The Parish Church of St Paul Ansdell & Fairhaven

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Harvest Thanksgiving Service Sunday 4th October at 10:30am

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Vicar Vacant

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A few words from your Reader ...

Dear Friends,

The nights are drawing in. There is a distinct autumn chill in the early morning air and the warmer summer evenings seem long gone. It is a busy time of year for God's creation as the leaves turn from green to yellow, red and



brown; and our native animals prepare for hibernation.

For us, it is a time for reflection as we say farewell to summer and say thank you for the wonderful harvest of grains and fruits. So, come and join us this month, as we look forward to celebrating our Harvest Thanksgiving on Sunday 4th October. It is a chance to join together as one, to say thank you for the bounty of God's earth and sea. Once again we are having a Songs of Praise Service with hymns chosen by you. If you are able, please feel free to contribute fruit, vegetables and tinned foods, which will be distributed locally.

However, we must not forget those less fortunate than ourselves, especially those whose harvests have failed and those who have to trek long distances to collect water. As a church; and to play our part in helping these people, we are supporting Bishop Julian's Harvest Appeal 2015 'Fighting Hunger Together', with the monies collected being used to support projects set up by Christian Aid and Tearfund. More details of these projects can be found on pages 8 and 9. Specially printed envelopes are available at the back of church for any donations that you may wish to make, along with a gift aid form.

On Thursday 8th October, the Thursday Service children will be leading a special service, which also has a harvest theme. I'm sure it will be a delight, so please come along and support them.

October also means that we are now two months into our vacancy and things are slowly moving. Finding a new priest is a long drawn out procedure with lots of complicated forms to fill in and a Parish Profile to complete but progress is being made.

It is thanks to the willingness of a variety of priests to lead our worship, that most of our weekly services have continued in their familiar format, with our recently trialled healing service receiving favourable comments.

Also this month we say congratulations to Bob and Eileen Trimble who will celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary. We send our best wishes for a very special day of celebration.

Finally, advance notice has already been given of a Confirmation to be held at St. Michael's Church, Kirkham on Sunday 10th January. If you, or anyone you know, is interested in being confirmed or would like to know more about confirmation, then please let me know as soon as possible. Confirmation classes will be held sometime in November.

Yours in Christ

Janet K.

A Prayer for the Vacancy

Heavenly Father, you have called us together as members of your Church in this parish. Deepen our love for you and strengthen our fellowship one with another as we face this time of uncertainty and change. Keep us faithful in prayer and worship; and fill us with your vision and



energy as we seek to bring new life to our community.

Strengthen and guide Alan and Sheila, the PCC and the Parish Representatives as they take the Parish forward; and speak into the hearts of all those whom you are calling to serve in this Parish, that they may hear your call and be obedient to your calling. This we ask in the name of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Hello everyone,

What a lovely Summer Lunch we enjoyed at Fairhaven Golf Club. The food was delightful – remember those desserts (all calories free of course)! We were so comfortable that conversation carried on long after coffee finished and there was a reluctance to make the move homeward.

The Bishop's Open Day in Blackburn was very well attended by all the Deaneries in the Diocese. There were many stalls, constant tea/coffee and biscuits (which we were roped into helping with), tombola and between downpours table tennis and croquet. There was a steady stream of visitors throughout the morning which hadn't slackened when we were leaving after lunch.

Now the evenings are starting to draw in again we look forward to resuming our afternoon monthly meetings in the Church Hall. Our November meeting will involve craft work – more details at our meetings before then. Shortly after will be our Christmas Dinner at the Chadwick Hotel – menu/order form now available from me if you haven't already picked one up. I need your order with money by the October meeting.

Jean Lyon

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Feeling Energetic?

Your help may be needed to help to rake up leaves from the church and vicarage grounds. Please see Michele Briers if you are willing to assist.



NOTES FROM THE ORGAN LOFT

Answers to the missing words in last month's hymn quotations.

