



# St Paul's, Quarndon, Parish Newsletter

October/November 2019



## Let your smile be a light to another

It's that time of year again when the nights are drawing in and the sun is taking longer to "get going" in the mornings- much like many of us I should think. It's so much easier to stay in our warm and cosy homes, eat more, exercise less and curl up with a good book.....well it is for me anyway!

However, not everyone has a warm home, enough food on the table and the ability to make choices. For those who live alone or are isolated for one reason or another, it is the time of year that can bring dread. Darkness and poor weather bring additional vulnerability for those without the homes many of us take for granted; and for those less mobile, home can feel almost like imprisonment.

As a new curate ("trainee vicar") to the area I have spent quite a bit of time out and about in the community. Through observation and conversation, I realise how many of us value a smile, a "good morning", a hot beverage in the local café, to be in the company of others, and have someone listening without fear of judgement or advice.

All of us have had, or are going through, "stuff". It's part of our human journeys. As we pass by the stranger we can turn away or ignore them because we are caught up in thoughts about our own troubles. We can speak without thinking of the impact it will have on others. Jesus had time for everyone, particularly those on the outside, those that didn't fit the accepted mould; and he told us to *love* each other. We can't solve all the problems, but we *can* make someone else's day just a little bit better by acknowledging them positively.

As we journey into autumn, when days are shorter and crisper, how wonderful it would be if we could smile at those we pass, take the time to chat and listen, share a cuppa with someone other than our friends or family, and push ourselves outside of our comfort zones to make someone else's day a little bit brighter. And as we bless others in this way, so we too will be blessed.

***"Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble. <sup>9</sup> Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult. On the contrary, repay evil with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing."*** (1 Peter 3:8-9).

## Dawn Knight

### DON'T MISS IT!

St Paul's *Christmas Tree Festival* will be back this year for the weekend of **13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> December**.

Please see overleaf for programme details but we are now looking for people to sponsor and/or decorate about 25 trees. Sponsors could be individuals, families, community groups, businesses.... Sponsors can decorate their tree on a theme of their choice or, if they prefer, we can find someone else to decorate it. We provide the trees and you (or your decorator) 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 (see back page). There will be a prize for the decorator of the best dressed tree (judged by our visitors).

## FAMILY OCCASIONS

In their bereavement our prayers are with the family and friends of Ian Horton.

## ST PAUL'S CHURCH SERVICES AND EVENTS FOR OCTOBER/NOVEMBER

Date	Time	Service/Event	
October	6	10.00 am	Holy Communion ( <b>Harvest</b> )
	13	10.00 am	All Age Worship
	20	10.00 am	Holy Communion with SHINE
		12.00	Baptism
		6.30 pm	Evening Worship with the music of <b>Bruce Springsteen</b>
	24	10.00 am	Mini Outing to Children's Society coffee morning
	27	10.00 am	Morning Praise
	31	5.30-7.00 pm	Light Party in church
November	3	10.00 am	Holy Communion
		4.00 pm	'In Loving Memory'
	10	10.00 am	Service of Remembrance
	12	2.00 pm	Mini Outing to Re-Space, Milford
	14	7.30 pm	PCC
	17	10.00 am	Holy Communion with <b>SHINE</b>
		6.30 pm	Evening Worship with the music of <b>Queen</b>
	24	4.00 pm	Christingle

*Please note some changes to our regular pattern of services this month.*

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 14<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm in church.

Our **Harvest** service is on 6<sup>th</sup> October. Gifts of tins or packets of food and toiletries for the Derby food banks would be very welcome.

## CHURCH NEWS

We are working hard to put together an exciting programme for our **Christmas Tree Festival** in December. The festival will be open from Friday afternoon till Sunday evening, with various musical items during Saturday (handbell ringers, recorder players, evening concert with David Johnson on the organ and the beautiful voices of the St Clement's Singers) and, of course, all the fabulous trees to view. All proceeds from the weekend will go to our 150 Appeal.

Rev Jamie MacKay returned to St Paul's on 15<sup>th</sup> Sept to lead a service of Evening Worship based on the music of Eric Clapton. This was a great success and was much appreciated by all who attended. Jamie will be leading two more of these special services, on October 20<sup>th</sup> (Bruce Springsteen) and November 17<sup>th</sup> (Queen), both at 6.30pm. All welcome.

Our next **Mini-outings** will be to the Children's Society coffee Morning at St Nicholas church, Allestree on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October at 10am. Then on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November we are hoping to meet at 'Re-Space' in Milford at 2pm (**Please check venue with Mary**). 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.



