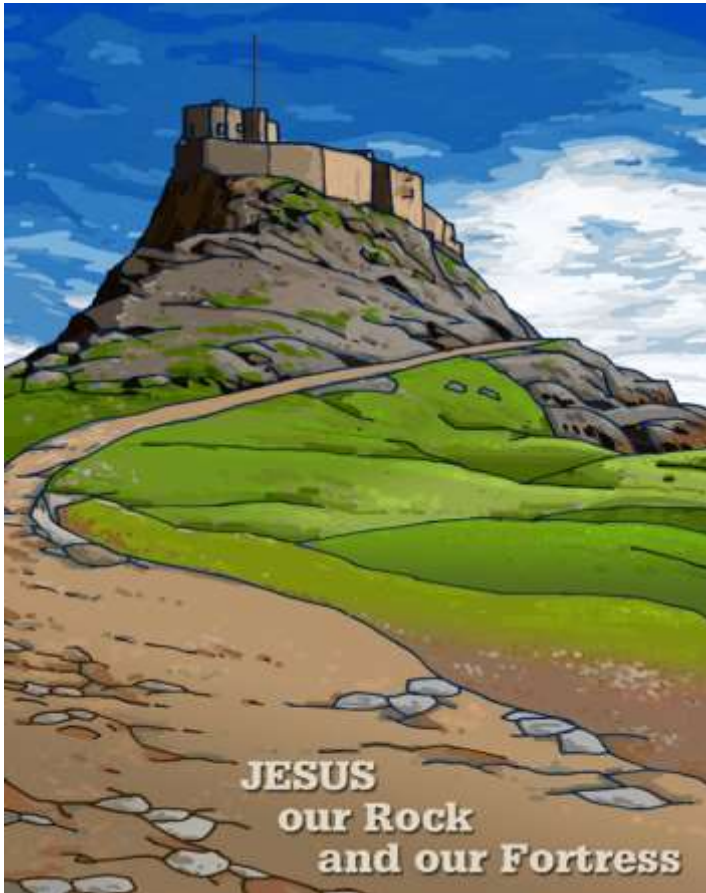




St. Paul's Church Ansdell & Fairhaven  
Working In Unity To Share The Good News Of Christ

# PEWS NEWS EXTRA

Issue No 165 ~ July 2022



# *Letter from the Vicarage...*

The middle of July marks the formal end of Bishop Julian's leadership of us in Blackburn Diocese, having served for nine years as Diocesan Bishop. His Farewell Communion is on July 16<sup>th</sup> at Blackburn Cathedral. He will formally retire at the end of August following the Lambeth Conference.



Of course, we do not put 'our trust in princes, in human beings...' (or Bishops) (Psalm 146:3), rather our trust is to be in the Lord.

However, I am thankful to the Lord for his use of Julian and Heather, Julian's wife, during their time amongst us. Julian has been a personal encouragement to me, and supportive of the work of St Paul's. Some may remember his visit in 2016, or Heather's 'From Borneo to Bishop's House' testimony evening, where she shared about Jesus' work in her own life.

I am most thankful that Bishop Julian has sought to open up the Scriptures in our Diocesan life, and spur us on to found our life together upon God's word. I pray that this will be a legacy beyond his time with us. I am thankful too for Julian's willingness to speak for the goodness of God's ways on the national stage, which has not always been easy for him.

Vision 2026, our Diocesan Vision, came into being during his tenure. It seeks to see 'healthy churches transforming communities' by:

- Making disciples of Jesus Christ
- Being witnesses to Jesus Christ
- Growing leaders for Jesus Christ
- Inspiring Children and Young People to raise up a new generation for Christ.

Julian has always wanted this to be a Diocesan Vision rather than simply 'his' vision. One of my prayers is that as the Diocese steps into a new stage, these four elements will remain and grow.

We want to see Christians across Lancashire growing to be mature disciples of Jesus, well grounded in the Bible, passionate in prayer, and giving of their time, talents and resources for him. We want to see Lancashire reached for Jesus so that men, women, boys and girls come to hear his good news and find life under his kingship. We want to see people equipped to serve him in the different areas he has placed them, and particularly our younger generation raised up for Christ.

