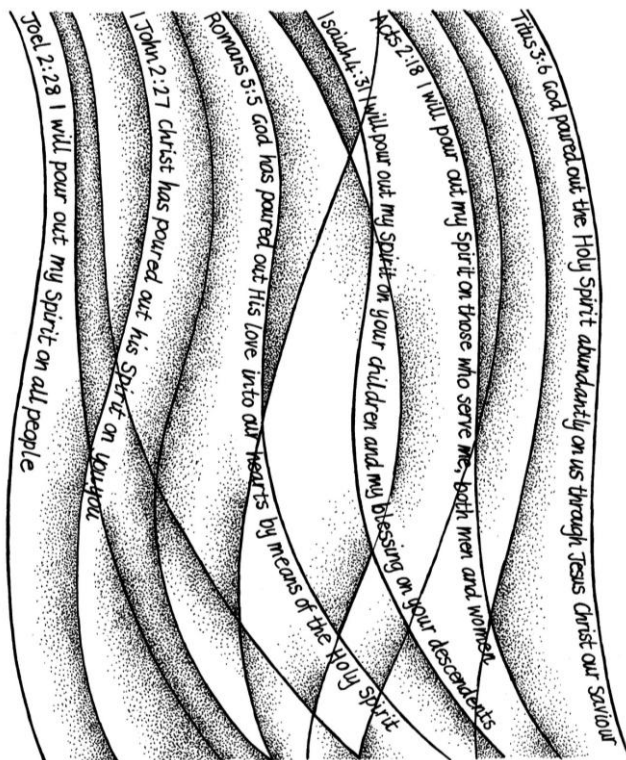


**The Parish Church of St Paul  
Ansdell & Fairhaven**

# **Pews News Extra**

**Issue No 91 – May 2016**



*Pentecost ~ Sunday 15th May*

## **CHURCH OFFICERS**

### **Vicar**

Vacant

### **Reader**

Miss Janet Kimber

### **Reader Emeritus**

Mr Peter Swindells

### **Church Wardens (until 10th May)**

Mrs Sheila Swindells

Mr Alan Wrapson

### **Church Wardens (from 10th May)**

Mrs Michele Briers

Mrs Pamela Rowell

### **Verger**

Mrs Carole Johnson

### **Parish Secretary (until 10th May)**

Mrs Pamela Rowell

### **Treasurer**

Mrs Loraine Lee

### **Organist**

Mrs Linda Carrington

*For a full list of Who's Who as St Paul's please pick up a list from the Parish Office, Church or St. Paul's Fundraising Shop*

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## **A few words from your Reader...**

Dear Friends,

We are almost there! In just a few weeks we will be welcoming to our fellowship a new priest, the Rev Paul Bye, his wife, Ruth and their three young daughters Emily, Anna and Abigail. From Wednesday 8th June, a new era will begin for this Parish Church of St. Paul as we journey together into the future.



It seems such a long time since we said our sad farewells to Fr D and Elizabeth; and so much has happened in that time.

Services have continued very much as usual, thanks to the sterling efforts of Sheila Swindells (and her numerous telephone calls), in securing priests for all our Eucharistic services. It is quite amazing, that in ten months of vacancy, we have only needed to cancel a couple of services. Thank you Sheila!

During the vacancy we have been assisted by no fewer than twelve priests, of which four are Canons. We have been blessed by their experience and wisdom; which has brought a richness and variety to our worship; and for this, we are very grateful. Our non-Eucharistic services have also thrived. Our Evening Prayer team, consisting of Peter, Linda and myself, has been ably assisted on occasion by Elizabeth O'Connor and Peter Watson, both Licensed Readers from our neighbouring Parish of St. Thomas. The Thursday Service has been faithfully led and run by Sheila Redcliffe and her small team of helpers; and we have enjoyed sharing in the special services led by the Thursday Service youngsters.

