



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

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Coronation of
King Charles III
Saturday 6th May




Pentecost

Sunday 28th May



Letter from the Vicarage...

At the heart of the Coronation service is a precious and important moment – the anointing of the monarch with oil. Recently details for this aspect of King Charles III's coronation have been released. The oil to be used is from olive groves outside Jerusalem. The canopy which will cover King Charles in this hidden moment will have the names of the fifty-six countries of the commonwealth embroidered on it.



The anointing with oil is an ancient biblical act. But the symbolic act speaks of a far greater anointing. It speaks of the gift and need of the Holy Spirit. In the coronation service the anointing sets apart the monarch for the task of ruling. But it comes in the context of a prayer for God the Father to give the Spirit to the monarch to enable them to carry out such a weighty responsibility, and in a way which not only blesses the nation, but pleases God himself. Without the Spirit, the King is unable to fulfil his calling to rule.

But that need is also the need of every one of us. None of us will be monarchs of nations. But as humans made in the image of God, we are made to rule and steward this world. We are made to be vice-regents of the Great King, reflecting his ways and representing his good purposes in the world. To be most truly ourselves – we are made to be kings and queens under God.

Yet as we each act as our own rulers in God's world, fail to steward his world, and define our own image rather than reflecting his, we fail to be who we are made to be. We fail to rule the world rightly. As the writer to the Hebrews says of humanity "*Yet at present we do not see everything subject to them.*" (Hebrews 2:8) Worse than this, we face the eternal consequences of being rebels. We cannot change ourselves.

We need the gift of God's Holy Spirit. Jesus himself said '*Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit.*' (John 3:5). But wonderfully to all who trust in Jesus, the King of Kings, that precious gift is promised.

To be made new by the Holy Spirit sets us apart in restored relationship with God. From there, He enables us, bit by bit, to be

remade into who we were created to be. How we are meant to live. How we are meant to exercise God's purposes in the world. He gives us a future when one day we will reign with Jesus. Without the Spirit we are unable to fulfil our calling to rule. We cannot be truly human. But with him, we can.

So in these days ahead of King Charles III's coronation, please honour our king by praying for him. Seek the Lord to give him his Holy Spirit that he might rule in way which honours the Lord, and blesses our nation. Pray that he would know the Holy Spirit's gift of new birth in his life. But also use this time to pray for yourself. Seek the Lord to give you his Holy Spirit that you might be restored into relationship with God, and remade into the person he has truly made you and I to be.

With every blessing.

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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The Coronation of King Charles III

By Canon Paul Hardingham



Picture Credit: Chris Jackson

On 6th May His Majesty King Charles III will be crowned alongside Camilla, The Queen Consort, in Westminster Abbey. How can we pray for him, as he approaches this important event? Paul says: *'I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.'* (1 Timothy 2:1,2).

For God's presence - to guide every aspect of King Charles' life as he prepares for his Coronation and future roles. At his Accession, he was proclaimed Defender of the Faith, the Supreme Governor of the Church of England. Charles has talked about *'the Sovereign's particular relationship and responsibility towards the Church of England - the Church in which my own faith is so deeply rooted.'*

For God's wisdom - as he provides leadership that will honour God and promote the wellbeing of our society. King Solomon prayed for wisdom for himself: *'So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong.'* (1 Kings 3:9).

For God's love - to strengthen all relationships within the Royal Family; for reconciliation, understanding, forgiveness and good communication.

For God's purpose - to be fulfilled through the work of the King and Queen Consort and their family in the years to come. He has said: *'and whatever may be your background or beliefs, I shall endeavour to serve you with loyalty, respect and love, as I have throughout my life.'*



A Prayer for the new King:

Everlasting God, we pray for our new King. Bless his reign and the life of our nation. Help us to work together so that truth and justice, harmony and fairness flourish among us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



A warm welcome to join us
as we pray for King Charles III
and mark his coronation



Coronation Sung Evensong

Thursday 4th May - 3.30pm

Coronation Recital and Tea

Friday 5th May

4.00pm - Organ Recital

4.30pm - Afternoon Tea with short message

To let us know you are coming to the tea, call 01253 732939
or email stpaulsoffice2@gmail.com



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All Souls Orchestra

KING OF KINGS

Royal Albert Hall

THE CORONATION PROM

LIVESTREAM from Royal Albert Hall, London - Saturday 6 May 2023, 7.00pm
Invite your friends, family, communities and congregations to honour
our new King's reign and celebrate the *King of kings*
allsoulsmusic.org



THY KINGDOM COME

May 18th - May 28th

Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray between Ascension Day and Pentecost Sunday for more people to come to know Jesus.