What we want for Lancashire, we want for St Paul's. Please be praying that in God's mercy we would see growth in all these in our own church life.

Please pray for Julian and Heather as they enter retirement, and particularly support their wider family. Pray for Bishop Julian to finish well in his time amongst us, and make the most of every opportunity for Jesus in this last month. Pray for Bishop Philip stepping up as Acting Diocesan Bishop in the vacancy and Bishop Jill as she supports. Please pray for the Lord's hand over the discernment process for our next Bishop – that God would raise up a faithful under-shepherd to shepherd the flock here in Lancashire.

Please pray for the Diocese in this next stage, that the Lord would:

“...revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you...” (Psalm 85:6-7)

With best wishes

*Paul*



**St Paul's  
Tots**

St. Paul's Tots is a baby and toddler group for **0-3s**; their parents, carers and grandparents.  
With toys, songs, crafts and Bible stories.

**Tuesdays**

**10am - 11:30am (Term time)**

St. Paul's Church Hall, Lake Road North,  
Lytham St. Annes, FY8 1BZ

£1 per family, which includes a hot drink for adults.

Booking not required

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# Archbishop's 'Joyous and Exciting' Visit



The Archbishop of York, The Most Reverend and Right Honourable Stephen Cottrell, has completed a wonderful long weekend of mission and ministry in our Diocese, visiting many parts of the County across three days.

His journey across the Diocese took him to Burnley, Whalley, Blackburn, Lancaster and the Fylde Coast, including Blackpool Pleasure Beach Globe Arena for an evangelistic mission evening on Saturday night.

It was during the mission evening that Archbishop Stephen told the story of his own journey to faith and in particular, of a sermon that he heard one day, where he felt the preacher was speaking directly to him, directly from God.

The Archbishop said: "I remember the challenge of his words, that this God was real. And not only was this God real but I only had one life and this life wasn't a dress rehearsal for the real thing; this was the life that I had been given and what was I going to do with my life? I became a follower of Jesus."



Bishop Julian had been anticipating a 'joyous and exciting' visit, which is what it proved to be; and as his visit was drawing to a close, Archbishop Stephen said: "I have had a fantastic weekend in Lancashire – there is much to celebrate and give thanks for. Thank you to everyone involved. My prayer going forward is that we are confident in sharing our faith with others so that more may now the love of God and enter into a relationship with him."



## ***Miscellaneous observations on our faith...***

Before we can pray, 'Thy kingdom come', we must be willing to pray, 'My kingdom go'. - *Alan Redpath*

If you were arrested for being a Christian, would there be enough evidence to convict you? - *D O Fuller*

# Church Away Day

Saturday 9th July



Coming up this July is our first (at least in recent years) Church Away Day. If you consider yourself a part of the St Paul's church family, can I encourage you to consider coming?

It will be taking place on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July from 9.30am (for 10am start) until 3.15pm, at Christ Church Thornton.

It is an opportunity for us to take time away together to get to know God better in His Word, and to get to know each other better as we share time, food, fun and fellowship.

It is for anyone in the church family – young or old. We hope to have some form of provision for children during the morning sessions. It is for you, whether we have been at St Paul's for many years, or you are relatively new.

There will be two morning sessions, which will include some singing, and Bible talks. The Revd. Alan Hogarth, vicar of Withnell and Heapey (near Chorley) will be our speaker. Alan is originally from Preston and has served in various parishes across the country, including as a part time Army chaplain. Alan will share some of his story, and open up God's word in our two sessions, helping us to understand some of the good news from the New Testament letter, 1 John. The day will conclude with a final shorter concluding service.

But there will be opportunity for refreshment breaks, a meal together in the middle of the day, and free time in the afternoon to use to enjoy being with each other.

The cost is £10 per adult (including hot pot) or £5 per child. If the cost is a financial barrier, please speak to Paul as we don't want cost to stop people coming. Booking forms are available at the back of the church building. Please pass these to Anne Scanes.



