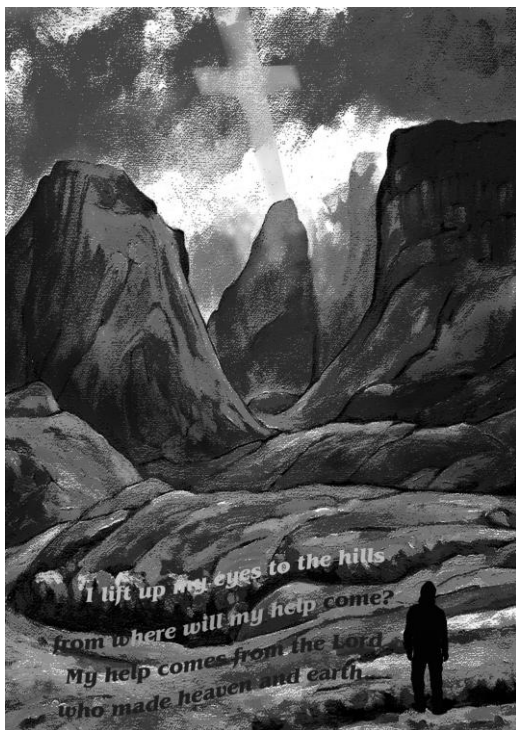


**The Parish Church of St Paul
Ansdell & Fairhaven**

Pews News Extra

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*"I lift up my eyes to the hills from where will my help come?
My help comes from the Lord who made heaven and earth."
(Psalm 121:1-2)*

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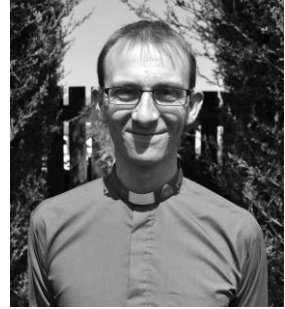
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A few words from the Vicarage...

I don't know if you have a sweet tooth, and if you do what your favourite treat is? Chocolate maybe? Something sour? Chewy? We will all have our favourites. Since I last wrote St Paul's has had its Crossroad weekend, part of events taking place over the whole of Lancashire. It was a great time and was good to see different people with us. Thank you for all who joined us and those who enabled the weekend to take place.



One thing I came across at Crossroads was a sweet I had never seen before (which is unusual as I have a sweet tooth!) It was called 'Jesus Rock' - a multi-coloured sweet which not only tastes good but gets you thinking! Sadly we didn't have enough to give every Pew News Extra reader! But I thought over my coming letters I would share with you what the various parts of the sweet represent. So even if you can't taste it, it can get us thinking!



Round the edge are different coloured sections. The first is coloured green. The green reminds us of God's creating love. One Bible verse says;

'You are worthy, our Lord and God to receive glory and honour and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being.' (Revelation 4:11)

In his love God made everything. He's made this world in all its beauty. He made all that is in it – from the crops we eat, the mountains we climb, to the seas we sail. He has made each and everyone of us, giving us our life and all we enjoy. He is a good and kind God.

It is why at this time of year it is right that we take time to say thank you to God for the harvest – for the provision of food and

for those who work hard to bring it to us. As Creator, his power is behind it all.

But that verse also reminds us that as the one who made everything – he is the one who is in charge. As creator and sustainer, he is at the centre of this universe, not ourselves. As maker, he rightfully gets to say how we should live. But just like creation, those ways are good. To love him and enjoy his gifts is the right response to his creating love.

So this month, even if you can't eat a 'Jesus Rock' sweet, when you see green let it remind you of God's creating love, and lead us to thanks and praise.



Paul

P.S. Just in case you were wondering what my favourite sweet is – that's a hard choice...maybe cola bottles?!)



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

Hello Everyone,

May I first say thank you to Janet Rees who resigned as Branch Leader in September. Janet took over at our AGM in January and we thank her for the work she has done and wish her well.

We also say a sad goodbye to Muriel Henton who passed away at the end of August, many of us have lots of memories of Muriel and will miss the twinkle in her eye and her smile.

We had a lovely Summer Lunch at Fairhaven Golf Club. The Carvery lunch and the friendly service helped us to have a very pleasant time.

