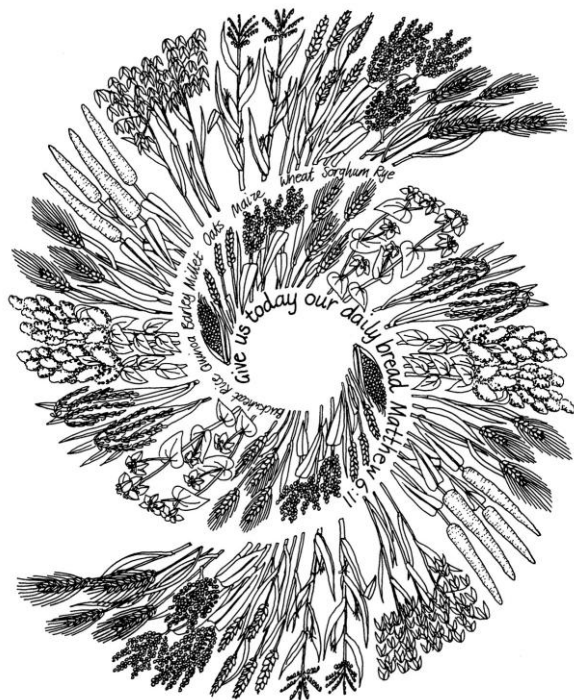


**The Parish Church of St Paul
Ansdell & Fairhaven**

Pews News Extra

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*St. Paul's All Age Harvest Festival
Sunday 25th September at 10:30am*

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A few words from the Vicarage...

What has recently got young people (and not so young!) walking more miles than perhaps ever before? What led one Olympic athlete to run up a £3700 bill on his mobile phone? What led to one group of teenagers getting trapped in a cave? The answer is this summer's craze, the mobile phone game - Pokemon Go. St Paul's is even on there! It's been downloaded by 100 million people worldwide.



Part of the game involves having to find Pokemon (little virtual creatures). Look around you when you are out and you might spot people walking along with their phones out. They're on the look out to find something important. Watch closely might see their joy when they do!

To find something precious, something valuable, brings great joy. Part of the fun of the game is getting a little taste of that feeling.

2000 years ago, Jesus told the story of a merchant who was out looking for something. Not a Pokemon. But a pearl. A precious, perfect pearl. One day he found it. Maybe on a beach, or tucked away in a market. One of great value.

You can imagine his heart raced and then jumped for joy. He recognised there was such value in pearl that he sold everything he had to buy it. He might have nothing else, but what he had was worth so much more.

Jesus says God's kingdom and being part of it is just like that pearl! Knowing Jesus and enjoying all that he brings is something of great and precious value. In fact it is so good, it is worth doing and giving anything to be part of it.

That's why St Paul's would love to invite you to our Crossroads weekend of events this month.

If you have family, why not join us on Thursday 8th for our Family Service Special where we will have fun thinking more about this greatest treasure.

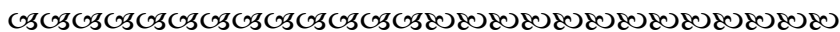
If you are around Woodlands Road on Friday 9th in the afternoon, come and join us for 'Coffee and Questions' outside the charity shop. You might even be able to put your big questions to a Bishop!

If you are a man join us on Saturday 10th at the Taps in Lytham for The Big Breakfast. It will be chance to hear from Neil Baldwin who was the inspiration for the BBC BAFTA winning drama 'Marvellous'. Neil will share some of his life story (which includes time as a professional clown, official kit carrier for Stoke F.C and unofficial chaplain at Keele University) and life with God.

And whoever you are, join us for a Garden Party at St Paul's on Saturday 10th. There will be a BBQ, stalls, open church and a bouncy castle.

We'd love to welcome you that weekend and I hope you feel able to join us as we have fun and get a chance to consider the greatest treasure Jesus says is on offer.

Paul



Join us on Sundays at 10.30am for *Sunday Club*, St Paul's new Sunday School.

Sunday Club is for children aged 3-11
and takes place during the morning service.
There will be games, activities, crafts, and songs
all as we have fun looking at the Bible.

For more information speak to Ruth Bye on 01253 734562



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information call
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Come and join us for a weekend of fun and
opportunities to explore the best news ever!

Family Service Special

**Thursday 8th September ~ 6.15pm
at St Paul's Church Hall**

Join us for fun activities, Bible story, songs and
refreshments for the whole family as we find great treasure!



Coffee and Questions

**Friday 9th September ~ 3:30–5pm
outside St Paul's Fundraising Shop**

Come and join us on Friday afternoon. You might even meet a Bishop!