## **About mission...**

The special person called to do missionary work is every person who is a member of the church of Christ. The call does not come to a chosen few, it is to every one of us. – *Oswald Chambers*

## *Right Royal Riddle Holiday Club*

Part of the lead-up to the Platinum Jubilee and the start of half-term saw some 35 of us participate in the Right Royal Riddle Holiday Club.

The action took place in King Barney's Royal Palace (the church hall), where we gathered to ponder this riddle - Was King Barney really the most powerful, caring King with the most authority in the world, or was there another King who had a bigger Kingdom with more power, care and authority than King Barney?



We pondered this riddle with the help of King Barney (Rev Paul), his Butler (Sheila Redcliffe), Minstrel (Richard Redcliffe) and the Storyteller (Barbara Jackson). Alongside them a wonderful team (Claire, Vera, Kyle, Amy, Pam, Ruth, Tammy and Margaret) helped welcome, teach and support the children.

The days were filled with Royal Remarks, videos from the King of Blackpool (who wasn't the greatest King ever either!), Palace Play-Offs (games), Court Crafts, Singing with the Minstrel, hearing from the best ever true Story (the Bible) from the Storyteller, age-appropriate learning in small groups, enjoying visits from the court mice (Connor and Emily) and consuming snacks fit for a King (lovingly provided by Judith and prepared by Adrienne)!

The 'court' was a mixture of Knee High Knights (4-6s), Jolly Jesters (7-9s) and Mighty Minstrels (9-11s) and was also a mix of children who have had some contact with church and those who are new to it. It was thrilling to see the children enjoy themselves each day but most of all to engage with the teaching and learn about King Jesus who is of course the Greatest King Ever in Every Way.....

We give thanks for many encouragements and answered prayers - safety, making links with new children/families, children hearing about King Jesus and understanding the teaching, great team work and leadership and every child feeling welcome and enjoying themselves.

Please pray that the work would carry on bearing fruit and that links with new children and families would be strengthened and continue over the coming weeks and months.



Thank  
you!

*I would like to say a grateful thank you for all the messages of support and the prayers said during my recent illness and recovery from my operation. Both Ron and I have felt supported and comforted by your care.*

*Thank you and God Bless.*

*Jean Lyon*

*A note from the Editor:*

## *The Ukraine Bible Appeal*

In the May edition of the PNE there was an article about the Bible Society's appeal for funds to send more Bibles to Ukraine. This prompted a request from a church member to make a similar appeal to St. Paul's church family; and in response we are able to make a donation of £850 towards the Bible Society's appeal.

**A huge 'Thank You' to all those who made this donation possible.**





## Sea Sunday ~ 10th July

by Canon Paul Hardingham

Over many years the 2nd Sunday of July has been kept as Sea Sunday, with a special focus on prayer for all seafarers. The Mission to Seafarers supports the work of sailors facing difficult waters, piracy, and separation from loved ones for long periods at sea. However, we can also experience storms in our own lives.

In Acts 27 we read how Paul was being taken as a prisoner to Rome, when he was caught in a storm off Crete. After 14 days they were shipwrecked on the island of Malta. Paul had warned the crew that it wasn't a safe time of year to sail: *"I can see that our voyage is going to be disastrous and bring great loss to ship and cargo, and to our own lives."* But his words were ignored, and the ship sailed into a violent storm.


By the third day they *'finally gave up all hope of being saved'*. How do we face up to storms in our lives? Do we worry and panic? God doesn't necessarily prevent storms from taking place, but we can trust His purpose through them.

Paul urged the sailors to *"keep courage, because not one of you will be lost, only the ship will be destroyed"*. His confidence rested on an angelic promise: *"Do not be afraid, Paul. You must stand trial before Caesar; and God has graciously given you the lives of all who sail with you."* Only the sovereign God, who created the wind and waves, can promise to save people from a storm. What does this mean for us in our circumstances today?