## CHRISTMAS CARDS AND GIFTS

This year there will be a limited number of cards to view/purchase in church but there are catalogues from the Leprosy Mission available for you to place orders. Anything you do purchase will ensure 20% goes to church funds as well as helping this charity. Please see Margaret MacGregor for further information.



St Paul's Church invites you to a **Christingle** service in aid of The Children's Society on **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November at 4pm**. All are welcome to join us and all money raised will go towards helping children dealing with a range of complex issues including violence, abuse and hardship.

Christingle is a celebration named after the Christingles given out at the event – these are oranges decorated with red ribbon, sweets or dried fruits on cocktail sticks and a candle, to highlight different parts of the Christian story. Christingle is an opportunity for people of all ages to come together, light a candle and enjoy the warmth and joy of this special festive occasion.

On Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October there will be a **Coffee Morning**, also in aid of the Children's Society, at St Nicholas' church hall, Allestree from 10 to 11.30am. Admission £1 including tea/coffee and biscuit. There will also be stalls with charity Christmas cards, crafts, cakes, plants, tombola, books and a raffle.

**St Paul's Light Party:** a casual drop-in for a warm drink, games, sweets and craft. Come and light a candle on All Hallows Eve (31<sup>st</sup> October). We'll be in fancy dress too!

## Nagpur Link News

The latest news from Nagpur tells us of the official opening of the new training centre which local churches raised funds to build. The following is a summary of the newsletter sent by Aradhana, Director of the CNISSI.

On 20<sup>th</sup> August 2019 the Rt. Rev. Sharad Gaikwad, Bishop of Nagpur inaugurated the New Building for Skill Development Initiatives for the underprivileged and poor people, this being a new build for the Church of North India Social Services Institute (CNISSI).

Mrs. Aradhana Upadhyay, Director CNISSI welcomed the Board members, the beneficiaries of SHG (self-help groups) of CNISSI, and explained the need for the new building to replace the old temporary shed which, due to its lack of appropriate facilities, was no longer able to receive government support. Now, since the new build fulfils the criteria, training and skill development courses will continue.

Mrs. Upadhyay especially expressed her gratitude to Allestree Churches Together for supporting CNISSI to make the building possible. She also thanked all the Office bearers and Board members of CNISSI, both past and present, for their support and guidance.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Quarndon Cricket Club

Don't forget our last Car Boot sale on 6th Oct.

**Christmas Market** at the cricket Club on 15th November. Start Christmas early with quality hand made goods, Bar and the seasonal atmosphere at the Club House. ALL ARE WELCOME

Contact Kate 01332862666 for further information.



### Quarndon Events Save the date!

### Quarndon Open Gardens and Scarecrow Trail 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> July 2020

After a 10 year break, Quarndon Open gardens will be back in 2020 combined with a Scarecrow trail so everyone can be involved in celebrating our beautiful village.

Proceeds from the Garden 'admission ticket' will go to 'Quarndon Events' to fund village initiatives such as Blooming Quarndon. If individual gardens would like to host other activities eg plant sales then proceeds will go to charity of their choice.

If you would like to open your garden **please contact Julie Pollock by 1<sup>st</sup> November 2019** so we can get an idea of numbers. All gardens welcome: big, small, modern, traditional, vegetable, ornamental, wildlife, children's.....

**Contact details** Julie Pollock: [julescpollock@gmail.com](mailto:julescpollock@gmail.com), 07879385700

## VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

### Quarndon pre-school & Before and after school club

We are open Monday to Friday 7.30 - 6.00

We offer flexible sessions

If you are interested in a place for your child contact Dawn by emailing:

[Quarndonpre-school@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:Quarndonpre-school@hotmail.co.uk) or calling: 07762511215

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

Thursday 10th October will be a Social Afternoon.

Thursday 24th October our guest speaker is Gareth Howell. His talk is "A Nottingham Medieval Mystery: What is the Fishpool Treasure Hoard? Why is it such an important treasure and where might it have come from?".

Thursday 14th November we will have a bring and buy produce stall of jams, marmalade, chutneys cakes etc in aid of club funds.

Thursday 28th November our guest from More Pretty Things will show us how to be creative with our Christmas wrapping. Gift wrap and accessories will also be for sale.

**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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Facebook: [www.facebook.com/stpaulsquarndon](http://www.facebook.com/stpaulsquarndon)

(Please 'like' our Facebook page!)

### Church Administrator

Gael Browne, our administrator, is now on maternity leave. In her absence Jo Peace will be covering some of Gael's duties. Jo will be in the church office on Wednesdays and Fridays from 9.30am to 2.30pm.

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