The Big Breakfast for men

**Saturday 10th September ~ 8:45 for 9am
at the Taps, Lytham**

Come and hear Neil Baldwin 'Nello', Inspiration
for BBC BAFTA winning drama 'Marvellous'
share his life story and journey with God.



Community Garden Party

**Saturday 10th September ~ 2-4pm
at St Paul's Church Hall**

Join us for a BBQ, stalls, bouncy castle and activities for all the family

Hello everyone,

We had a very enjoyable visit to Dewlay Cheese in July. After coffee, one of the owners, Nick Kenyon, welcomed us with a talk about the factory and its history. We were able to view cheeses at various stages of manufacture and were delighted by a tasting session. We then visited the shop – it's a good thing I had the foresight to put a cool bag on the coach, we all know what happens to cheese on warm days! The origin of the name Dewlay was his grandfathers Wigan interpretation of the French "du lait" – of milk.

We went on to Barton Grange for lunch and a look round before returning home.

On 9th August, Mary Sumner Day, the celebration of 140 years of the Mothers' Union was held at Blackburn Cathedral. Janet Rees and I attended along with approximately 550 members from the whole diocese. I was proud to represent us by carrying our banner in procession with almost 80 other Deanery and Diocesan banners.

Canon Andrew Hindley welcomed everyone. The readings of St. Paul to the Hebrews 12, 1-3 and the Gospel of St. John 15, 1-12 were read by Stephen Adesanya, Chaplain designate for the Blackburn Diocese MU and Marjorie Holt, Deputy President Blackburn Archdeaconry.

The Ven. Michael Everitt, Archdeacon of Lancaster gave the sermon - Mary Sumner was a Lancastrian (in exile in Hampshire) and she became worried about available help and support to young mothers after her own daughter had her first child, remembering how she herself had felt. The MU now has over 4 million members and is present in 83 countries. A grass roots organisation which seeks change through its focussed priorities on relationships in all forms and seeks social justice for those on the margins through prayer, enabling and campaigning. One Diocese in South Africa now has two day care centres for children, including orphans and those who live on the streets. He wondered where he would see the MU logo at the current Olympics (that's easy I thought – they'll be the ones brewing up!) The MU focuses on reality through faith in Christ and we have to be true to the gospel, showing

understanding through the unique insights a union of mothers can bring, seeking a kingdom of hope for future generations.

Michael Adesanya was commissioned as Diocesan Chaplain. Also commissioned were Susan Willoughby, as Training Officer, Sharon Bates, Anne Edwards, Dorothy Martin and Maureen Rooney as General Trustees for the Diocese MU.

The choir gave a beautiful rendition of an anthem only rehearsed on the day and we left the Cathedral feeling that a true Celebration had been held.

Please let us know if you want to order the MU diary for 2017, and don't forget that we resume our monthly meetings on 26th September with Steve Lane coming to tell us of his work in the Ambulance Service. Everyone is welcome to attend our meetings and we would be pleased to see members, friends and parishioners alike.

This month's quote from "Bacon Sandwiches and Salvation" is:

Fall: (1) came early in Eden (2) apple picking season.

Take care.

Jean Lyon



Jam Jars Needed

Autumn is fast approaching and I am celebrating a bumper crop of jam jars this year, thanks to the generosity of Parishioners.

I need about another 80 jars - all shapes and sizes welcome - ready for my charity jam-making which will begin with damson jam early in September. I am aiming to make 300 jars which will be sold - at a bargain price - in support of local and international charities.

There's a labelled box in the kitchen at the church hall so any further empties will be most welcome.

Thanks to everyone for their interest and support.

Julian Wilde



Hope for the future

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Please Pray
for Andrew, Anna & Phoebe Beckham



Anna, Andrew and Phoebe flew out to South Sudan on Saturday 13th August. They landed in Uganda first, staying for about one week whilst awaiting arrangements for their journey onwards.

They are going to live with the Laarim people, who live high up in the Boya Hills, Torrit is the capital of the surrounding area.

They are more remote from the conflict but because of the ongoing civil war it is a difficult place to reach.

The Laarim are one of the smallest tribes in South Sudan ~ about 10 – 15,000 people.

They are an immensely proud people, mainly farmers; and live off the land and the animals they own. Because of their location – far off the beaten track, the Laarim feel neglected by missionaries.

The weather in May and June was very dry and now they have heavy rain. This has caused another economic crisis with food and supplies costs rising.