- (1) O may this <u>bounteous</u> God through all our lives be near us
- (2) But the Church of Jesus constant will remain
- (3) O let me see thy <u>foot-marks</u> and in them plant my own
- (4) Praise Him for His grace and <u>favour</u> to our fathers in distress
- (5) Perverse and <u>foolish</u> oft I strayed but yet in love He sought me



"Songs of Praise"

Our last "Songs of Praise" service this year will be on 29th November, the first Sunday of Advent. Please submit your hymn requests by Sunday 1st November.

Linda

Shop Volunteers

Do you have a few of hours a week to spare? We are looking for more volunteers to work in The Friends of St. Paul's Fundraising Shop.

The fundraising shop is an important part of Parish life and without it we would be digging deeper into our pockets for the finances needed to run this parish.

Whatever time you could spare would be gratefully received.

Please speak to Mrs Victoria Pallister on 01253 732253

PARISHIONER'S CORNER



Children's Society **Box Opening 2015**

Don't forget that it's time for the annual opening of the blue boxes for the Children's Society. Boxes can be brought to church or, alternatively, telephone me on 737166 and I will arrange to collect.

Marian

Christmas Coffee Morning

We are having a Christmas Coffee Morning on Saturday 28th November from 10:00am - 12 noon. Tickets will soon be on sale at £2 for coffee and mince pie/shortbread. There will be several stalls and a raffle. What better way to start off the Christmas festivities! Please support this event to help raise

money for our Church.

If you have suitable raffle prizes to donate, please let me have them as soon as possible.

Thank you for your support.

Sheila S.

Jam for Sale

Home-made jam is now on sale from me in aid of a local and an international charity.

Thanks to the kindness of parishioners I have acquired a good stock of jam jars in recent months and I am now making crab apple jelly. damson jam and apple and sloe jelly.

The larger jars are £2.50 or £2.00 and the smaller ones £1.50 or £1.00.

The costs are very low - just the sugar - and the profits all go to the Lytham Lifeboats and to the St. Luke's Leprosy in southern India.

I hope to have jars for sale throughout September and October, so just contact me if you would like to make a purchase. The two jellies are not available in supermarkets and all the three varieties go very well with toast!

Tulian Wilde

Bishop Julian's Harvest Appeal 2015

Fighting Hunger Together

Local organisations are helping a community in Columbia that has been forced off its land; and farmers in Malawi who are facing climate change.

Christian Aid in Columbia

Marcia Helena Moreno's family is one of 123 families in Las Pavas. Colombia, who were evicted from their land by armed groups in 2002.

Since then, the families have had no land to grow crops and life has been a struggle. Marcia's mum, Catalina, washes clothes for other families, and her dad. Ariel. does odd iobs when he can, but they don't earn



Nutritionist Catalina Santos checks Marcia's growth

enough to buy the food their family needs.

Corambiente is a local organisation working in Las Pavas, Colombia, and it is supported by Christian Aid. Since it first diagnosed child malnutrition in 2013, Corambiente has been giving children the treatment they need and helping families to plant kitchen gardens. Like six-year-old Marcia, who has been diagnosed as chronically malnourished, many children in Las Pavas are suffering.



Kelita Kapito is growing more thanks to new farming methods

Tearfund in Malawi

For many families in Malawi, the hunt to find food is almost a daily battle. Most of the population are farmers, and if their crops fail, they don't eat.

In recent years, increasingly unpredictable weather, with periods of drought and floods, has made it hard for farmers to produce crops successfully.

Kelita Kapito and her husband Mfambi have three children. Like others in their community, they have been badly affected by erratic rainfall, which has often led to crop failure, leaving them with nothing to eat. They have coped by collecting food handouts or working in return for food or money, but life wasn't easy. When Kelita's crops failed she went days without eating, but thanks to new farming methods she learned from Tearfund's church-based partner Eagles, Kelita can now grow enough maize, sorghum and millet to meet her family's needs.

Eagles is helping farmers adapt to the challenges of climate change by introducing drought resistant crops, small-scale irrigation farming and livestock rearing. 'We used to experience hunger year in year out, but now conservation agriculture has enabled us to have our own food for the whole year,' Kelita says.