*'Through many dangers, toils and snares  
I have already come.*

*Grace has brought me safe thus far,  
and grace will lead me home.'*

(Amazing Grace: John Newton).





## Why Do We Have a Special Sunday for Seafarers?

### Something to Think About



Look around your home. How much of the contents in your cupboards, wardrobe, rooms, and even garage came to you over the seas, via the great merchant ships? What would your home be like without them?

Yet when did you last give a thought to the people who bring them to you?

It is a curious fact that seafarers are one of the most important, and yet invisible, people groups in our society. We all of us depend on them to fill our homes and businesses with an endless variety of goods, and yet we never see them, never speak to them, and rarely even remember their existence.

It suddenly makes Sea Sunday seem good sense: an annual opportunity to give thanks for the seafarers of the world, and to pray for their personal well-being. For going to sea is a lonely occupation. It separates families for months on end. It can sometimes be dangerous, and it is always physically demanding work.

So this month, on Sea Sunday, let's pause and give thanks to God for the seafarers of the world. Let's remember how their work so enriches our lives. Let's pray for them, for their families, and let's support the organisations that offer them care and support through their chaplaincy work.

In doing so, we will join with thousands of other Christians, from London to Lagos, Manila to Melbourne and Durban to Dunkerque, who each year remember the seafarers who make our prosperity possible.

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*Editor: There are several Christian organisations who work with seafarers, and would welcome your support in their chaplaincy work. One such organisation is 'Mission to Seafarers', which you might like to support as an individual. They can be contacted via post: St Michael Paternoster Royal, College Hill, London, EC4R 2RL; telephone on +44(0)20 7248 5202; or by visiting the website at <https://www.missiontoseafarers.org/>*

## *The Difference*

So often  
I can't wear the right clothes,  
Speak the right words,  
Fit the right mould,  
Be the shape people want me to be,  
Expect me to be,  
Demand that I am,  
To conform.

But you Lord  
Accept me,  
Release me,  
Make it possible to be me,  
Perfectly free  
In your service,  
Open for you  
To transform.

*By Daphne Kitching*



## *Dear Creator God*

We thank you for Your wonderful creation. Your Word tells us that in the beginning You worked and then You rested when Your work was done. You didn't rest because You were tired, but because You saw that Your completed work was good. So, the seventh day became a time of celebration and blessing.

Help us, in these days of non-stop, sometimes intrusive means of communication, to follow Your pattern – to work and then to rest; to be restored and blessed by You. Help us to keep one day - Jesus' Resurrection Day - special for You.

In Jesus' name. Amen.

*By Daphne Kitching*



## DEPTHS OF DESPAIR

When we feel down and in the depths of despair  
All we need is for someone to care  
Just a smile or just a hug  
Just to be told that we are loved  
So please Lord Jesus take away the pain  
And kiss us with your amazing Grace.

