



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

PEWS NEWS EXTRA

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Trinity Sunday ~ 4th June

Letter from the Vicarage...

A number of years ago there was a programme on television called *'What not to wear'* (I was not a regular viewer!) In it two fashion experts, Trinny and Susannah, would descend on the life and wardrobe of the make-over volunteer. Clothes which were shabby, worn or not in keeping with the make-over which was to take place went in bin bags for the charity shop. Instead, out came a new wardrobe in keeping with the 'new' them. Of course, the transformation was superficial – a change on the level of hair, makeup and dress. But the idea of getting rid of old clothes, and putting on new dress to match our identity is at the heart of what it is to be a Christian.



This term we have been looking at the Apostle Paul's letter to the Ephesians on a Sunday morning. It has given a glorious vision of the church from God's perspective, enabling us to consider what it means to be 'a loving family' as followers of Jesus. In the second half the letter Paul applies this new identity as God's people in practice. It will help us consider the next part of our identity statement as well, being 'wholehearted disciples.'

Central to being a disciple is to recognise the new identity which Jesus gives anyone who comes to him in trust. There is nothing superficial about it. We have gone from dead in sin to alive to God, from alienated from God to being deeply loved by him, from trapped by powers outside of us to those in whom the Spirit of God lives. The Christian has been made new in the most wonderful and significant way.

To live out the Christian life is to 'dress' in line with our new identity. In effect Paul says 'this is who you are in Jesus, dress like it.' But this dressing has nothing to do with a certain fashion sense. It is about the kind of life we now live. Paul says *'You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self...and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.'* (Ephesians 4:22-24)

With the help of the Holy Spirit, we are to go through the wardrobes of our lives, and take out any clothes which don't match the new us in Christ – anger, lying, bitterness, lust, greed and more. They are to go

in the bin bag and put behind us. In their place we are to put on our new wardrobe, a life lived in likeness to God – forgiveness, kindness, and other centeredness.

It is not that we try to live as new people to be accepted by God. But having been accepted by him and helped by the Spirit, we live a new life in keeping with who we now are.

So if you are a follower of Jesus, can I encourage you to do a mental check of your wardrobe? Ask – is the way I think about life, or respond to people, or act in situations, in keeping with the new me? If not, ask God to help you to put it in the bin bag, and put on the likeness of Jesus in its place.

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

stpaulsfairhaven.weebly.com/st-pauls-tots



PCC Update

Some headlines from the PCC meeting in May:

- ◆ The PCC began by looking at Acts 16 and the human discernment and divine direction involved in the good news moving forward. This is a pattern for us seeking God's vision for us.
- ◆ It began to consider a three year plan for St Paul's. In 2026 the Diocese Vision will have reached its goal, and Paul will have been at St Paul's ten years. The PCC spent time asking 'what are our aims or hopes for St Paul's in three years?'
- ◆ The PCC discussed changes to the pattern of administration of Holy Communion, in line with much of the Diocese, and taking into account changes during Covid were accommodations, and not designed to be permanent.
- ◆ The PCC passed updated procedures in the Fundraising Shop, including a trial of allowing 'well behaved' dogs in the shop.
- ◆ The PCC heard back on updates on the lease negotiations for the Fundraising Shop, discussed them and confirmed their previous decision. The PCC have agreed to a 5 year lease which has the ability to run until December 2028, with a break clause at December 2025. Following December 2028, we may be able to seek a new lease should we wish, but there is no guarantee of securing one. This may mean seeking alternative premises at that point, but is to be held in balance with the reality that a lot can change in five years. We hope this lease gives a degree of security, but also flexibility going forward.
- ◆ The PCC considered church finances and ratified the Hardship Fund, appointing a small committee to help deliver it.
- ◆ The PCC received reports on fabric, agreed to purchase items for church use, and were informed about Safeguarding training.



LYTHAM CLUB DAY

Join us on Saturday 24th June from 9.30am
to walk in Lytham Club Day as a church.

A fun way to enjoy time with each other, raise the
profile of St Paul's and point people to Jesus.

Look out for more details in future notice sheets.