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Miscellaneous Observations on life:

We don't change God's message - His message changes us.

Exercise daily - walk with the Lord.

Do what you can, for who you can, with what you have, and where you are.

Have You Visited Our New Website Yet?

www.stpaulsfairhaven.weebly.com



Launched on 1st August 2015, our new website has lots of exciting places to explore.

READERS' ROTA - SUNDAY (10:30am)

<u>Date</u>	Reac	ling: 1st:OT & Psalm, 2nd:NT	<u>Name</u>
4th October Trinity 18	1st	Genesis 2:18-24; Psalm 8	Audrey Naylor
	2nd	Hebrews 1;1-4, 2:5-12	Eileen Russell
11th October Trinity 19	1st	Amos 5:6-7,10-15; Psalm 90:13-17	Sheila Redcliffe
	2nd	Hebrews 4:12-16	Richard Redcliffe
18th October Trinity 20	1st	Isaiah 35:3-6; Psalm 147:1-7	Jo Pocock
	2nd	2 Timothy 4:5-17	Ken Pocock
25th October Last after Trinity	1st	Jeremiah 31:7-9; Psalm 126	Charlotte Johnston
	2nd	Hebrews 7:23-28	Bryan Nicholson

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EVENING PRAYER ROTA – SUNDAY (4:00pm)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Sunday</u>	Said/Sung	<u>Leader/Preacher</u>	
4th October	Trinity 18	Sung	Peter Swindells	
11th October	Trinity 19	Said	Janet Kimber	
18th October	Trinity 20	Sung	Sung Janet/Peter Watson*	
25th October	Last after Trinity	Said	Janet Kimber	

Leading Intercessions

Intercession is an important part of our Christian life and worship. It is a time when we pray for the world and its people.

If you feel called to lead the Sunday Intercessions, I would be delighted to hear from you.



High Days and Holy Days in October 2015

- 1 Theresa of Lisieux (1873-97) ~ Carmelite nun
- 1 Remigius (d.533) ~ Bishop of Reims
- 2 **Guardian Angels**
- 3 Hewald the Black and Hewald the White ~ Anglo-Saxon priests
- 4 **St. Francis of Assisi** (1181 1226) ~ has a community of monks named after him
- 8 Demetrius of Sirmium (4th century) ~ martyr
- 9 Luis Bertran (1526-81) ~ Dominican monk and priest
- 10 **Francis Borgia** (1510 72) ~ turned his back on dukedom and secretly joined the Society of Jesus
- 13 **Edward the Confessor** (1003 66) ~ King of England and strong supporter of the faith. Founder of Westminster Abbey.
- 14 **Donation** c 484 ~ North African Christian martyr
- 18 **St Luke the Evangelist** (1st century) ~ Greek physician, disciple of St Paul and Gospel writer
- 22 **Donatus** (d 876) ~ Irish monk
- 24 **Felix of Thibiuca** (247 303) ~ Bishop of Thibiuca in North Africa and martyr
- 25 **Bible Sunday**
- 27 Odran of Iona died c. 563 ~ monk
- 28 **Simon and Jude** (1st century) ~ preached the gospel in Persia where both were also martyred
- 30 Alphonsus Rodriguez ~ member of the Jesuit order
- 31 **All Hallows Eve** ~ an evening of prayer and preparation for All Saints' Day on November 1st.



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Bible Sunday ~ 25th October 2015

This year the Bible Society is encouraging churches throughout the UK to celebrate the joy of encountering Jesus through the Scriptures and sharing that experience.

Did you know that, in the UK, nine out of ten adults have NO regular engagement with the Bible? That 45% of children NEVER read or hear Bible stories? Yet the value of the Bible lies in its use. We must use it or lose it. Let's keep the message of the Bible alive for future generations. Let's join others throughout the country in celebrating the Bible and having the freedom to pass on its message.

Basic facts about the Bible

Literally translated, the word Bible means 'book' or 'books'. It is a collection of books written over the course of more than 1,000 years.