Written by Kath Kay  
By the grace of God



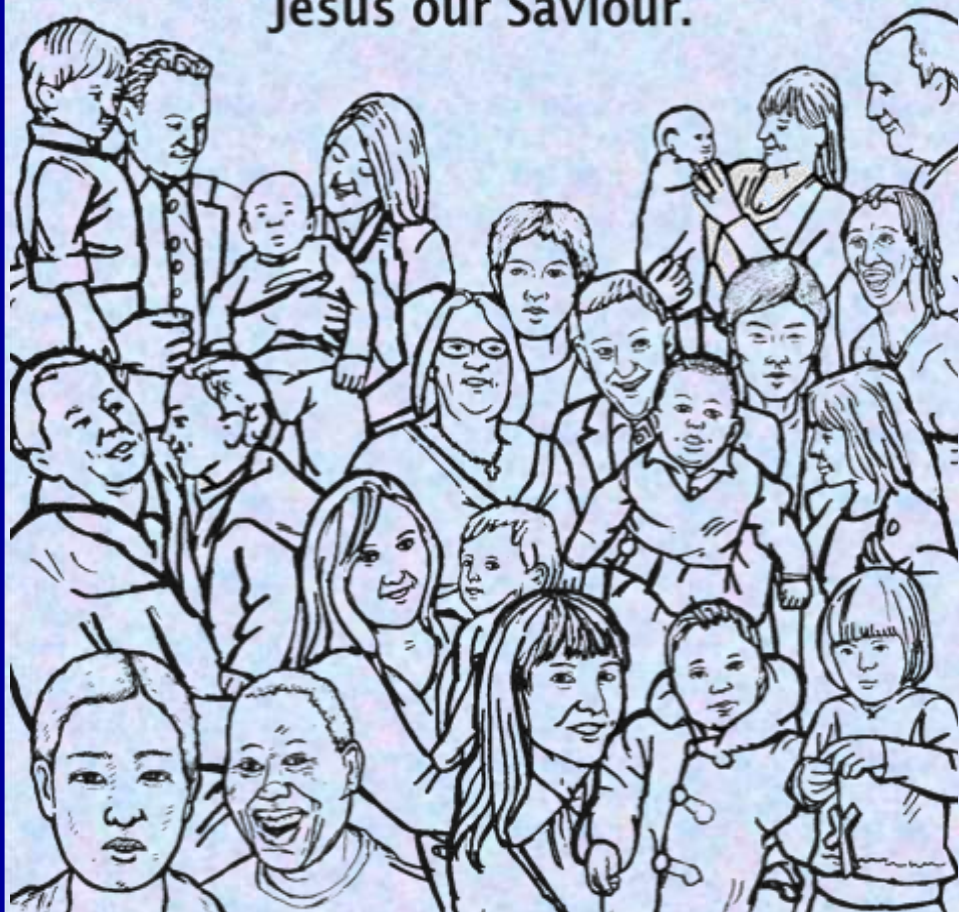
## CHILDREN'S POEM GUIDE ME KEEP ME

Guide me keep me Lord I pray  
In all I do throughout the day  
And when I go to bed at night  
Please Lord Jesus keep me safe.

Written by Kath Kay  
By the grace of God.



**Father God,  
as you made us in your image,  
may we see you in all those we meet  
and serve you in all that we do,  
in the power of the Holy Spirit  
and in the name of  
Jesus our Saviour.**



# A Sermon in Sand

The Revd Richard Higginbottom looks at the seashore.



If you are fortunate enough to get to the seaside this summer, then you might like to wriggle your toes in the warm sand, and consider the following:



It has been said that there are more stars in the universe than there are grains of sand on all the beaches in the world. More recently, as the estimated number of stars has increased, then even the grains of sand in all the world's deserts have been added to the comparison!

The Sun, vast though it is, is a fairly ordinary star, 93 million miles away. It is not easy to grasp that sort of a distance, but here's a measuring stick: if you were to fly in a fast passenger jet at 600 miles per hour, then it would take you about 17 hours to fly from London to Sydney; about 17 days to reach the Moon, and about 17 years to reach the Sun!

As for how long it would take to fly on to the next nearest star to us - Proxima Centauri - it would take about 4.2 light years, as the distance is more than 24 trillion miles! And that is just to the next nearest star after the Sun.



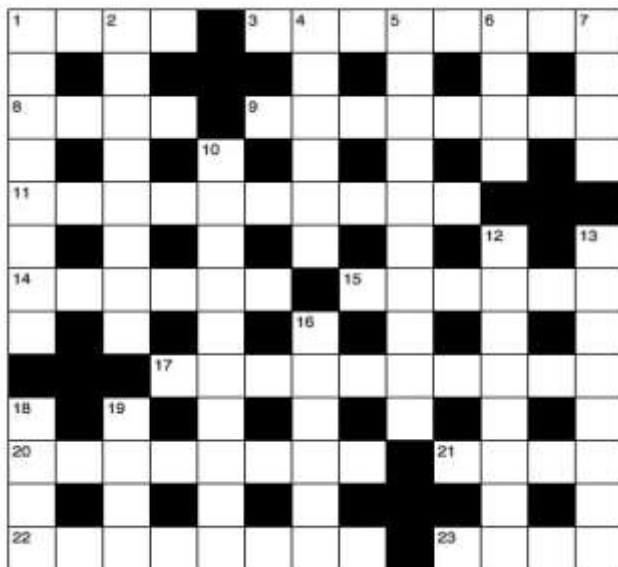
How many stars are there in the Universe? Astronomers recently estimated that there are about 70,000 million, million, million stars.