Africa International Mission (AIM) is liaising with Africa Inland Church to provide food aid and medical needs; and funds are desperately needed.

At the beginning of 2016, an Outreach Team started to trickle into the Boya Hills giving help with housing supplies, food, solar power, medical needs and also the introduction of the Gospel. They hold church services under the shade of the acacia tree.

Anna and Andrew are being supported by Africa International Mission. Please keep all of them in your prayers.

Sheila S.

READERS' ROTA – SUNDAY (10:30am)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Reading: 1st:OT & Psalm, 2nd:NT</u>		<u>Name</u>
4th Sept Trinity 15	1st	Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Psalm 1	Ken Pocock
	2nd	Philemon 1-21	Jo Pocock
11th Sept Trinity 16	1st	Exodus 32:7-14; Psalm 51:1-10	Liz Geddes
	2nd	1 Timothy 1:12-17	Pam Rowell
18th Sept Trinity 17	1st	Amos 8:4-7; Psalm 113	Mike Briers
	2nd	1 Timothy 2:1-7	Barbara Jackson
25th Sept Trinity 18	1st	Amos 6:1a, 4-7; Psalm 146	Richard Redcliffe
	2nd	1 Timothy 6:6-19	Sheila Redcliffe

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

| <u>Date</u>    | <u>Sunday</u> | <u>Said/Sung</u> | <u>Leader</u> | <u>Preacher</u> |
|----------------|---------------|------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| 4th September  | Trinity 15    | Sung             | Janet K.      | Paul            |
| 11th September | Trinity 16    | Said             | Paul          | Paul            |
| 18th September | Trinity 17    | *Said            | Janet K.      | Janet K.        |
| 25th September | Trinity 18    | *Sung            | Paul          | Paul            |

***\*Please note the changes for Evening Prayer this month.***

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Parishioner Donations

This is proving to be very popular way of giving much needed items to church. So, if the thought of donating money towards a specific item, such as a box of candles, wine or wafers, appeals to you, then please speak to one of the Wardens or a member of the PCC.

They would be very pleased to hear from you.

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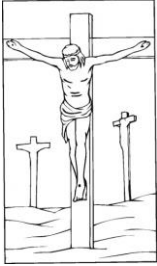


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# Holy Cross Day

*Feast Day ~ 14th September*



On Holy Cross Day the Church celebrates the Cross as a symbol of triumph, as the sign of Christ's victory over death. Holy Cross Day goes right back to 14 September 335, and we have the mother of a Roman Emperor to thank for it.

Helena was a devout Christian, and after her son, Constantine, was converted, they agreed that she should travel from Rome to Israel, and seek out the places of special significance to Christians.

Of course, much of Jerusalem had been destroyed by the Romans around 135 AD. But even so, Helena finally located what she believed to be the sites of the Crucifixion and of the Burial (and modern archaeologists think she may well be correct). The sites were so close together that she built one large church over them - the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. That church, built in honour of the Cross, was dedicated on 14 September 335.

The sign of the Cross has been used by Christians since early times. Tertullian, writing his *De Corona* (3:2) around AD 211, noted that Christians seldom did anything significant without making the sign of the cross.

What is its significance? Well, people often put their initials or some sort of personal mark on something to show that it belongs to them. The Cross is the personal mark of our Lord Jesus Christ, and we mark it on ourselves as a sign that we belong to him. Even in the book of Revelation, we read that the servants of God are 'sealed' or 'marked' on their foreheads as a sign that they are his.

A preacher once put it this way: if you were explaining to someone how to make a cross, you would say: "Draw an I." That is you standing before the Lord, saying, 'here I am'. Then cancel that vertical stroke with a horizontal stroke – as if to say: "Lord, I abandon my self-will and make you the centre of my life instead. I abandon myself to your love and service."

On Holy Cross Day, we recall Jesus' wonderful promise: *"And when I am lifted up, I will draw all men unto me."* (John 12:32)

**Something  
to Think  
About**



# \*Get Inspired

The BBC has used the phrase 'Get Inspired' to encourage us to follow the example of Olympic athletes and become more physically healthy. The phrase is ideally suited for Christians to follow the example of Jesus. If He was wholly human – and if He wasn't, then His Passion and Crucifixion are pointless – He sets an example which any one of us can follow. While we may worship Him as God, His humanity is something we can strive to copy. The Christian church has tried to copyright miracles but they are within the capability of anyone who trains sufficiently. There are three requirements. The first and possibly the easiest is love. Unless we love those for whom we wish better things, nature will prevail. The second is faith. Not easy. We have to start small. The grandchild with chickenpox can be cured through faith (and love) more easily than the neighbour with motor neurone disease. The third is a lack of self interest. Pursuing our own wellbeing is not a good way to start. And keep away from those performance-enhancing drugs. One, HTT (holier than thou), is readily available but its effects are soul-destroying.