We are asking for nominations for Branch Leader for our meeting on 24th October. We are also holding the Wave of Prayer on that date; and there will be a visiting MU literature stall, complete with Christmas cards and diaries.

A reminder to everyone both members and parishioners, please make a note in your diaries, that on 28th November at 2.15 pm we welcome Pinny's Pots from Accrington, individually decorated plant pots – maybe ideal as Christmas gifts!

Everyone is welcome and please bring a friend.

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

Clay Pots: The Apostle Paul's description of what we are in relation to the Divine Potter. Might go some way towards explaining the glazed expression that so many of us wear.

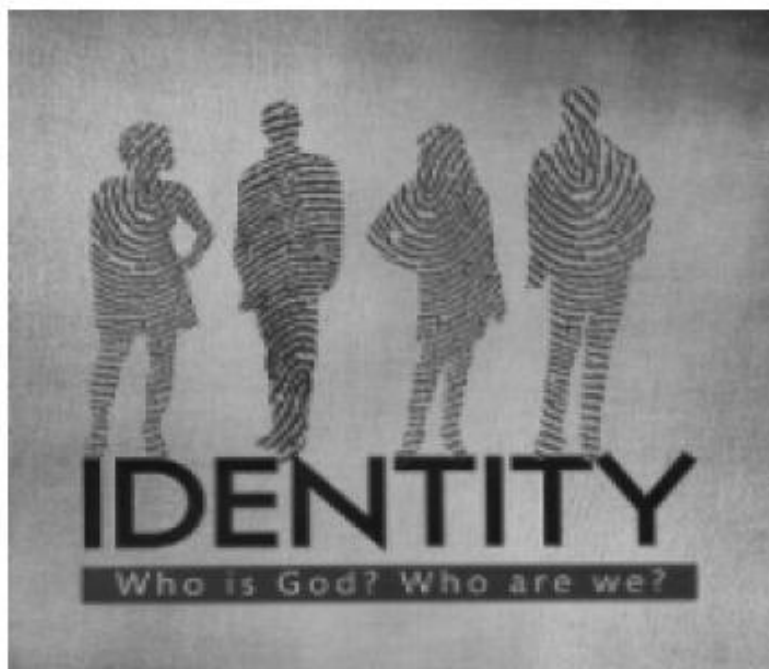
Take care.

Jean Lyon



Observations on the Christian pilgrimage

- ❖ There is a living God. He has spoken in the Bible. He means what He says and will do all He has promised. J Hudson Taylor
- ❖ The church is a workshop, not a dormitory. Alexander MacLaren



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WEDNESDAY 12TH OCTOBER
7.30-9PM
ST PAUL'S VICARAGE

Whether you have been in church for years and wish to be refreshed on the basics, or you have big questions about the Christian faith, join an informal 7 week course exploring the Christian message.

All welcome. Feel free to come along to the first one for a 'taster'.

Call Paul, vicar of St Paul's on 01253 734562 for more information

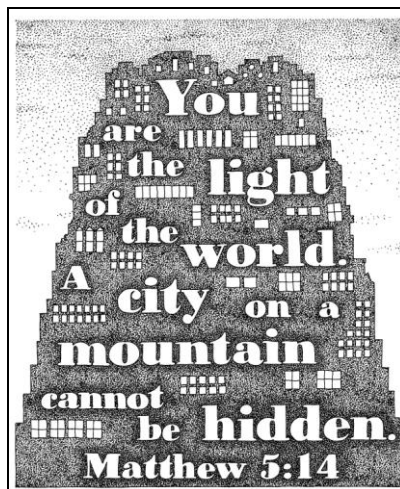
PARISHIONER'S NOTES



Children's Society Box Opening 2016

Once again 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 731364 and I will arrange for it to be collected.

Peter Swindells



Muriel Henton

We would like to thank all members of the church family for their prayers, cards and messages of sympathy during this sad time.

Also to Paul for his ministrations.

We would also like to thank all of those who kept an eye on Mum when she attended church and Mothers' Union and for giving her lifts home. We have really appreciated this.

God bless you all.

Joy and Clive



Please continue to pray *for Andrew, Anna & Phoebe Beckham*

Anna, Andrew and Phoebe are living and working with the Laarim people in South Sudan. They are being supported by Africa International Mission.