As you sit there you might care to pick up a couple of grains of sand. Let the first grain represent our Sun, the second grain the next nearest star to us. Then look at the whole beach and after that consider all the beaches on Earth, with every grain of sand representing a star ... then it gives some meaning to the phrase "God the Father *Almighty*, Maker of heaven and earth."

# JULY 2022 CROSSWORD

(The Bible version used in these crosswords is the NIV.)



## Across

- 1 Proverbs describes her as being 'of noble character' (Proverbs 31:10) (4)
- 3 'Shall we go up again — — against the Benjamites, our brothers?' (Judges 20:23) (2,6)
- 8 A descendant of Shem (Genesis 10:28) (4)
- 9 'Anyone who does not carry his cross and follow me cannot be my — ' (Luke 14:27) (8)
- 11 Resentment (Ephesians 4:31)(10)
- 14 In Cain (anag.)(6)
- 15 'Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to — ' (Psalm 139:6) (6)
- 17 Intense (1 Thessalonians 4:5)(10)
- 20 Third Order of the Roman Catholic Church(8)
- 21 'At midnight the cry rang out, "Here's the bridegroom! Come out to — him"' (Matthew 25:6) (4)
- 22 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in — ' (2 Corinthians 12:9) (8)

23 'As the — pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, O God' (Psalm 42:1) (4)


**Down**

- 1 Nickname of popular First World War chaplain, the Revd G.A. Studdert Kennedy, — Willie (8)
- 2 Occasion of religious joy (Lamentations 2:22) (5,3)
- 4 'We three kings of — are' (6)
- 5 Allegation or charge (Jude 9) (10)
- 6 Kind (1 Chronicles 12:33) (4)
- 7 'Open your — and look at the fields!' (John 4:35) (4)
- 10 Also known as the Feast of Lights (John10:22)(10)
- 12 Area that saw the healing of two demon - possessed men and a herd of pigs stampeding to their deaths (Matthew 8:28) (8)
- 13 Forebear (James2:21)(8)
- 16 Name given to the first two books of the Apocrypha (6)
- 18 Esau sold his birthright for this (Genesis25:34)(4)
- 19 Rear (anag.)(4)




**Crossword Solution  
June 2022**

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*Many of the articles and pictures in the Pews News Extra are sourced from the Parish Pump Website.*





**ARTICLES FOR THE AUGUST PNE**

If you have an article for inclusion in the August PNE, please make sure that I have received a copy by **Sunday 10th July**. Please note that any articles received after that date will be included in the September edition. My contact details are on the inside back page. Thank you.

*Janet Kimber*

# Time for a Smile

## Heaven help me

One Sunday in church a little boy was 'acting up' during the morning worship. His parents did their best to maintain some sense of order in the pew, but it was a losing battle. Finally, the exasperated father picked up his son and strode sternly down the aisle. Just as the church doors closed behind them, the little boy cried loudly to the congregation: "Pray for me! Pray for me!"



## Baptism

A couple took their five-year-old young daughter to church. During the service, the minister conducted the baptism of a tiny infant. The little girl watched in wonder as he held the baby, said solemn words, then poured water over its head, and then carefully wiped it dry. Finally, she turned to her father. "Daddy, why is he brainwashing that baby?"



*It was bad enough your mobile ringing half-way through his sermon, without the ringtone being the 'Christians Awake' tune!*

## US Holiday

A couple with three young children went on holiday to America, and eventually ended up waiting in line at San Francisco's Pier 41, to purchase tickets for a boat trip to Alcatraz. Others watched with varying degrees of sympathy and irritation as the young children fidgeted, whined, and punched one another. The frazzled parents reprimanded them, to no avail. Finally they reached the ticket window. "Five tickets, please," the father said. "Two round trip, three one way."