The Bible includes poetry, legal documents, songs, letters, eyewitness accounts, people stories, historical documents and advice literature.

The Bible is usually divided into two sections:

- † The Old Testament texts written before Jesus Christ was born and covering God's dealings with the ancient Hebrew world and its people
- † The New Testament writings following the death of Jesus and covering his life and teaching, the establishment of the Christian church, and letters from church leaders

Christians are not entirely agreed on the number of books in the Old Testament. Protestants recognise 39, Catholics include 46 and Ethiopian Orthodox have as many as 54. These additional books which are not in the Jewish or Protestant Bibles are known as the apocryphal or deuterocanonical books.

The Bible is brilliant

- † It's full of human stories of love, hate, greed, loss, grief and offers real insight about these things.
- † It's vibrant and vital to our culture.
- † It's part of the answer to the world's needs.
- † It's cherished by billions of people around the world.

And it's more than a book...

So why not explore the Bible and see for yourself!

The Light of the World

Many hearts in darkness lie
Cold and blind bereft of light,
Until God's Word can enter in
The darkness then must take its flight

From heaven He came, He was the Light His mission was to rescue man To bring new life where death once reigned Frustrating all the Devil's plan.

The Word of God came to our world To seek the lost, to open eyes, Where man was bound to loose his chains To grant a freedom once denied,

The Saviour knocks on our heart's door,
The Light of the World – He stands outside,
We alone can ask Him in
For the lock to the door is on the inside.



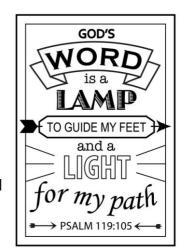
Another Miscellaneous Observation on life:

For every minute you are angry with someone, you lose 60 seconds of happiness that you can never get back.

Answers for September 2015 Crossword

ACROSS: 8. Kiriath Jearim 9. Toe 10. Ill at ease 11. Hated 13. Miletus 16. Started 19. Micah 22. Leviticus 24. Eli 25. Mary and Joseph

DOWN: 1. Sketch 2. Priest 3. Samizdat 4. Shalom 5. Wept 6. Breast 7. Embers 12. Art 14. Limassol 15. UNA 16. Salome 17. Adverb 18. Decade 20. Clever 21. Height 23. Tear



Mother Teresa – 65 years after the foundation of the **Missionaries of Charity**

Mother Teresa – known officially as Blessed Teresa of Calcutta since her beatification in 2003 – was something of an icon. This month marks the 65th anniversary of her foundation of the Missionaries of Charity to look after people who had been abandoned by everyone else. She believed love by itself had no meaning and had to be put into action through service.



She was born Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu in what is now Skopje, Macedonia, but was at the time part of the Ottoman empire. Her family was Albanian, originating in Kosovo. She died in 1997, within a week of one of her greatest admirers, Princess Diana.

When she was 18 she joined a group of nuns in Ireland, and took her religious vows in 1931. She moved to India originally as a teacher.

She usually wore a white Indian sari, with blue trimmings, out of respect for the traditional Indian dress but was regarded as a traditionalist, being against contraception, and when she won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979 she described abortion as "the greatest destroyer of peace today".

She attracted a great deal of criticism for this and for what some people considered was rough handling of the patients in her homes, as well as the lack of hygiene, and her acceptance of suffering.

In later years she travelled outside India, and in 1991 returned to her homeland to open a home in Tirana, Albania. The Missionaries of Charity now consists of over 4,500 religious sisters and is active in 133 countries.



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



Association of Church Editors monthly edition of "Ideas Forum"

October 2015 Wordsearch

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LUKE FEAST DAY WRITTEN GOSPEL

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GOOD SAMARITAN WOMEN POOR LEPERS

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CHRISTIANS

St. Luke ~ 18th October

To St Luke, we owe a beautifully written gospel as well as the Book of Acts. He was a Greek physician and faithful travelling companion to St Paul. Under house arrest near the end of his life Paul noted, 'only Luke is with me'. Luke's gospel focuses on the compassion of Christ, and offers us moving parables, such as the Good Samaritan and Prodigal Son. Women figure more prominently in Luke's gospel than in any other: look out for the extended story of the Virgin Birth, and stories of Mary, Elizabeth, and the woman who was a sinner. His gospel also features more poor people, more lepers, more 'sinners', who are all shown to be 'inside' the love of Christ. In Acts, Luke skilfully

links sacred and profane history, as subsequent archaeology has shown. He tells of how the early Christians moved away from Jerusalem into the pagan world, and especially on to Rome.