As I mentioned in my report to the APCM, we have also had five Baptisms, with three more planned for May; two Confirmation Candidates; one Wedding, with another planned for August; five funerals; two short services for the Interment of Ashes; and one Home Communion.

We have continued to be actively involved in the Churches Together events, including the Advent Service at St. Joseph's RC Church; the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, for which we hosted a special service; then there were the Lent Lunches, including Linda's Organ Recital; and the Good Friday worship outside the Shop followed by

the procession of witness to a service at The Well Church. This month we are invited to join the Pentecost celebrations at Fairhaven Lake, organised by the churches of Lytham and St. Annes.

We have also been busy with the social events led the Mothers' Union, including the August Barbecue; a November Wine Tasting; and the February talk by John Boe. The Beetle Drive with Hotpot Supper is still to come. In November, we held our Christmas Fayre and Church Open Morning; and in late January, we celebrated our Patronal Festival by sharing in a Jacob's Join. So you could say that we have been anything but idle!!

But, all of these things would not have taken place without the commitment and dedication of a large number of people; and to all of them, I am truly grateful.

At the time of writing, we have just had the APCM, with the election of Michele Briers and Pam Rowell as our new Church Wardens; and Alan Curtis as our newest recruit to the PCC, so it seems fitting that we give thanks for the work of those stepping down from their roles. I am quite sure that you will want to join with me in thanking both Alan Wrapson and Sheila Swindells for their excellent efforts as Church Wardens, especially for the way in which they have held everything together during the vacancy.

Behind them there has been a small but faithful army of volunteers who have worked quietly in the background ~ the PCC and Sidespeople; readers and chalice assistants; Carole Johnson, our Verger; our organist, Linda Carrington and the choir; those who provide coffee and fellowship after the services; those who take care of the appearance of the church by cleaning, arranging flowers and gardening; the dedicated band of volunteers who work in our Fundraising Shop; and so many, many more.

Each and every one of you has an important part to play in the life of this Parish. It is a truly wonderful and a huge privilege to work with so many dedicated and faithful people.

May God bless you all!

*Janet K.*



Hello Everyone,

What a joy it was to be at our March meeting. Our members were asked to bring a reading or poem which, to them, represented Easter. They responded magnificently. Personal anecdotes were added to say why a particular piece became special and we were surprised at how quickly and pleasantly the time passed. A big thank-you to all the members who contributed.

Don't forget the Beetle Drive on Saturday 7th May, tickets will be available in the Church Hall after the Service on Sunday 1st May for last minute buyers.

Our Summer Outing this year is on Monday 25th July, we are going to Dewlay (Garstang) Cheese, for a look at how cheese is made, a cheese tasting and a visit to their shop. Afterwards we go to Barton Grange where we can buy lunch and have a good look round before returning home. The cost of this including transport is £15.00 we would like names and payment before or at our Meeting on 23rd May. We will have some spare seats for other members of the congregation, or friends, to join us. If you would like to come please check with either Judith Lakin or myself to see if there are any remaining seats.

At our May meeting we welcome Jill Marr who is going to talk about the people on the Titanic.

I am giving you an early reminder of the Mother's Union Festival this year, it is being held at St Margaret's on Tuesday 7th June at 7.30pm.

That's all for now.

*Jean Lyon*



# PARISHIONER'S NOTES



## Jam Jars Needed!



It's jam jar time again! Hooray, I hear you say!  
Yes, it's time to clear out those jars you have been  
storing during the winter months and leave them in  
the labelled box provided in the kitchen at St. Paul's.

I need around 300 - any shape or size, with or without lids - for  
my jam-making extravaganza which will take place from late  
August to October.

The profits will be going again to the St. Luke's Leprosy Hospital  
in southern India and to a local charity.

The help of parishioners is very much appreciated and an early  
start prevents me panicking in July!

*Julian Wilde*



## NOTES FROM THE ORGAN LOFT

### SONGS OF PRAISE

This is the final reminder that requests  
for the 'Songs of Praise' service will be  
on 29th May must be submitted by  
Sunday 1st May.