### **Spider**

Whoever said "Out of sight, out of mind" never had a large spider disappear in the bedroom.

### **Solar power**

Somebody finally invented a solar-powered laundry dryer. It's called a 'clothes-line'.

### **Pleasure**

Some people won't suffer in silence because that would take all the pleasure out of it.



### **Paddling on the beach**

Did you hear about the two young boys who met at the waters edge in Blackpool this Easter?

One boy said to the other, "Let's take our shoes and socks off and paddle." "Okay!" said the second boy. They both did that and the first boy looking down said to the second boy, "Cor! your feet are filthy! He replied, "Well, we didn't come last year!"

### **Are you camping this summer? Here are some helpful hints...**

- ◆ When using a public campground, a tuba placed outside your tent will keep the spaces on either side vacant.
- ◆ You can duplicate the warmth of a down-filled bedroll by climbing into a plastic garbage bag filled with several geese.
- ◆ Take this simple test to see if you qualify for solo camping: shine a torch into one ear. If the beam shines out the other ear, do not go into the woods alone.
- ◆ A two-man pup tent does not include two men or a pup.
- ◆ A potato baked in the coals for one hour makes an excellent side dish. A potato baked in the coals for three hours makes an excellent hockey puck.
- ◆ The sight of a bald eagle has thrilled campers for generations. The sight of a bald man, however, does absolutely nothing for the eagle.

## *Cathedrals Have a Mission to Show the 'Heart of Jesus'*

The Archbishop of York has encouraged cathedrals to continue to ask the 'hard missional questions' about how to transmit the gospel in the world of today.

Archbishop Stephen Cottrell said cathedrals had a mission to show the 'heart of Jesus' in world of "so much hurt and so much confusion and so much uncertainty."

He said: "Our primary vocation is to be the place that serves and teaches... to show the heart of Jesus to others both from our teaching and preaching and evangelising and through the service that we offer," he said.

The Archbishop urged cathedrals to see themselves as a 'work in progress' when it comes to transmitting the Christian faith. Drawing a parallel with the stonemasons yard tour of York Minster, which allows visitors to see stonemasons at work, he said: "What that tells me very, very clearly is this building is a work in progress – it also tells me something else, hugely important, which is that in order for York Minster to be itself, it has to constantly change."



*Photograph courtesy of the Blackburn Diocesan Website.*

## **Church Hall Hire**

**We have vacancies on Monday/Thursday Evenings and all day on Saturdays. The hall is ideal for children's parties and other activities requiring large space**

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## Meeting Together at St. Paul's

### Sunday

- 9:45am Short prayer meeting (Church Hall)
- 10:30am Our morning service with a common liturgy incorporating traditional and more contemporary elements and music across each month. Refreshments served after the service.  
1st Sunday - Service of the Word;  
2nd, 3rd & 4th Sundays - Holy Communion  
Sunday Club meets on the 2nd & 4th weeks for 3-11s
- 4:00pm Our new complementary, multigenerational service seeking to reach and disciple all ages of the church together with a deliberate intention of incorporating children, young people and families. Followed by refreshments.
- 5:30pm Our sung service of Evensong from the Book of Common Prayer to mark selected Christian festivals six times a year.

### Wednesday

- 10:00am Our mid-week Holy Communion service from the Book of Common Prayer; followed by refreshments.

### Thursday

- 3:30pm Our weekly service of Evening Prayer from the Book of Common Prayer, alternating between said and sung forms.

## Safeguarding

St Paul's Church takes safeguarding very seriously.  
You can view all of our safeguarding information at:-

<https://stpaulsfairhaven.weebly.com/safeguarding.html>

*If you are concerned that someone you know is at risk of, or is being abused, or presents a risk to others please seek advice from the Parish or Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser or if necessary, report the matter to the Local Authority Social Care Services or the Police without delay.*