We are encouraged to ask for the Holy Spirit to help us be witnesses

to Jesus Christ and to pray for others to discover that living faith in Jesus. What a great and needed thing to pray for!

Just before his ascension, Jesus promised his disciples

'But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth' (Acts 1:8).

That task is ours still. Jesus calls us to share Christ where we are. But the promise is the same – God's Spirit will help us!

So, consider joining us for one or more of the following, where we will be praying for all or part of these events:

Thursday 18 th May	7.30pm	Ascension Day Communion
Monday 22 nd May	10.00am	Morning Prayer
Wednesday 24 th May	10.00am	Mid-Week Communion
Thursday 25 th May	10.00am	Prayer walk (beginning at the St Paul's Fundraising Shop)



What Jesus has done in my life...

Below are a couple of the stories of individuals who were baptised and/or confirmed at St Paul's on March 26th. Jesus is alive today and working in people's lives!

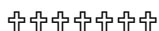
Richard's Story

"I was raised as Christian but stopped attending church when I was fifteen. I have spent most of my life as either an atheist or agnostic although I have always had an interest in religion and philosophy and the many questions of existence.

Over the last few years, I began to see a tension between my belief in a purely material and purposeless universe and my observation that the things we value most are not material at all. My rational mind was telling me one thing, but I had a longing in my heart that I couldn't deny either. I was in a state of wanting to believe but wasn't prepared to do so without proof. In effect I wanted Jesus to appear in front of me and make his existence undeniable! I had heard many people say that you have to ask Jesus into your heart. I never put much stock in the idea, but eventually I did just that. I found myself just two weeks later taking the big step of walking into St Paul's on a Good Friday.

My parents were Christians their whole life but decided not to have me baptised so I could make that decision myself. It took me a while! But I am being baptised as a witness to the death of my old life and celebrate my birth into a new one as a follower of Christ.

With God's help, I have discovered a new purpose and a deeper understanding of his love for me. God has done something truly astonishing; he loved us so much he was willing to come to Earth and die for us so we might be forgiven. Knowing how much God loves us shows us our life is a precious gift, not to be squandered or taken for granted but lived to the full, by loving God, loving life and living a life of love."



Mike's Story

"As an infant, I was baptised in the Church of England. As a young teenager, I turned away from Jesus and chose not to be confirmed. Although I messed up in life quite a bit, I always trusted that things would turn out ok in the end. Maybe this was not just a foolish hope, as I now realise that Jesus did not abandon me. I messed up by not following Him, but He kept me from the worst of harm and has waited for me to come to Him. After Judith came into my life, around 18 years ago, I began to attend the United Reformed Church with her. We were led to St Paul's during the pandemic, and it was then that my learning advanced more rapidly and deeply, and my faith became stronger.

Jesus has shown us that, through Him, God's grace is there for us, whenever we decide to turn to Him. The more I learn from the Bible the more I realise that, where I went wrong and where the world is going wrong, has been in not following Jesus and recognising him as Lord. Having faith in Jesus gives me peace, whatever troubles beset us, and shows me my way in life. Now, I am ready to declare my faith and have it recognised."



St Paul's Fundraising Shop

*Faithful servants never retire.
You can retire from your career,
but you will never retire from serving God.*

Rick Warren

Retire and do what you want. That's what they said at work. So what did we do? – we went to work in the fundraising shop. The work is fun, frustrating, exciting, exasperating, physically challenging at times (the steps), technically challenging (the till) all at the same time but we love to go and see our new friends, both customers and fellow volunteers.

We are two of the newbies, but we were made welcome and feel as though we have been there years, although it isn't even 12 months yet since we signed up. Because Keith is in a wheelchair, there were some initial barriers to overcome, such as the step into the shop and lack of turning space behind the till. The limited 'small room' requirements and the fire exit at the back of the shop. These 'problems' were overcome with a smile and lots of head scratching; some of the issues are ongoing but the welcome for Keith was so warm we just tackled the situation with a 'can do' mentality and got on with the job.