*Linda*



# A Thank you

As we have now had our APCM and we are coming to the end of the vacancy (or interregnum as it used to be called), I feel I need to say a few 'THANKS', especially as I am finishing as Church Warden.

A big 'Thank You' goes to Alan, who has worked very hard dealing with a variety of jobs at short notice as well as fulfilling his duties as Church Warden. Thanks also to all the members of the PCC, who have had extra and often very long meetings; but especially to Pam our Secretary and Loraine our Treasurer, who have had extra loads. Thank you also to all sidespersons, our coffee makers and church cleaners who have worked and looked after us. Also, of course, thanks to Linda for her continued contribution to our music in Church. Thanks also to Sheila Redcliffe for ably running the Thursday Worship. Thanks go to the volunteers who work very hard in our fundraising shop.

I have left the biggest 'Thank You' to the last and that is to Janet, who has given a tremendous amount of time and work to keep our worship and all that goes with the running of our Parish at the level it is.

We now look forward to the future.

*Sheila*



## **Parishioner Donations**

Have you ever thought of sponsoring one or more of the items that we use in Church, such as Palm Crosses or candles; hymn books or Bibles; or indeed, anything else you can think of? If this thought appeals to you, then please speak to one of the Wardens or a member of the PCC. We would be very pleased to hear from you.

St Paul's Church Ansdell and Fairhaven

Come and have fun at the  
**Family Beetle Drive**

**On Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May at 6.30 pm**



**Cost £5 Adults    £3 Children 16 and under**  
**Hotpot and Pudding included!**

Tickets available from Church at Thursday Family Service,  
Sunday Services or Wednesday Service and Coffee morning.

Also available from the Church Charity Shop, Woodlands Road  
near the Co-operative store, in Ansdell village.

Tickets must be bought by 29<sup>th</sup> of April.

**Bring your own drinks!**



**St Paul's Church Ansdell and  
Fairhaven**



# **A Musical Evening**

with

**Heyhouses Community Choir  
and friends**

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> of May  
at 7.30pm**

**Cost £5 under 16 free  
Tickets on the door.**

# Summary of March PCC Meeting

**APCM** – Sunday 17th April 2016. The importance of finding two Church Wardens for the coming year was stressed and both Alan and Sheila assured the meeting that the role is less onerous than it may appear. It has been harder this year due to the Vacancy. Alan will continue to do the necessary work for the Quinquennial.

**Easter Offering** – Just over £300 was collected and will be used towards the re-decoration of the Vicarage in readiness for the arrival of the Rev Paul Bye and his family.

**Fund raising shop:** A resignation has been received from Trisha Godley and this was accepted.

**Random Environmental Health visit:** One major issue arose from this visit with regard to catering, which forbids us to have a ‘Jacob’s Join’ type of event. All food must be prepared in the Church Hall kitchen unless purchased from outside caterers; and must not be left out at room temperature for more than two hours. A Food Hygiene person has to be appointed and a Food Hygiene Certificate to be held. (Rules are slightly different for hall hirers.)

**Parish Share:** The church has received a letter of thanks and a certificate showing that the Parish Share has been paid in full.

**Pentecost Celebrations** have been organised at Fairhaven Lake by the Lytham and St Annes churches for Sunday 15th May at 4pm. We have been invited to attend.

**Induction & Installation:** Everything is in hand.

**Churches Together:** A total of over £1500 has been sent to Open Doors, from the Lent Lunches, Week of Prayer for Christian Unity retiring collection, table top sale and retiring collection on Good Friday.

**Date of Next Meeting:** Monday 9th May 2016



## ***An Update on Fr D.***

*Many of you have been asking about Fr D. He came home from hospital a couple of weeks ago and is making a slow but steady recovery from his recent illness.*

# Day of the Month

## Pentecost ~ Sunday 15th May, 2016

On that long ago first morning of Pentecost, Jerusalem was crowded with thousands of visitors, for it was one of the most popular feast-days in the Jewish calendar – the Feast of Firstfruits, looking forward to the wheat harvest.