Lytham Club Day and Rose Queen Festival



Lytham Club Day and Rose Queen Festival was founded in 1894, making it 129 years old this year. The only times it has been cancelled have been during the first and second world wars; and more recently, in 2020 or 2021 due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

The event begins with a procession through the beautiful town of Lytham. It features the Rose Queen and the Rose Queen Elect with their retinues, both of which are supported by their church families. Joining the procession are the visiting Queens and retinues, marching bands and dancers, decorated floats, classic cars and much more besides.

It's a day for everyone – from Punch & Judy shows throughout the day to Morris Dancers and performers all over town. After the parade, the day continues at Lytham Hall with the crowning of the Rose Queen Elect. This is followed by an afternoon and evening of entertainment, games, food stalls and fun for all the family.

St Paul's Fundraising Shop



Thursday 11th May was a significant day in the life of the Shop. After a seven month holding period, Joe Hinkson-Heys has begun his tenure as manager. So, a time to look back and a time to look forward, giving thanks to God for His sustaining power, His answering of prayers and His leading us in the direction

we now believe He wants the character of the shop to go.

Looking back, I have so many positive memories: watching the team of volunteers grow, working together, supporting one another and accepting, and often embracing, the altered focus and structure of the shop daily life. We have seen prayers introduced in the mornings and at the end of the working day (suggested by volunteers, not PCC or Clergy); we have had opportunities to talk to and listen to customers who need company, to offload problems and to actively seek our prayers and have been blessed by a small number of St Paul's people who are gifted in these areas; we have been able to support local and more distant charities, not only financially but practically; customers and volunteers are keen to come in, partly due to the loving and welcoming atmosphere. And with all of these developments we continue to provide good quality goods at reasonable prices for the community of Ansdell.

Looking forward, I am excited to think that Joe will continue all of these in addition to putting his own stamp on the shop. We pray for increased interaction between customers, volunteers, staff and clergy, leading to conversations about why the shop is as it is and what the guiding force behind it is. We hope and pray that more of us will be able to respond to the big questions and so add to those who turn to St Paul's Church and to God.

Pam Rowell
Ex Manager

Fundraising Shop Opening Hours

Monday - Friday

10am - 12:30pm;
1:30pm - 4pm

Saturday & Sunday

Closed

St.Paul's Fundraising Shop

42 Woodlands Road,
Ansdell, FY8 4BX

Telephone:
01253 732253



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.



Church Hall Hire

For all enquiries and further information, please contact us
in one of the following ways:

Email: stpaulsoffice2@gmail.com

Telephone: 01253 732939 (and leave a message)
or via our Facebook page

The Trinity

Praise to the Father and the Son
And to the Holy Ghost.
Praise to the Holy Trinity
From Earth and Heaven's Host;
For they shall be eternally
A triune mystery!

The Father God, creative one
Who gave the world its form,
He knew us from the mists of time
Ere we were even born.
He made us all and it was He
Who lit the earth's first dawn!

"Let there be Light", the Word of God
He spoke and it was done!
Though He was God, He took our flesh
As Jesus, God's own Son.
He came to earth and died for us
And life o'er death He won!

The Spirit broods on waters deep –
No depth too deep for Him.
He breathes into the soul of man
And leaves no room for sin.
We'll live with Him eternally
If we just let Him in!

Praise to the Father and the Son
And to the Holy Ghost.
Praise to the Holy Trinity
From Earth and Heaven's Host;
For they shall be eternally
A triune mystery!

By Nigel Beeton



**Praise to
the Father
and to
the Son
and to the
Holy Ghost.**

Nigel Beeton writes:

*Trinity Sunday is not, perhaps, one of the glorious highlights of the Christian calendar, just the start of a long series of 'proper' Sundays that will take us through to Advent. And yet the doctrine of a triune Godhead is central to our Christianity; I'm not a trained theologian, and many can explain it better than I, but I hope I've captured the basics in this little poem!
Tune: Brother James' Air.*

Trinity Sunday ~ 4th June

Celebrating Our God, Who is Three Persons

Trying to explain the doctrine of the Trinity has kept many a theologian busy down the centuries. One helpful picture is to imagine the sun shining in the sky. The sun itself – way out there in space, and unapproachable in its fiery majesty – is the Father. The light that flows from it, which gives us life and illuminates all our lives, is the Son. The heat that flows from it, and which gives us all the energy to move and grow, is the Holy Spirit. You cannot have the sun without its light and its heat. The light and the heat are from the sun, are *of* the sun, and yet are also distinct in themselves, with their own roles to play.