'Job' or 'work' is the term we use for our afternoons in the shop. Yes, it is volunteering and not paid work but we know we are helping to provide funds for St Paul's and the various charities they support through the shop.

The collection of goods on sale is quite eclectic and thanks to the volunteers who toil in the basement, our stock is regularly refreshed with new, different items. If you don't like what we have in on one day, wait till tomorrow and something new may have come in.

Fundraising Shop Opening Hours

Monday - Friday

10am - 12:30pm;

1:30pm - 4pm

Saturday & Sunday

Closed

Many of our customers like shopping with us because not only can they acquire bargains on the racks and groaning shelves, but the atmosphere is friendly, we sometimes have time to chat, this welcoming feel envelops the shop. The customers often comment that the shop is not like other charity shops. 'Something special' a customer once said to us. One day we may have an opportunity to tell that customer why there is something special in that shop on the corner of Woodlands Road. The hint is above the shop door. 'Serving Jesus'. We pray at the start of each day and we now pray at the close of business.

If you can't pop into the shop, you might like to join in the prayer time at home.

In a fundraising shop like St Paul's
The good work is beneficial to all.
Our stock is quality, not flashy.
Although we can also do classy
So Cinderella can go to the ball!

Carol and Keith Mallinson



Morning Prayers

Start your day with prayer.

We'd love you to join us from
Monday to Friday for morning prayers.

We meet in our Fundraising Shop at 9:40am.



St.Paul's Fundraising Shop

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PCC Update

Some headlines from the PCC meeting in April:

The PCC reflected on the Jesus' command to 'go and bear fruit'. Seeing the life of Jesus bear fruit in our lives, and in the lives of those who don't yet know Jesus is why we exist as a church. The image of a healthy vine needing a trellis to grow up was considered. As a PCC, the work it does in stewarding finances, structures, vision, and buildings is not an end in itself. It is to be the structure which helps the vine work of the church.

Being the first meeting after the Annual Parish Meeting, the PCC elected key positions and committees, as well as reviewed its role as trustees and its public benefit duty.

The PCC heard from its two newest members – Mike Fenton (our new church warden) and Peter Hinkson (our new Deanery Synod representative) – who they are, what brought them to St Paul's, what the best thing about being a follower of Jesus is, and a dream they have for St Paul's. It was a great encouragement to hear the work God has been doing in their lives. Ask Mike and Peter about it when you see them!

The PCC were updated on the conditional appointment of a new Fundraising Shop Manager and Church Community Worker, as well as reviewed and increased the role salary.

The PCC received reports on finances and fabric, as well as ratified a safeguarding procedure for responding to allegations.



Ascension Day ~ 18th May 40 Days with the Risen Christ

40 days after Easter comes Ascension Day. These are the 40 days during which the Risen Christ appeared again and again to His disciples, following His death and resurrection. (*Matthew 28; Mark 16; Luke 24; and John 20.*)



During those 40 days, Jesus was seen by numerous of His disciples: on the road to Emmaus, by the Sea of Galilee, in houses, etc. He strengthened and encouraged His disciples, and at last opened their eyes to all that the Scriptures had promised about the Messiah. Jesus also told them that as the Father had sent Him, He was now going to send them - to all corners of the earth, as His witnesses.

Luke records the story, which took place on Ascension Day, with great poignancy: 'When Jesus had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, He lifted up His hands - and blessed them.'

As Christmas began the story of Jesus' life on earth, so Ascension Day completes it, with His return to His Father in heaven. Jesus' last act on earth was to bless His disciples. He and they had a bond as close as could be: they had just lived through three tumultuous years of public ministry and miracles – persecution and death – and resurrection! Just as we part from our nearest and dearest by still looking at them with love and memories in our eyes, so exactly did Jesus: 'While He was blessing them, He left them and was taken up into heaven.' (Luke 24:50-1) He was not forsaking them, but merely going on ahead to a kingdom which would also be theirs one day: 'I am ascending to my Father and to your Father, to my God and your God...' (John 20:17)

The disciples were surely the most favoured folk in history. Imagine being one of the last few people on earth to be face to face with Jesus, and to have Him look on you with love. No wonder then that Luke goes on: 'they worshipped Him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God.' (Luke 24:52,53)

No wonder they praised God! They knew they would see Jesus again one day! 'I am going to prepare a place for you... I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.' (John 14:2,3) In the meantime, Jesus had work for them to do: to take the Gospel to every nation on earth.