In one small room of that great city, a small group of people who had followed Jesus were praying. There was nothing else for them to do: Jesus had died, he had risen, and he had ascended, promising to send them ‘a Comforter’. They were left alone, to wait at Jerusalem. And so they waited – on him, and for him. They were not disappointed: for that morning the Holy Spirit fell upon that small room, and transformed those believers into the Church, Christ’s body here on earth. Pentecost was not the first time that the Holy Spirit came to the world – throughout the Old Testament there are stories telling of how God had guided people and given them strength. But now his Spirit would use a new instrument: not just isolated prophets, but the Church, his body on earth.

Acts opens with the preaching of the gospel in Jerusalem, the centre of the Jewish nation. Within 30 years the gospel had spread throughout the northern Mediterranean: Syria, Turkey, Greece, Malta... to the very heart of the Roman Empire: Rome. The Church was on the move – God was on the move! He was calling people from every nation to repent, turn to Jesus for forgiveness of their sins, and to follow him.



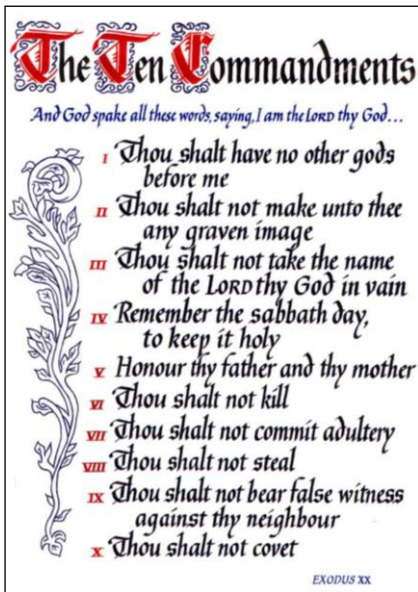
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*Association of Church Editors monthly edition of “Ideas Forum”*



## The Top 10 Bible Stories:

### No. 5: The Ten Commandments



The computers that we use on a daily basis have thousands of component parts which can go wrong. We need the Maker's instructions to guide us when things go wrong and show us how to get the most out of them. Human beings are also wonderfully complex, physically, psychologically and spiritually. We also have a Maker's handbook to show us how God wants us to live. This is the 10 commandments, which God gave to Moses on Mt Sinai. 'And God spoke all these words: 'I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery'". (Exodus 20:1,2).

If we want to grow to become more like God, we have to take seriously the Commandments in our lives. The rest of the Bible could be described as God's repair manual, spelling out the gospel of grace that restores sin-damaged human beings to relationship with God.

How should we approach the 10 Commandments today? You may say 'I try to take them seriously, but every day I fail somewhere.' We have to admit our weaknesses, but we can turn to God for pardon and forgiveness. In the power of the Spirit, Christ brings us a new kind of life, in which our heart's deepest desire will be to go God's way and obedience will no longer be a burden.

God says 'I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people.' (Jeremiah 31:33). The word of command becomes a promise of obedience: 'You shall not...'

## Promise of the Father

(Lk24:44-53, Heb 11:1-3)

Blessing led to leaving,  
and leaving to a new coming,  
a coming in power and joy  
to worship and to witness  
to God's plan fulfilled  
in the reality of Jesus, living.

This is the promised day,  
the day of clothing  
with power and presence,  
and a fresh sending  
of those with opened eyes  
in every generation,  
releasing hope and faith-filled certainty,  
making sense of everything.

Come Holy Spirit, clothe me, send me.