Wedding of Edward Austin to Eleanor Currie
St Paul's Parish Church
Ansdell and Fairhaven
Saturday 20th August 2016 at 1pm

We would like to thank the congregation of St Paul's for their prayers for the wedding. Also thank you to Linda who provided the music throughout the ceremony and Carole for her unstinting energy, advice and time before, during and after the ceremony which enabled everything to run so smoothly.

Many thanks to Paul for the PERFECT ceremony. It was a beautiful service which put the happy couple at ease and with such carefully considered words and prayers.

The weather was wet and windy, however, the photographs in the church are wonderful

Thank you to everyone who helped to make this such a lovely day.



Diane and Stuart Austin



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.

NOTES FROM THE ORGAN LOFT

“SONGS OF PRAISE”

Our last “Songs of Praise” service this year will be on October 30th. Your requests for hymns are invited. Remember that the hymns can come from any source, the only proviso being that I can find a copy of both the words and the music. I have already received some requests, but can accept a few more. Please submit your choices by Sunday 2nd October.



Linda



St. Paul's Fundraising Shop

We Need Your Support
Volunteers Required

We are looking for willing recruits to join our friendly and hard-working team of shop volunteers.

There are a variety of roles available including the greeting and serving the customers, using the cash till, sorting and pricing the donated goods, steaming items of clothing, filling the shelves, creating window displays, general fetching and carrying; and much, much more. There is sure to be something that you can do to help.

We are particularly looking for people who can work on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Please consider helping in any way you can.

Your Fundraising Shop needs YOU!

READERS' ROTA – SUNDAY (10:30am)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Readings</u>		<u>Name</u>
2 October Trinity 19	OT & Ps	Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4; Psalm 37:1-10	Bryan Nicholson
	NT	2 Timothy 1:1-14	Sheila Swindells
	Gospel	Luke 17:5-10	Janet Kimber
9 October Trinity 20	OT & Ps	2 Kings 5;1-3, 7-15b; Psalm 111	Ken Pocock
	NT	2 Timothy 2:8-15	Jo Pocock
	Gospel	*Matthew 4:1-12	Barbara Jackson
16 October Trinity 21	OT & Ps	Genesis 32:22-31; Psalm 121	Eileen Russell
	NT	2 Timothy 3:14 -4:5	Liz Geddes
	Gospel	*Mark 7:1-13	Pam Rowell
23 October Bible Sunday	OT & Ps	*Isaiah 55:6-13; Psalm 119:129-136	Sheila Redcliffe
	NT	Romans 15:1-6	Richard Redcliffe
	Gospel	Luke 4:16-24	Janet Kimber
30 October All Saints' Day	OT & Ps	Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18; Psalm 149	Pam Rowell
	NT	Ephesians 1:11-23	Mike Briers
	Gospel	Luke 6:20-31	Janet Kimber

** Please note that the highlighted readings are replacements for the ones on the sheet.*

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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> |
|--------------|-----------------|------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| October 2nd  | Trinity 19      | Sung             | Janet         | Paul            |
| October 9th  | Trinity 20      | Said             | Paul          | Paul            |
| October 16th | Trinity 21      | Sung             | Janet         | Paul            |
| October 23rd | Bible Sunday    | Said             | Paul          | Paul            |
| October 30th | All Saints' Day | Compline ~ Janet |               |                 |

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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"



Bible Sunday

Date ~ 23rd October

On Bible Sunday we celebrate the most popular book in the world and yet it sits on many western shelves, unopened and unread.

Many countries, including our own, have created societies based on the rules, wisdom and values found within its pages. Phrases found in the Bible, such as 'turn the other cheek' or 'go the extra mile', are part of our everyday language and its stories have inspired many of our greatest works of art.

This is also the book for which people have given their lives to the flames, for which people have risked everything so they could smuggle it into repressive countries, the book that people in distant countries, this very day, are desperate to own, as we can see from the following story:

Meeting demand for Scripture in China

Fourteen years ago, Tang Xinnian's husband ripped up her Bible because he didn't like her going to church. It was her only copy, destroyed and unreadable.

But when Xinnian heard that a Bible Society team was visiting a village near her home to hand out Bibles, she walked for two hours across the country to get one.

