



St Paul's, Quarndon, Parish Newsletter

June/July 2018

From the Vicarage

“Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.”

Romans 12:12

I don't know about you, but May has been an incredibly busy month; 'Thy Kingdom Come' a global 10 days of prayer, Christian Aid week, a Church birthday, SATS exams, GCSE's, A-level exams and of course a Royal wedding, the Eurovision Song contest and the FA Cup final. And the great thing about many of these events is that they bring people together, whether it's having fun gathered around a TV set at a friend's house singing along, waiting with others on the streets of Windsor to catch a glimpse of a bride or as a volunteer knocking on houses and ringing doorbells to collect for Christian Aid. However, as well as the fun stuff, examinations for example continue into June. A student taking GCSE's this year might have to sit 24 different exam papers for 10 subjects. Our churches currently employ a Children's, Youth and Families worker who spends several hours a week simply listening to young people at a nearby secondary school who are wrestling with various life issues and she has more and more student referrals each and every week. Research* conducted by the University of York and the charity 'The Children's Society' shows that young people in the UK are really struggling with rising anxiety and are increasingly unhappy. As a church family we want to try and support our children, young people and families as much as possible through particularly difficult and stressful times. Today I've returned from the Curzon's school prayer kite festival and it was really wonderful to be able to take especially the Year 6 children, having completed their final SATs test in the morning, up to Bunkers Hill in the afternoon to fly kites and appreciate the amazing scenery across Derbyshire and the Derwent Valley. Just a bit of height, looking out across the views, does wonders for the soul. As one of the parents assisting commented, 'it puts life into perspective'. And maybe all we can do at times is to try and look for a bit of perspective in sometimes chaotic and complicated lives. The purpose of the call to prayer for 'Thy Kingdom Come' though is just to put some perspective back into our lives, to simply be diligent in our prayer lives and engage with our Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, Comforter and Deliverer.

On another note, I am really glad that, having asked Bishop Jan way back last September to preside at a Confirmation service at St Paul's at the end of June, we have one adult candidate. For those from an Anglican church background, especially if you were christened or baptised as an infant, Confirmation is the opportunity to confirm the promises made on your behalf by parents and god-parents as your own. I remember my own Confirmation well as I had a moment of rebellion and refused to wear the white blouse and black skirt combo and went dressed in my ordinary clothes- a purple T-shirt and flowered skirt, with the reasoning that my Christian faith wasn't something I was going to put on for a special occasion but was going to be part of my everyday life from now on (I was 14 at the time). I remember wanting to be confirmed, but realised I was in the minority even back then. I am absolutely delighted that we are going to be welcoming our first female Bishop in Derbyshire to Quarndon and look forward to hearing her words to us.

Since the beginning of January our PCCs have been reflecting on the words of Paul from his letter to the Romans, chapter 12 as part of a year long visioning process for our church families. Please take a look at these verses and use them in your prayers.

Yours in faith,
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*The Good Childhood Report 2017

FAMILY OCCASIONS

In their bereavement our prayers are with the family and friends of Brenda Veitch.

In Baptism we have welcomed Thomas Yeates.

In Marriage we have prayed for God's blessing on Keely Jennings and Nicholas Smith and Helen Short and Stuart Poynor.

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

Date	Time	Service	
June	3	10.00 am	Holy Communion
	5	7.00 pm	ACT AGM at St Nick's
	10	10.00 am	All Age Worship
		6.30 pm	Evening Praise (with the music of Van Morrison)
	16	1.30 pm	Wedding Kilmister-Walwork
	17	10.00 am	Holy Communion with SHINE
	22	2.00 pm	Curzon School Commemoration
	24	10.00 am	Confirmation with Bishop Jan
	28	7.30 pm	PCC
July	1	10.00 am	Holy Communion
	8	10.00 am	All Age Worship
	15	10.00 am	Holy Communion with SHINE
	20	9.30 am	Curzon Leavers' service
	22	10.00 am	Morning Praise
	29	10.00 am	JOINT SERVICE AT ST NICK'S

SHINE (Sunday School) meets in the lower church hall from 9.45am on the 3rd Sunday of each month.

CHURCH NEWS

Our next **Mini-outings** will be to Re-Space in Milford on Tuesday 12th June and to the Potting Shed, Markeaton Garden Centre on Thursday 26th July, both at 2.15pm.

All are welcome and lifts can be arranged if needed – please telephone Jill Reed on 843909 by the day before the outing to arrange a lift..



At our **Annual Parochial Church Meeting** on Sunday 22nd April the following were elected to serve on the church council:

Mike Annable (Churchwarden)

Heather Bullen

Jan Calladine (Electoral Roll Officer)

Jenni Capel

Mary Connell (Vice Chair)

Tony Glover (Deanery Synod)

Rebecca Hanson

Lesley Kirkland (Deanery Synod)

Val Mallon (Secretary)

John Rosser (Deanery Synod)

John Waldron (Treasurer)

The next meeting of the **PCC** will be on Thursday 28th June at 7.30pm in church.

On Sunday 10th June at 6.30pm Rev Jamie Mackay is returning to Quarndon to lead a special service of Evening Praise featuring the music of **Van Morrison**: 'Standing at the Threshold'
All welcome. Refreshments will be served after the service.

ALLESTREE CHURCHES NAGPUR LINK

Soup and Pudding Evening

Saturday 2nd June, 5pm

St John's Methodist Church, Park Farm

Cost £4. Children welcome.

All proceeds to support the work of the Social Services Institute in Nagpur.

(This event is to replace the February Lent Lunch which had to be cancelled due to snow)

Calling all musicians/singers

Do you play the piano, keyboard, guitar, drums, violin.....any instrument?



St Paul's church would love to have more musicians and singers to form a music group to play at all age services. These services happen once a month on the 2nd Sunday at 10am and last for about 45 minutes.

For further information please contact the editor (see back page).

COMMUNITY NEWS



Quarndon Pre school are holding their **summer fayre** on Saturday 16th June, 11am till 1pm in the church hall.

There will be craft stalls, Tombola, raffle, children's crafts, cake sale and refreshments.
All welcome!

Quarndon Cricket Club welcomes players of all levels but you can also become a member of the club even if you don't play cricket! It is a facility for the entire village in both Summer and Winter, daytime and evening. The social membership fee is £5.

For further information about membership email quarndoncricketclub@gmail.com or just come along to the club.

To enquire about room bookings please email: katedumelow@gmail.com or tel: 01332 862666 or 07745 481730.

MONTHLY ORGANISATIONS

Quarndon Friendship Group meets on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month in Quarndon church hall. Please note that we have a new starting time for meetings.

Thursday 14th June 2pm will be a Social Afternoon.

Thursday 28th June 2pm our guest speaker, Michael Fieldhouse, is a retired Police Inspector and a professional toastmaster.

Thursday 12th July 2pm is a Social Afternoon.

Thursday 26th July 2pm our guest speaker, Peter Slater, is a semi-retired BBC sports reporter who has met all the sporting greats. His talk will be followed by our end of summer session: "Strawberry Cream Tea".

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.

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 August/Sept edition must be with the editor no later than **16th July**, please.