



St Paul's, Quarndon, Parish Newsletter

October/November 2018

From the Vicarage

What is church for you?

Have you noticed anything different on our noticeboards?

We needed some new posters particularly for the St Nicholas' exterior noticeboards and my eye was caught by a set of posters that were entitled, 'What Church is for me....' followed by a list of adjectives: *uplifting, inspiration, peace, stillness, wisdom, belonging, community, family, singing*, followed by the question, 'What could it be for you?'

It's a particularly challenging question, because of course it's subjective to our own experience, if we have any, of being part of a church or attending church services. Those who might come to church as a visitor to a funeral or wedding for example, might have a very different view of church than a child who regularly attends Messy Church or someone who attends the midweek Communion service. Even those who come regularly on a Sunday morning will find themselves challenged at times by the variety of worship that can take place – some weeks we have informal worship with a music group and children and families joining in, other weeks our services are more traditional with music provided by an organist. Some people will attend the services they particularly prefer; others may opt out that particular week and attend elsewhere. But if we only ever attend one particular style of worship or only go through the church doors for funerals or don't engage with the midweek home groups or the social events like coffee and chat or volunteer to be on a rota for hospitality or reading for example, then what becomes our experience of church? Being at the front of church and looking out to the congregation, or handing out books and orders of service to those coming through the door, changes your experience of church. Helping at Sunday school or volunteering to wash up the cups after the service will also change your experience of what church is and what it could be.

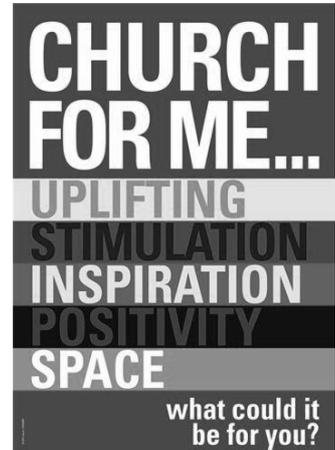
For some people 'church' means a building used for religious worship by a Christian faith group. However, this is not one of the descriptions of church used on the posters. For those who follow Jesus, churches are a place of gathering, where people from different walks of life, different ages, different nationalities, languages, different professions, different political views, may come to worship and draw close to God. They are places of learning and encounter, they are places of both love and hurt, they are places where we come as we are, not as others might like us to be.

During the summer holidays, I visited Lancaster University and there was a sign in their multi-faith centre which read:

"Whether you're student or staff, undergraduate or postgraduate, into classical music or heavy metal, whether you're gay, straight, bisexual or transsexual, whether you're teetotal, like a drink occasionally or alcoholic, whether you're a humanist, an atheist, evolutionist or creationist, whether you're a migrant or refugee, whether you're cis-gendered, trans-gendered or don't know what those words mean, whether you're physically ill, mentally ill or altogether healthy and content, whether you're from the UK or somewhere else in this great wide world, whether you're a humanities student or sciences student, whether you smoke, take drugs, are addicted to porn or none of the above, whether you love labels or want to bin them all, whatever you call yourself, You are welcome here.

Of course, this was written very much with students in mind. But even if you don't identify with any of those categories, or indeed if you do, you are welcome to discover whatever it is that church could be for you.

Yours in faith,
Revd Becky Mathew
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FAMILY OCCASIONS

In their bereavement our prayers are with the family and friends of Shirley Banham.
In Baptism we have welcomed Maisy Russell, Emma Johnson and Lucas Gregory.

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

| Date | Time | Service |
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| 7 Oct | 10.00 am | Harvest Holy Communion |
| 14 Oct | 10.00 am | All Age Worship |
| 21 Oct | 10.00 am | Holy Communion (SHINE in hall) |
| 28 Oct | 10.00 am | Morning Praise |
| | 6pm | All Souls Service |
| 4 Nov | 10.00 am | Holy Communion |
| 8 Nov | 7.30 pm | PCC |
| 11 Nov | 10.00 am | Service of Remembrance |
| 18 Nov | 10.00 am | Holy Communion (SHINE in hall) |
| 25 Nov | 10.00 am | Morning Praise |
| | 4.00 pm | Christingle |

Morning Prayer is said in church every Wednesday and Thursday at 9.05am

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

MESSY CHURCH meets at St Nicholas Church, Allestree from 4-6pm on the second Saturday of the month.