It takes practice and discipline, perhaps over many years. Jesus was in his thirties before his first known miracle. But try it and keep persevering. You won't be canonised but you will be a saint.

So GET INSPIRED!

*\*Thank you to Ken Pocock for submitting this article,  
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## **Miscellaneous observations on our Christian pilgrimage:**

- ❖ Confessing your sins is no substitute for forsaking them. (Anon)
- ❖ To become a disciple means a decisive and irrevocable turning to both God and neighbour. What follows from there is a journey which... never ends in this life, a journey of continually discovering new dimensions of loving God and neighbour. (David J Bosch)
- ❖ Whom God calls He qualifies. (Richard Sibbes)
- ❖ How many Christians live their lives packed up and ready to go? (J I Packer)

# Christian Paralympic Athlete on her way to Rio



*Stuart Weir introduces a woman with courage and determination.*

Stef Reid is a paralympic athlete. She does long-jump and also sprints. In the 2008 Paralympics she won a bronze medal in the 200 metres and in 2012, a silver medal in the long jump. She has broken the world record for

long-jump in the F44 (below the knee amputees) class several times.

She had a life-changing accident in her teens as she describes: “I was in a boating accident when I was 16. The propellers caught me across my lower back. The water around me was blood red. I thought I had been cut in half. The next issue was that we were three hours away from a half-decent hospital.

“I survived but unfortunately the leg was so mangled that it had to be amputated. So I was really thankful to be alive. But with my love for sport, I was absolutely devastated. The stuff that you love to do, you are told that you cannot do it anymore.

“I don’t come from a Christian family but my parents sent me to a Christian school. We had Bible classes. I had a very good head knowledge of the Bible but it wasn’t a major part of my life.

“Everything changed when I was in the accident. I remember lying in the ambulance. I was scared because I knew in my heart that I wasn’t going to heaven. I did not know God. I had never asked Him what His plan was for my life. I remember praying for a second chance. It was a complete miracle that I survived the accident. I know that God had a hand in that.

“I also know that by me not dying, I still had a purpose here. There is a reason for me to be here and it completely changed my perspective. It changed me as a person and I committed my life to Him in the ambulance. Now, I look at things from the perspective of hope. I have always got hope. I think that is the biggest difference”.

In September 2016, Stef will represent Britain in the Paralympics in Rio.

# Quiet Corner

## The Hand of Christ

The hand of Christ rests gently on my head,  
Love's blessings flow from God's eternal heart  
Into my veins.

The Spirit's breath pulsates within my soul  
And in the life that Christ has won for all  
On Calvary's hill

I step out gladly into God's Creation,  
There to praise the holy Name of God,  
In triune-majesty forever reigning.

O God most high,  
Most Holy Father, blessed Son,  
and gracious Spirit, Three-in-One.  
We bow before the eternal throne  
and, in the strength of love received,  
we give your love in blessing  
to your world.

*By Sam Doubtfire*



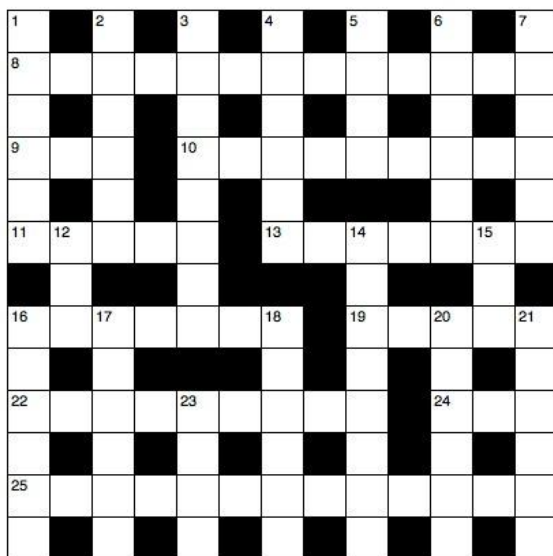
## ***The WILL of God will never take you:***

Where the grace of God cannot keep you  
Where the riches of God cannot supply your needs  
Where the Spirit of God cannot work through you  
Where the Love of God cannot enfold you  
Where the mercies of God cannot sustain you.  
Where the peace of God cannot calm your fears  
Where the Word of God cannot feed you  
Where the comfort of God cannot dry your tears.