Pentecost Prayer

How much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him... (Luke 11:13b)

Heavenly Father,

In these troubled times we need your help, just like those first disciples did when Jesus came back to you after his resurrection. They must have wanted him to stay with them. They must have felt puzzled and bereft – and wondered how to go on.

But you, Lord, knew a better way. You sent them a helper, the Holy Spirit to fill them with your life. We thank you so much that the same Spirit will be our helper too, if we are willing to ask you for him. We will be able to face each day, each challenge, with your Spirit living in us to guide and empower us, to enable us to carry on even when we don't understand.

So, we pray, *come Holy Spirit, fill us, encourage us to carry on sharing your love and life and truth, in the name of Jesus. Amen.*

By Daphne Kitching



Renaissance

(Romans 8:28 - 30)

Michelangelo
drives his genius down
hammer into chisel,
until mute stone
powerfully inspires
unlocked song to rise
in pondering hearts
through countless generations.
History and Arts
sing in long laudation
of him whose force imparts
to stone, for stark
mute impotence,
lasting eloquence.



And so, my sculptor, why
do I,
when feeling thud and break of hammer in my heart,
decry
the hand that chooses this to bless;
your life mysteriously revealed in this my stonelike heart.
Your wisdom chooses thus to bless,
to cherish, and in love directs,
within my mortal form, your own
eternal nature hewn.

So have I learned this:
that Heaven's kiss
bore Calvary;
that Love rewrote reality;
truth re-arranges sanity; Death's midwife to Eternity;
hope still stalks cat-like each stained century;
and midnight
is the womb of dawn.

(Continued on the next page)

So have I lived this:
through suffering you healed me;
through affliction strengthened me;
through desolation cherished me;
through hopelessness you sowed your dreams within my
heart
and caused my life to be reborn,
and caused my life to be reborn.
And I have learned this;
that midnight
is the womb of dawn.

Catherine Bladon

Romans 8:28-30 (New International Version - UK)

²⁸ And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. ³⁰ And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.

Church Hall Hire

We have vacancies on Monday and Thursday Evenings and Saturday afternoons. The hall is ideal for children's parties and other activities requiring large space

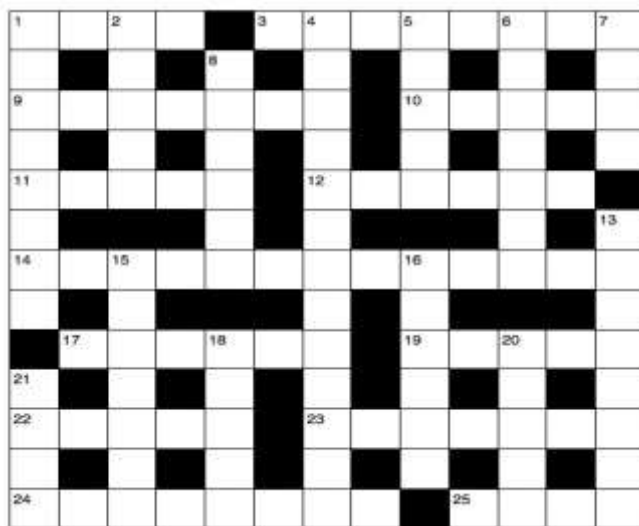
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(The Bible version used in these crosswords is the NIV.)



Across

- 1 'Therefore let us — passing judgment on one another' (Romans 14:13) (4)
- 3 'I — — these persons here present' (Marriage service) (4,4)
- 9 According to a prearranged timetable (Numbers 28:3) (7)
- 10 Group of eight (5)
- 11 The cell into which the Philippian jailer put Paul and Silas (Acts 16:24) (5)
- 12 — Taylor, pioneer missionary to China (6)
- 14 Otherwise known as the Eucharist, Breaking of Bread, the Lord's Table (4,9)
- 17 'So that after I have preached to others, I — will not be disqualified for the prize' (1 Corinthians 9:27) (6)
- 19 Attend to (3,2)
- 22 Approximately (Acts 4:4) (5)
- 23 Tea rite (anag.) (7)
- 24 Rule of sovereign (8)
- 25 Test (anag.) (4)