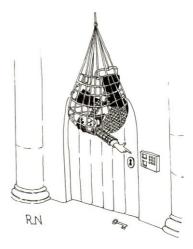
Time for a Smile

Right Resting Place

The new vicar was a bit of an efficiency expert, whose obsession was to move around the hymnbooks, the notice-sheets, the magazines, the guides, and most of the other portable things in his church, in search of the perfect place. From porch to display stand to table to vestry to side chapel – round and round various things went, week by week.

After several months, a visitor approached a harassed churchwarden before church one morning, and asked if he could tell her where the copies of the church guides were kept. "No, I'm sorry," he said wearily. "But if you just stand here a while, I'm sure you'll see them go by!"





The security code was not immediately memorable.

Growing Up

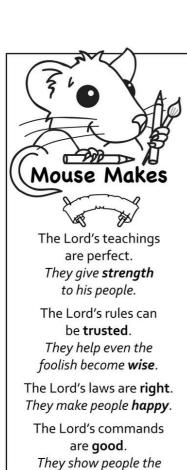
Your child has started growing up when he stops asking you where he came from and starts refusing to tell you where he's going.

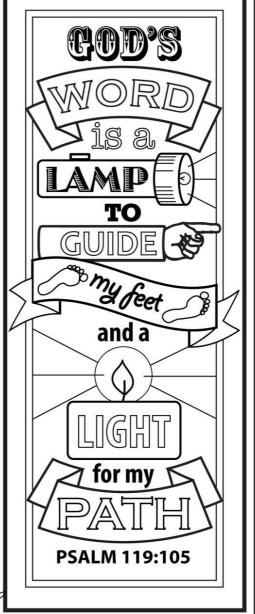
The Gift

After the Sunday service the minister stood by the door to greet the congregation as they left the church. Soon one of the younger children filed by. "Good morning, Jonathan," the minister said, as the little boy reached out and handed him something. "What's this?"

"Money," said the boy, with a big smile. "It's for you!"

When the minister protested in surprise, the little boy continued: "But I want you to have it. My daddy says you're the poorest preacher we ever had, and I want to help you."





right way to live.

from Psalm 19:7--8

Do you have a favourite

bible verse? Write it here:

Colour in the illustrated bible verse, cut out and use as a bookmark in your bible.

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Come and Join Us! Everyone is Welcome!

Regular Church Hall Activities

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

Other Regular Church Activities

<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Where</u>
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.

[4pm on Wednesdays]



Volunteers are needed. If you can help in any way please contact Mrs Victoria Pallister 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)

Thursday

6:30pm Thursday Service

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

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

'Parish Surgery' ~ If you wish to arrange a baptism or a wedding 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

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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 6.30pm.

<u>Dates for Your Diary</u> <u>October 2015</u>

Saturday 3rd October Prayer Breakfast

8:00am ~ in the Shop

Monday 5th October PCC Meeting

7:00pm ~ in the Church Hall

Thursday 8th October <u>Thursday Service</u>

6:30pm ~ in Church

Monday 26th October <u>Mothers' Union Meeting</u>

2:15pm ~ in the Church Hall

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Christmas Coffee Morning

Saturday 28th November 10:00am - 12 noon.

Tickets £2

(Includes coffee and mince pie/shortbread)
Stalls and a raffle.





St. Paul's Fellowship Group

Wine Tasting

Saturday 14th November
7:30pm

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ARTICLES FOR THE NOVEMBER PNE

If you have an article for inclusion in the November PNE, please make sure that I have it by **Thursday 15th October**Thank you.

Janet Kimber

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