*Author unknown*

# September 2016 Crossword

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



## Across

- 8 Where the ark of the covenant was kept for 20 years  
(1 Samuel 7:1) (7,6)
- 9 One of the parts of the body on which blood and oil were put in  
the ritual cleansing from infectious skin diseases  
(Leviticus 14:14–17) (3)
- 10 Uncomfortable (3,2,4)
- 11 'Yet I have loved Jacob, but Esau I have — ' (Malachi 1:3) (5)
- 13 Where Paul said farewell to the elders of the church in Ephesus  
(Acts 20:17) (7)
- 16 'Jesus bent down and — to write on the ground with his finger'  
(John 8:6) (7)
- 19 Prophet from Moresheth (Jeremiah 26:18) (5)
- 22 Comes between Exodus and Numbers (9)
- 24 and 2 Down 'Then Elkanah went home to Ramah, but the boy  
ministered before the Lord under — the — ' (1 Samuel 2:11) (3,6)
- 25 There was no room for them in the inn (Luke 2:7) (4,3,6)

## Down

- 1 Rough drawing (2 Kings 16:10) (6)

- [illegible]

**DOWN:** 1. Jonathan 2. Heavenly 4. No meat 5. Justifying 6. Maid 7. Sins  
10. Acceptable 12. Marriage 13. Shadrach 16. Plenty 18. A bow 19. Echo

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Time for a Smile

Visit

A bishop visited a primary school in his full episcopal attire – with his mitre, robes and bishop's crook or crozier. A little lad's mother asked him later what he had thought of the bishop's visit to his school. The little boy replied: 'It was great – now I know what a real crook looks like!'



Not all

Dear Minister: I know that God loves everyone but He has never met my sister. Love Peter (aged 7)

"It's Mrs Filby with her hard-as-concrete rock cakes for the Harvest Festival. Let's pretend we're not in."

Bible Sense

Being married to a woman who reads her Bible can have its drawbacks. When a man protested to his wife that wiping dishes was not a man's job, his wife replied simply: "2 Kings 21:13", and handed him a tea towel. Later he looked it up: 'And I will wipe Jerusalem as a man wipeth a dish, wiping it and turning it upside down.'



Mrs Todger became a Living Artwork – 'Woman who saw a Snake'.

Cucumber

A small boy asked his mother for a cucumber to take to Junior Church. A slightly puzzled mother complied. Later she asked what it had been used for. 'Sorry, mum,' he confessed. 'I got it wrong. We were supposed to bring a newcomer.'

Egg

What did the egg in the monastery say? 'Out of the frying pan and into the friar.'

Come and Join Us! Everyone is Welcome!

Regular Church Hall Activities

<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Organisation</u>
Monday	2:15 - 4:15pm	Mothers' Union (4th Monday)
	7:30 – 8:30pm	Zumba Class
Tuesday	6:00 – 8:15pm	Beavers & Cubs (Term-Time only)
Wednesday	From 10:30am	Church Coffee Morning
	6:30 - 7:30pm	Zumba Dancing
Thursday	6:15 – 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.**



Volunteers are needed. If you can help in any way please contact the Volunteer Managers 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	Family Service
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(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 would like to discuss any matter with Paul, the Vicar, you are welcome to attend the following surgery:

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



Weddings, Thanksgiving, Baptisms etc.

Thanksgiving/Baptism

If you're interested in finding out about the possibility of having a thanksgiving service or baptism for your child or yourself, please contact Paul, the Vicar where he can explain the process more, or join us on a Sunday morning at 10.30am.

Weddings

If you wish to arrange a wedding, please contact Paul, the Vicar.

You can contact Paul about these, and other matters by:

- telephone on 01253 734562, or
- email at vicar.stpaulsaf@gmail.com



September 2016



Saturday 3rd

Men's Prayer Breakfast

8:00am ~ in the Shop

Thursday 8th

Family Service Special

6:15pm ~ in the Church Hall

Friday 9th

Coffee and Questions

3:30-5pm ~ outside the Fundraising Shop

Saturday 10th

The Big Breakfast for Men

8:45 for 9am ~ in the Taps at Lytham

Community Garden Party

2:00-4:00pm ~ in the Church Hall

Wednesday 14th

PCC Meeting

7:00pm ~ in the Fundraising Shop

Sunday 25th

All Age Harvest Festival

10:30am ~ in Church

Monday 26th

Mothers' Union Meeting

2:15pm ~ in the Church Hall



ARTICLES FOR THE OCTOBER PNE

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

Thank you.

Janet Kimber



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