By Daphne Kitching



## Prayer of Thanks for Promises Kept

Generous Father,

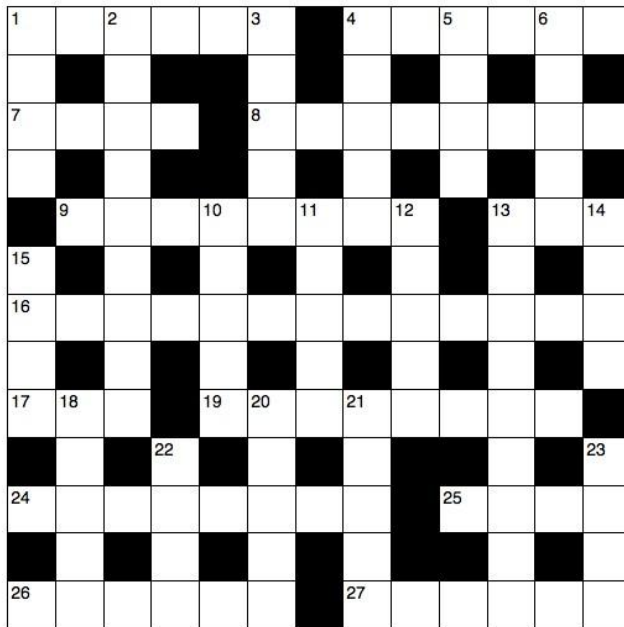
Life is such a complex journey, with its ups and downs. We can easily go off course, or even feel lost. But you gave us Jesus to be our Way and our guide, and you promised never to leave us or forsake us. And when Jesus came back to you Lord, after His life on this earth, you promised even more wonderfully to send the Holy Spirit to live in our hearts, exchanging our fears and anxieties for your power and peace – a peace which we can't explain, but can experience when we trust you.

Thank you Father, Son and Holy Spirit that you keep your promises, and that in your strength we can move forward, confident in your reality and sovereignty, one step at a time. In Jesus name. Amen.

By Daphne Kitching

# May 2016 Crossword

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



## Across

- 1 One who owes money, goods or services (Isaiah 24:2) (6)
- 4 'A good measure, pressed down, — together and running over' (Luke 6:38) (6)
- 7 Continuous dull pain (Proverbs 14:13) (4)
- 8 This bread contains yeast (Amos 4:5) (8)
- 9 'But take heart! I have — the world' (John 16:33) (8)
- 13 And the rest (abbrev.) (3)
- 16 What Paul was accused of by Tertullus, the high priest's lawyer, in his trial before Felix (Acts 24:5) (13)
- 17 Rap (anag.) (3)
- 19 Founder of the Jesuits in 1534 (8)
- 24 'For where your — is, there your heart will be also' (Luke 12:34) (8)
- 25 The first word written on the wall during King Belshazzar's great banquet (Daniel 5:25) (4)

- 26 'We all, like sheep, have gone — ' (Isaiah 53:6) (6)  
 27 One was given in honour of Jesus in Bethany (John 12:2) (6)

### Down

- 1 'The blind receive sight, the lame walk, the — hear, the dead are raised' (Luke 7:22) (4)  
 2 Conduct (Colossians 1:21) (9)  
 3 In the Catholic and Orthodox traditions, the body of a saint or his belongings, venerated as holy (5)  
 4 'Like a — of locusts men pounce on it' (Isaiah 33:4) (5)  
 5 Very old (Genesis 44:20) (4)  
 6 In Calvinist theology, one who is predestined by God to receive salvation (5)  
 10 How Nicodemus addressed Jesus when he visited him one night (John 3:2) (5)  
 11 Sea (Psalm 148:7) (5)  
 12 'I will — you, my God the King; I will praise your name for ever and ever' (Psalm 145:1) (5)  
 13 One of the groups of philosophers that Paul met in Athens, who disagreed with his teaching about the resurrection (Acts 17:18) (9)  
 14 Barred enclosure (Ezekiel 19:9) (4)  
 15 'Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in — with the Spirit' (Galatians 5:25) (4)  
 18 Cares (anag.) (5)  
 20 Garish (Ezekiel 16:16) (5)  
 21 'So God said to Noah, "I am going to put — — to all people"' (Genesis 6:13) (2,3)  
 22 Just (2 Corinthians 6:13) (4)  
 23 'The — of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge' (Proverbs 1:7) (4)