The next meeting of the **PCC** will be on Thursday 8th November at 7.30pm in church.

CHURCH NEWS



Help to make sure vulnerable children are not alone this Christmas

St Paul's Church is inviting the local community to come together and celebrate Christingle's 50th anniversary in aid of The Children's Society and show vulnerable children they are not alone this Christmas.

This unique festive spectacle will be held in the church on **Sunday 25th November** at 4pm. The whole community is welcome to join the festivities 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.

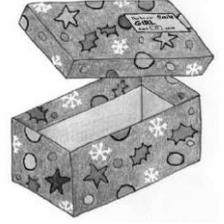
We invite all children to bring a picture of a Christingle to show at this service (crayon/paint/collage/.....) – how creative can you be?

On Thursday 20th 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 Christmas cards, crafts, cakes, plants, gifts, books and bric-a-brac. All welcome.



Our next **Mini-outings** will be to the Children's Society Coffee Morning in St Nicholas' church hall, Allestree at 10am on Thursday 25th October (see above) and to the Wyevale Garden Centre, Findern on Tuesday 27th November at 2.15pm.. All are welcome and lifts can be arranged if needed. Please telephone Mary on 01335 360422 by the day before the outing to arrange a lift.

St Paul's is once again joining in the **Operation Christmas Child** appeal to send shoeboxes filled with gifts to needy children in other countries this Christmas. Leaflets explaining how this works are available at the back of church, together with a few covered shoeboxes (first come, first served). Filled boxes should be returned to church by **Sunday 11th November** please. If you would like to contribute to the appeal but don't feel you could fill a box, contributions of either money or small items to go in a box may be brought to church.



Tea and Cake meets Antiques Roadshow!

This is a special event at St Paul's to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Armistice. As well as there being an Act of Remembrance on Sunday 11th November with the laying of poppy wreaths at the village remembrance memorial after the 10am morning service, we invite you to:

'Poppies & Peace'

Sunday October 14th, 3-5pm

A 'poppy' themed Afternoon Tea with Ade Stevenson, military antiquities expert from Hanson's Auctioneers, who will be speaking about his favourite historical artefacts from World War 1.

In St Paul's Church, Quarndon DE22 5JA



Please bring along family heirlooms that relate to the Great War (1914-1918) – Medals, badges, uniforms, gas-masks, field equipment, ration books, children's toys, household items that have a story behind them. A display area will be available if you'd like to put your items on show. Should you wish Mr Stevenson to comment to you about whatever you bring, please let us know when you arrive.

Afternoon Tea will be available including a 'proper sandwich tea' for children.
(no charge - donations welcomed)

All welcome, so please pass this invitation on to anyone who might be interested.

New Administrator for St Nicholas, Allestree and St Paul's, Quarndon

We said farewell to Yanyan at the end of July and we wish her well as she leaves us to train for ministry in the Methodist Church.

We are very pleased to welcome Mrs Gael Browne as our new Administrator. Gael can be contacted at the church office (see back page).

COMMUNITY NEWS

Quarndon Cricket Club

Our car boot sales are going well. Next one is Sunday 7th October. Contact Kate Dumelow for details 01332 862666.

MONTHLY ORGANISATIONS

Quarndon Friendship Group meets on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month at 2pm in Quarndon church hall.

Thursday 11th October our guest speaker is Paul Newsham who will give a talk about "DNA Recovery at Crime Scenes"

Thursday 25th October is a Social Afternoon. As you know, these are never dull occasions!

Thursday 8th November is a Social Afternoon giving us time to plan our Christmas activities.

Thursday 22nd November our guest speaker is Dr Ann Featherstone with a talk entitled "Music Hall: the singers and the songs"

Women's Institute

We meet on the first Thursday of most months. Most meetings are currently held in Members' houses. On Thursday, 4th October, we have a Quiz starting at 2.15 and on Thursday, 1st November, Ann Stewart will speak to us about a Georgian Christmas, also at 2.15. For further details please phone 550478

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 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 December/January edition must be with the editor no later than **16th November**, please.