The Bible makes clear that God is One God, who is disclosed in three persons: Father, Son (Jesus Christ) and Holy Spirit. For example:

- ◆ Deuteronomy 6:4: ‘Hear O Israel, The Lord our God, the Lord is one.’
- ◆ Isaiah 45:22: ‘Turn to me and be saved... for I am God, and there is no other.’
- ◆ Genesis 1:1-2: ‘In the beginning God created.... and the Spirit of God was hovering...’
- ◆ Judges 14:6: ‘The Spirit of the Lord came upon him in power...’
- ◆ John 1:1-3: ‘In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through Him all things were made; without Him nothing was made that has been made.’
- ◆ Luke 24:49 manages to squeeze the whole Trinity into one sentence. Jesus tells His disciples: ‘I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power (the Holy Spirit) from on high.’



In other words, the sun eternally gives off light and heat, and whenever we turn to its brilliant light, we find that warmth and life are there as well.

ARMAGEDDON

Nowhere to run
And nowhere to hide
Because Armageddons come
And Jesus Christ is here
Riding on a horse of white
Charging from the heavens
The final Trumpet
Sounding all around
And armies clothed
In clean white linen
A crown of gold
And not of thorns
Clothed in a blood stained robe
And on His robe
And thigh is written
The King of Kings
And the Lord of Lords
And as He comes
To judge the world
And from His mouth
Comes a two-edged sword
And at the name of Jesus
Every knee will bow
And every tongue
Will confess His name
Jesus Christ is Lord.

Written by Kath Kay
By the grace of God

26-04-2010



ARMAGEDDON REFLECTION

by Kath Kay

This poem is a reflection on the biblical concept of Armageddon and the second coming of Jesus Christ. According to the Bible, Armageddon is a prophesied end of the world event where the forces of good and evil will fight a final battle. Jesus Christ is believed to return to earth and defeat evil, ushering in a new era of peace and justice.

The poem describes Jesus Christ riding on a white horse and leading armies in a triumphant charge from heaven. The imagery of clean white linen, a crown of gold, and a blood-stained robe are all symbolic of Jesus' victory over sin and death. The two-edged sword coming from his mouth represents the power of his words, which will be used to judge the world.

The poem ends with a message of hope and praise. For Jesus Christ, acknowledging His role as the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. The poem expresses the belief that every knee will bow, signalling the ultimate triumph of good over evil. Overall, the poem reflects on the biblical themes of judgement, redemption, and salvation.



King of Kings and Lord of Lords



Have you ever spotted the words 'King of Kings and Lord of Lords' written on the wooden beams in the roof of St Paul's church? The words come from the last book in the Bible, Revelation chapter 19.

♪ Music for a ♪
Summer's Evening



Friday 7th July

6.30pm

**St Paul's Church,
Lake Road North, FY8 1AG**

Featuring Heyhouses Community Choir,
Clifton Primary School Choir and
instrumental soloists.

All donations towards the Fylde Foodbank and the Bridge
Project. Refreshments available.

Celebrating Fatherhood

By Canon Paul Hardingham

'What is a Christian? The richest answer I know is that a Christian is one who has God as Father. If you want to know how well a person understands Christianity, find out how much he makes of the thought of being God's child and having God as his Father.'

(J I Packer, *Knowing God*)

The month we celebrate fathers on Father's Day. Unlike Mothering Sunday, this doesn't have a distinctly Christian origin. However, it does provide an opportunity to celebrate God's fatherhood and what it means for us.

At His baptism, as Jesus came out of the water: *'heaven was opened, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on Him. And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, whom I love; with Him I am well pleased.'* (Matthew 3:16,17). What can we learn about Jesus' relationship with His Father, the role of fathers and our relationship with God?

The Father's presence

When Jesus was baptised, the Father made His presence real by the Holy Spirit. It's the Spirit who enables us to call God *'daddy'* (abba, Galatians 4:6). God is with us and knows our joys and sorrows, fears and trials. In this way, dads can relate to their children.

The Father's love

The Father described His Son as *'beloved'*, who like us, is subject to His unconditional love. Dads should be constant in assuring their children of their love.