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## **READERS' ROTA – SUNDAY (10:30am)**

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Reading: 1st:OT &amp; Psalm, 2nd:NT</u></b>		<b><u>Name</u></b>
1st May Easter 6	1st	Acts 16:9-15; Psalm 67	Richard Redcliffe
	2nd	Revelation 21:10, 22-27 & 22:1-5	Sheila Redcliffe
8th May Easter 7	1st	Acts 16:16-34; Psalm 97	Bryan Nicholson
	2nd	Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21	Barbara Jackson
15th May Pentecost	1st	Genesis 11:1-9; Psalm 104:25-35, 37	Pam Rowell
	2nd	Acts 2:1-21	Sheila Swindells
22nd May Trinity Sunday	1st	Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31; Psalm 8	Jo Pocock
	2nd	Romans 5:1-5	Ken Pocock
29th May Trinity 1	1st	1 Kings 8:22-23, 41-43; Psalm 96:1-9	Liz Geddes
	2nd	Galatians 1:1-12	Eileen Russell

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## **EVENING PRAYER ROTA – SUNDAY (4:00pm)**

| <b><u>Date</u></b> | <b><u>Sunday</u></b> | <b><u>Said/Sung</u></b> | <b><u>Leader</u></b> | <b><u>Preacher</u></b> |
|--------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| 1st May            | Easter 6             | Sung                    | Janet K.             | Janet K.               |
| 8th May            | Easter 7             | Said                    | Peter S.             | Peter S.               |
| 15th May           | Pentecost            | Sung                    | Janet K.             | Linda C.               |
| 22nd May           | Trinity Sunday       | Said                    | Janet K.             | Janet K.               |
| 29th May           | Trinity 1            | Compline ~ Janet K.     |                      |                        |

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### **Crossword Answers for April 2016**

ACROSS: 8. Transgressors; 9. Out; 10. Ephesians; 11. Throb; 13. Ramadan; 16. Nearest; 19. Neath; 22. Childless; 24. Ant; 25. Excommunicate.

DOWN: 1. Utmost; 2. Easter; 3. Assemble; 4. Archer; 5. Isis; 6. To hand;

7. As a son; 12. Hoe; 14. Monastic; 15. Apt; 16. Nuclei; 17. A piece;

18. Tied up; 20. Ararat; 21. Hatred; 23. Dome.



# Time for a Smile

## Board meeting

"There will be a meeting of the Board immediately after the service," announced the minister. And so, after the close of the service, the Church Board gathered at the back of the church for the meeting. But there was a stranger in their midst - a visitor who had never attended their church before. "My friend," said the minister gently, "Didn't you understand that this is a meeting of the Board?"

"Yes," said the visitor, "and after today's sermon, I suppose I'm just about as bored as anyone else who came to this meeting."



*"... and then the vicar realised the bellringer-shortage and the problem of providing crèche facilities could be solved in one go!"*

## Walking out

"I hope you didn't take it personally, Reverend," said an embarrassed woman after a church service, "when my husband walked out during your sermon."

"I did find it rather disconcerting," the preacher admitted.

"It's not a reflection on you, sir," insisted the church-goer.

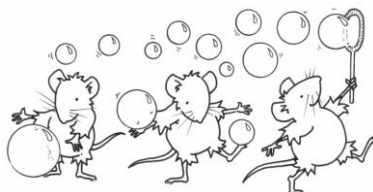
"Ralph has been walking in his sleep ever since he was a child."



"...er, if I could just tear you away from your mobile phones for a moment ...."