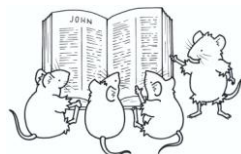
'Today I'm so happy to get a Bible!' said Xinnian, 46, a farmer and mother-of-two. 'I've been a Christian for 20 years and was baptised last year. I have God in my heart all the time, but I haven't had a Bible for 14 years.'

Xinnian is just one member of China's rapidly-growing Church.

It's estimated the number of Christians in China could double within the next decade – and the Bible Society needs to provide five million Bibles a year for every new believer to have one.



*If you would like to assist them in their work or find out more about they do, visit biblesunday.org.uk, or write to them at the following address:
Bible Society, Stonehill Green, Westlea, Swindon, SN5 7DG. Telephone: 01793 418222*



'He Gave Us Eyes To See Them' ~ The Choir Stall

(Editor: I found this article in the 'God in the Arts' Section of the Parish Pump website and thought it would be of interest to our readers.)

'Let all the world in ev'ry corner sing My God and King.' George Herbert's poem from 'The Temple' tells us that 'the church with psalms must shout. No door can keep them out.' It is a reminder of the rich tradition of music in our worship that reaches back to the people of the Old Testament praising the Lord. 2 Chronicles 5 paints a vivid picture of musicians and singers gathered to welcome the Ark of the Lord to Solomon's Temple.

Because music is such an important part of worship, churches have set aside places for the singers to offer praise and petition. Some of the most wonderful choir stalls in the land can be found in Lancaster Priory, the parish church of St Mary. They are 14 in total, the third oldest choir stalls in England dating back to the 14th century. John Ruskin called them the finest in the country. The canopies are richly decorated with foliage and carved heads, and they enclose tapestries from the 1970s that depict saints and shields. Beneath are the seats: misericords with carvings that have survived the vandalism of the Civil War.

We can imagine the medieval monks gathered in these stalls to sing the offices. Today the stalls are a resplendent, harmonious blend of the old and the new – a work of beauty for the eye, just as the music offered there is a work of beauty for the ear. The word 'choir' means a dance to God, and the Priory has a fine choir whose chants and hymns dance from side to side of the chancel and resound in the air. But the music sung there is not just for our enjoyment: its focus is God. Herbert tells us that the songs we create here in our churches on earth have no other destination but the courts of heaven.



Quiet Corner

Be Like A Pumpkin

A lady had recently become a Christian and been baptised. Curious, one of her colleagues at work asked her what it was like to be a Christian.

The lady was caught off guard and didn't know how to answer. Then she saw the office 'jack-o'-lantern' on a nearby desk and blurted: "Well, it's like being a pumpkin."

Her colleague asked her to explain that one. And so she said: "Well, God picks you from the patch and brings you in and washes off all the dirt on the outside that you got from being around all the other pumpkins.

"Then He cuts off the top and takes all the yucky stuff out from inside you. He removes all those seeds of doubt, hate, greed, etc.

"Then He carves you a new smiling face and puts His light inside of you to shine for all to see.

"It is our choice to either stay outside and rot on the vine or come inside and be something new and bright."

Are you something new and bright? Will you be smiling today, and shining with His light?

Something to Think About



Prayer of trust in God's Word.

Father, we thank you for your written Word to us in the Bible, inspired and interpreted by your Holy Spirit. Thank you that from beginning to end it reveals Jesus, the living Word, sent by you to rescue us from the mess of selfishness and disobedience.

