, at her ordination.

The service at the Cathedral starts at 10:45am and all are welcome. Following the service, there will be a party in St Nick's church hall, with a Bring and Share lunch, to welcome Dawn and her family and celebrate with them at this huge milestone in their lives. A fantastic opportunity to get to know them and celebrate!

### **Relax!**

If you have a few minutes to spare when dropping children off or collecting them from school, or you just want to be still for a few minutes, do feel free to pop into church for a cuppa. Tea, coffee and milk are available for anyone to use, so please help yourselves and enjoy the peace.

### **DON'T MISS IT!**

The first of our fundraising events for the 150 Appeal will be a **Summer Fair** on Sat 15th June from 2pm in the church and hall. There will be a variety of stalls, raffle, competitions, refreshments, children's activities, entertainment, etc. and all are welcome.

*Further information about the appeal can be found on our website: [www.stpaulsquarndon.org.uk](http://www.stpaulsquarndon.org.uk)*

Then, also on 15<sup>th</sup> June, at 7.30pm in St Paul's Church we invite you to an **Evening of Music** with Chris Freebury (flute) and David Johnson (piano). Admission £5 on the door, under 18s free.

## Advance Notice

Our sister church St Nick's is holding a **Summer Fete** on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July. All welcome.

At our **Annual Parochial Church Meeting** two new members were elected to join the PCC, so this now consists of:

Rev Becky Mathew	<i>Chair</i>	Mary Connell	<i>Vice Chair</i>
Mike Annable	<i>Churchwarden</i>	Alison MacGregor	<i>Safeguarding lead</i>
Jenni Capel	<i>Deanery Synod</i>	Heather Bullen	
Lesley Kirkland	“ “	Rebecca Hanson	<i>SHINE leader</i>
John Rosser	“ “	Jan Calladine	<i>Electoral Roll Officer</i>
John Waldron	<i>Treasurer</i>	Hannah McIntyre	
Val Mallon	<i>Secretary</i>	Phil Moncur	<i>Reader</i>



Our next **Mini-outing** will be to the Pip Tree Café at Collyer's Nurseries, Borrowwash on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June at 2.15pm. Please pick up a bulletin in church for details of the July outing. 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.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Quarndon Cricket Club Some special dates for your diaries!

14th May Derbyshire Over 60s match.

16th June Summer Quiz

26th July Presidents Match v MCC

9th Nov Firework Night

*See our events website for details <http://qccevents.co.uk/>*

15th Nov. Craft Fair

### Quarndon Events

*Let's get together*

#### Walk and Picnic

Quarndon Events is facilitating this new event on **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2019**.

Meet at the Cricket Club at 2pm to receive a map of village walks along our lovely footpaths. There will be a short walk with a treasure hunt for children and a longer walk for the enthusiastic walkers.

Bring a picnic which can be left at the cricket club and enjoyed on return from the walk.

There will be cricket games in progress and the bar will be open.

**Just a reminder: you can buy a year's social membership of the cricket club for £5 so you can enjoy a drink with beautiful views any time of the year.**

#### Planning Ahead

Quarndon Events is planning ahead for village events/projects. After three quieter years we are enthused and have grown in number – however more people always welcome!

If you are keen to promote community spirit in Quarndon you are very welcome to come to

**Quarndon Cricket Club on Tuesday 4th June at 7.45pm**

to tell us what events you would like or to get involved. Or just come for a drink and chat. The bar will be open, hopefully the sun will be out and the setting is always beautiful. It will be very informal, so pop in.

We are updating the village database so to keep in touch with what is happening in the village register your email with Isobel at [Isobeljshorrock@gmail.com](mailto:Isobeljshorrock@gmail.com)

Check the village website <https://www.quarndon-pc.gov.uk/> and Quarndon Events Facebook page nearer the time for any further information.

## VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

### Blooming Quarndon

The residents at the bottom of Burley Lane are continuing with the pilot for getting our village in bloom. We are planting extra colour on our front verges and we have clubbed together to pay for baskets on the lampposts and on one of the village welcome signs.

We are hoping to present motorists, and everyone else, with a noticeable display up the hill. There is some evidence that this can alert drivers that they are in a residential area and to slow down.

It will also enhance the Lane and has already given us a community focus. We have had some enjoyable neighbours' get together with coffee and cake thrown in, to plan what we are going to do.

It hasn't been expensive or too time consuming. Maybe other areas of the village will feel inspired to give it a go next year.

Look out for a planter and a couple of hanging baskets in the centre of the village too.

You can leave comments/keep up to date by visiting the Blooming Quarndon page on Facebook.

**Quarndon Friendship Group** meets on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month at 2.30pm in Quarndon church hall (please note change of time).

Thursday 13th June at 2.30pm our guest is Bob Neil with his box of "Bits and Bobs" We will form teams and try to guess what the items were used for in days gone by. There could be plenty of laughter!

Thursday 27th June at 2.30pm will be a Social Afternoon.

Thursday 11th July at 2.30pm will be another Social Afternoon. Remember they are never dull afternoons; we often put the world to rights and discuss topics in the news.

Thursday 25th July at 2.30 pm we will be entertained again by guest speaker Paul Newsham with his talk "The Great Fire of London" before ending our "Summer Session" with a strawberry cream tea.

**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](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).

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The deadline for copy for the newsletter is the 16<sup>th</sup> of the previous month so copy for the August/~September edition must be with the editor no later than **16<sup>th</sup> July** please.