## Taking Jesus

A Sunday School teacher asked her class why Joseph and Mary took Jesus with them to Jerusalem. A small child replied: "They couldn't get a baby sitter."



# **Come and Join Us! Everyone is Welcome!**

## **Regular Church Hall Activities**

<b><u>Day</u></b>	<b><u>Time</u></b>	<b><u>Organisation</u></b>
4th Monday	2:15 - 4:15pm	Mothers' Union
	7:30 – 8:30pm	Zumba Class
Tuesday	6:00 – 8:15pm	Beavers & Cubs (Term-Time only)
	From 10:30am	Church Coffee Morning
Wednesday	6:30 - 7:30pm	Zumba Dancing
	Thursday	Family Service
Friday	5:00 - 9:00pm	Rainbows, Brownies & Guides (Term-Time only)

## **Other Regular Church Activities**

<b><u>Day</u></b>	<b><u>Time</u></b>	<b><u>Activity</u></b>	<b><u>Where</u></b>
1st Saturday	8:00-9:00am	Prayer Breakfast	In the Shop

### **St. Paul's Fundraising Shop**

(Woodlands Road)

### **Opening Hours**

**Monday to Saturday  
10:00am until 4:30pm.**



***Volunteers are needed. If you can help in any way please  
contact Trisha Godley on 01253 732253.***

# **Ansdell and Fairhaven St. Paul**

## **Church Services**

### **Sunday**

8:30am	Holy Communion (BCP)
10:30am	Parish Eucharist (CW)
4:00pm	Evening Prayer (BCP)

### **Wednesday**

10:00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
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### **Thursday**

6:15pm Thursday Service

(A service for the younger members of our church, including songs, Bible Stories, prayers and activities.)



(BCP ~Book of Common Prayer; CW ~ Common Worship)

**'Parish Surgery'** ~ *If you wish to arrange a baptism or a wedding; make a hall booking; or to discuss matters of concern, you are welcome to attend either of the following surgeries:*

**Tuesday ~ 4:30-5:30pm at St. Paul's Fund Raising Shop**

**Wednesday ~ 9:00-9:30am at the Parish Office**



### **Requests for Weddings, Baptisms, etc.**

Anyone wishing to arrange a wedding or baptism or perhaps to make an appointment on another matter, please:

- visit our website and complete/submit the form available;
- attend one of our parish surgeries (listed above)
- speak to one of the churchwardens;
- ring or email the parish office;

***All relevant contact details are provided elsewhere.***

Please note that baptisms may be accommodated at any of our services with the main options being:

- during the Sunday morning 10.30 service;
- a separate family service at 12 noon on a Sunday; or
- at the Family Service on Thursday at 6.15pm.

# Dates for Your Diary

## May 2016



Thursday 5th	<b><u>Ascension Day Service</u></b> 7:30pm in Church
Saturday 7th	<b><u>Men's Prayer Breakfast</u></b> 8:00am ~ in the Shop <b><u>Family Beetle Drive &amp; Hotpot Supper</u></b> 6:30pm in the Church Hall
Monday 9th	<b><u>PCC Meeting</u></b> 7:00pm ~ in the Vicarage
Saturday 14th	<b><u>A Musical Evening</u></b> 7:30pm in the Church Hall
Sunday 15th	<b><u>Pentecost Celebrations</u></b> 4pm at Fairhaven Lake
Monday 23rd	<b><u>Mothers' Union Meeting</u></b> 2:15pm in the Church Hall



*A Special  
Date for  
Your Diary*

*The Institution and Induction  
of the Revd Paul Bye as  
Vicar of Saint Paul's Church,  
Ansdell and Fairhaven  
on Wednesday 8th June 2016 at 7:30pm*



### **ARTICLES FOR THE JUNE PNE**

If you have an article for inclusion in the June PNE,  
please make sure that I have it by **Sunday 15th May**

Thank you.

*Janet Kimber*



*For more information about our Weekly Services and Activities  
please see pages 18 and 19*