Down

- 1 The name of the street where Judas lived in Damascus and where Saul of Tarsus stayed (Acts 9:11) (8)

- 2 'The playing of the merry — , sweet singing in the choir' (5)
- 4 'We have been saying that — — was credited to him as righteous' (Romans 4:9) (8,5)
- 5 Dr Martyn — Jones, famous for his ministry at Westminster Chapel (5)
- 6 Port at which Paul landed on his way to Rome (Acts 28:13) (7)
- 7 Observe (Ruth 3:4) (4)
- 8 Minister of religion (6)
- 13 'I am — of this man's blood. It is your responsibility' (Matthew 27:24) (8)
- 15 'Greater love has no one than this, that he — — his life for his friends' (John 15:13) (3,4)
- 16 Archbishop who calculated that the world began in 4004BC (6)
- 18 'No one can — the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit' (John 3:5) (5)
- 20 Establish by law (5)
- 21 Product of Gilead noted for its healing properties (Jeremiah 46:11) (4)



ARTICLES FOR THE JUNE 2023 PNE

If you have an article for inclusion in the June 2023 PNE, please make sure that I have received a copy by **Wednesday 10th May**.

Please note that any articles received after that date will be included in the July 2023 edition. My contact details are on page 19.

Thank you.

Janet Kimber



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

Time for a Smile

Blessing

It was the five-year-old boy's first trip down to the Communion rail at church. Fascinated, he watched the vicar place a wafer in the palm of each person kneeling before him. When the vicar reached the little boy, he ignored the child's out-stretched palm, and laid his hand on the child's head in a gentle blessing instead. The boy, utterly bewildered, whispered to his father in a piercing voice; "He's put it on my head!"



A few Smile Lines showing us how children sometimes mis-interpret the things we say and do.

Married

How many women can one man marry? A little boy, who attended his first wedding worked that one out pretty quickly: the answer is 16. It is easy, if you think about it. Four better, four worse, four richer, four poorer. Comes to 16.



What God is like

A Sunday School teacher began her lesson with a question, 'Boys and girls, what do we know about God?' A hand went up. 'He is an artist!' said a little boy. Startled, the teacher asked him why he thought that. 'You know - Our Father, who does art in Heaven...'



When Hilary arrived, the spring cleaning had already started.

What the Bible really means....

A father was approached by his small son who told him proudly, 'I finally figured out what the Bible means!' His father smiled and replied, 'What, then?' The son replied, 'It stands for "Basic Information Before Leaving Earth".'

Lesson

A nervous Head boy was reading the New Testament Lesson in School Assembly for Pentecost: "Here beginneth the first Actor of the Chaps."

Mark

When the late Dean of York was asked why he called his stumpy-tailed fox terrier 'Mark', he explained: "The New Testament contains the life-stories of our Lord by Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. Mark's is the shortest tale!"



"You'll be in deep trouble if the vicar finds out you're not deeply meditating, just playing on your new iPad!"



Out of order

I think I'll just put an "Out of Order" sticker on my forehead and call it a day.

I know

I'm not bossy. I just know what you should be doing.

When Children and RE mix...

When children meet the Bible, the result can be unpredictable, as in these answers to a school chaplain's efforts to teach RE....

- ◆ The main purpose of the prophets was to set up the lights for when Jesus came on the stage.
- ◆ Jesus healed a man with a weathered hand.
- ◆ Some of the seed from the sower was curried off by Satan.
- ◆ The last verses of Mark's gospel were written later by a unanimous person.
- ◆ An altar is a stall for candles.
- ◆ An example of Holy Orders are the Ten Commandments.
- ◆ An epistle is the wife of an apostle.

A Page for the Young at Heart

Mouse Makes

Forty days after His resurrection Jesus appeared to the Apostles one last time. He told them that the Holy Spirit would come, then He blessed them and ascended into heaven.

READ
Acts 1 4-17

What did Jesus say that the Holy Spirit would give the Apostles?
to be Jesus' witnesses.
Acts 1:8

Who appeared to the Apostles?
Two _____ and what were they dressed in?
Acts 1:10

Where is Jesus seated?
At the _____ of God.
Mark 16:19

Find the answers in the word search

What hid Jesus from the Apostles?
a _____
Acts 1:9

Where was Jesus taken up to?
Luke 24:51

Where did the Apostles return to?
Acts 1:12

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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 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.