The Father's pleasure

The Father tells Jesus that He is *'well pleased'* with Him. We also need to hear this, if we feel that we are disappointing God or letting Him down. This can arise with harsh words spoken by our parents. Fathers should use every opportunity to demonstrate their pleasure in their children, especially when things go wrong.



Fathers' Day

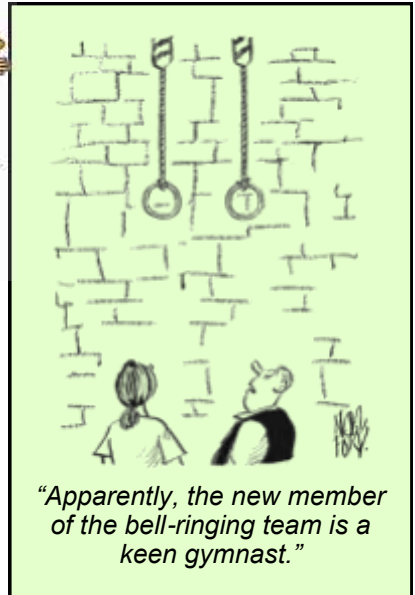
Sunday

18th June

Time for a Smile



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



"Apparently, the new member of the bell-ringing team is a keen gymnast."

Holding

Little Johnny asked his Grandma how old she was. Grandma answered, "39 and holding." Johnny thought about that and then asked: "And how old would you be if you let go?"

Night-time prayers

The little boy was saying his go-to-bed prayers in a very low voice. "I can't hear you, dear," his mother whispered.

"I wasn't talking to you," said the small one firmly.



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Questions Without Answers...

- Why do they call it a 'tv set' when you only get one?
- How does the bloke who drives the snowplough get to work?
- If police arrest a mime artist, does he still have the right to remain silent?
- If all the world's a stage, where do the audience sit?

And finally, for now...

- What was the best thing before sliced bread?

Keith Mallinson

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A Page for the Young at Heart



Mouse Makes

The Lord said to Moses,
 "Your brother Aaron shall tell Pharaoh
 to let the people of Israel go out of his land...
 The Egyptians shall know that I AM the Lord
 when I stretch out my hand against Egypt..."

As Pharaoh's heart was hardened against the
 Israelites, God sent ten plagues upon him...

1
Water turns to Blood
 Which water turned
 to blood?
Read - Exodus 7:19

2
A Swarm of Frogs
 In which
 places were the
 frogs found?
Read - Exodus 8:3-4

3
A Plague of Gnats
 When Aaron struck his
 staff on the ground
 what became Gnats?
Read - Exodus 8:16-17

4
Swarms of Flies
 In which land were the
 flies not be found?
Read - Exodus 8:22

5
Death of Animals
 Which animals that belonged
 to the Egyptians died?
Read - Exodus 9:2

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 WATER • BLOOD • STAFF • RIVER • NILE • FISH
 FROGS • SWARM • GNATS • DUST • FLIES
 GROUND • DEATH • ANIMALS • SOOT
 BOILS • PEOPLE • HAIL • THUNDER • FIRE
 MAN • BEAST • LOCUSTS • WIND • LAND
 DARKNESS • FIRSTBORN • MIDNIGHT

6
A Break out of Boils
 What did Moses throw into
 the air before boils appeared
 on people and animals?
Read - Exodus 9:10

7
A Rain of Hail
 What also rained
 down with the hail?
 Where did it not hail?
Read - Exodus 9:24-26

8
A Swarm of Locusts
 Where did the wind
 come from that brought
 the locusts to the land?
Read - Exodus 10:13

9
Darkness over the Land
 How many days did
 it remain dark?
Read - Exodus 10:21-22

10
Death of the Firstborn
 At what time would the
 firstborn in the land die?
Read - Exodus 11:4-6

Church Officers

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| Vicar | The Rev Paul Bye |
| Curate | The Rev Kyle Mulholland |
| Licensed Lay Minister | Miss Janet Kimber |
| Church Wardens | Mr Alan Curtis Mr Mike Fenton |
| Parish Secretary | Mrs Pamela Rowell |
| Treasurer | Mrs Loraine Lee |
| Organist | Mrs Linda Carrington |



Useful Information

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| Vicarage | 01253 734562 |
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Visit: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stpaulsansdell>

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.