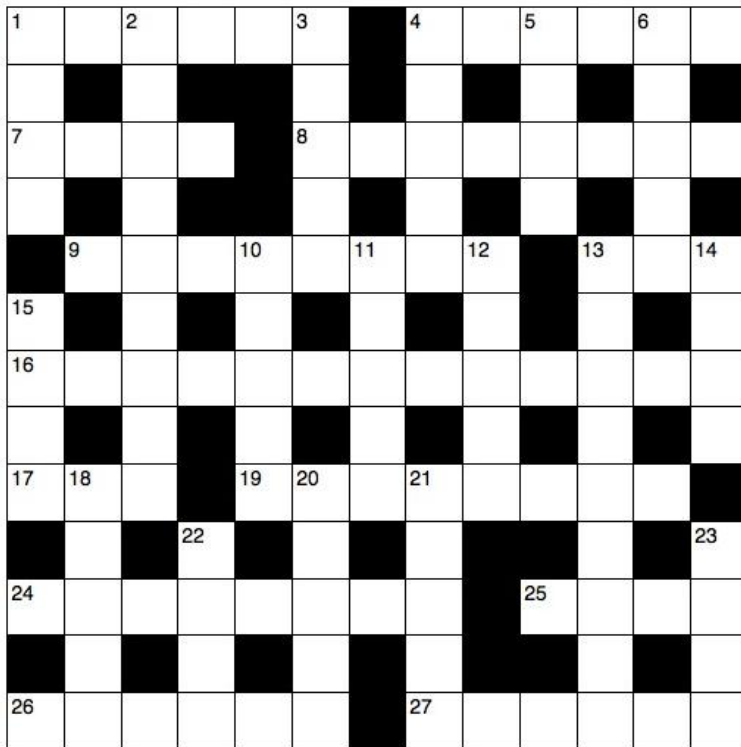
May we treasure your revelation to us and allow you to guide us by it through the confusion and pain of this world, confident that your Word is unchanging and powerful and trustworthy. In Jesus name. Amen.

By Daphne Kitching



October 2016 Crossword

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



Across

- 1 He must be 'the husband of but one wife and must manage his children and his household well' (1 Timothy 3:12) (6)
- 4 'For we must all — before the judgement seat of Christ' (2 Corinthians 5:10) (6)
- 7 'They reeled and staggered like drunken men; they were at their — end' (Psalm 107:27) (4)
- 8 See 19 Across
- 9 It concerned who among the disciples would be the greatest (Luke 9:46) (8)
- 13 Formed by the Jews in Thessalonica to root out Paul and Silas (Acts 17:5) (3)
- 16 'He has sent me to bind up the — ' (Isaiah 61:1) (6-7)
- 17 Moved rapidly on foot (Matthew 28:8) (3)

- 19 and 8 ' — a great company of the — host appeared with the angel' (Luke 2:13) (8,8)
 24 Hindrance (Romans 14:13) (8)
 25 Comes between Luke and Acts (4)
 26 Empower (Acts 4:29) (6)
 27 'Get these out of here! How dare you turn my Father's house into a — !' (John 2:16) (6)

Down

- 1 Sunrise (Psalm 119:147) (4)
 2 The part of the day when Cornelius the Caesarean centurion had a vision of an angel of God (Acts 10:3) (9)
 3 He was one of those who returned with Zerubbabel from exile in Babylon to Jerusalem (Nehemiah 7:7) (5)
 4 'No one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born — ' (John 3:3) (5)
 5 Animal hunted or killed as food (Ezekiel 22:25) (4)
 6 'He encouraged them — — remain true to the Lord' (Acts 11:23) (3,2)
 10 Ruses (anag.) (5)
 11 Jewish priestly vestment (Exodus 28:6) (5)
 12 Visible sign of what had been there (Daniel 2:35) (5)
 13 This was the trade of Alexander, who did Paul 'a great deal of harm' (2 Timothy 4:14) (9)
 14 'This is my — , which is for you; do this in remembrance of me' (1 Corinthians 11:24) (4)
 15 One of Noah's great-great-grandsons (Genesis 10:24) (4)
 18 Traditionally the first British Christian martyr (5)
 20 Relationship of Ner to Saul (1 Samuel 14:50) (5)
 21 Jacob had one at a place he named Bethel while on his way to Haran, fleeing from Esau (Genesis 28:12) (5)
 22 Bats (anag.) (4)
 23 'You strain out a — but swallow a camel' (Matthew 23:24) (4)

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## Crossword Answers for September 2016

**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

# A Cycle for Two

*Nigel Beeton and his wife have just bought a tandem. He writes: "There is nothing to beat tandem cycling, it's like normal cycling, except with company! Solo cycling is, well, solo; it's all very well if you like being alone, but if you're with someone else, they end up ahead of you or behind you; the only way to communicate is to bellow at them, and it's no good saying later 'Did you see that Hobby sitting on a telegraph pole just outside such and such a village?'"*

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A Cycle for Two

A cycle is a thing to bless
From which to see the view
But if you like togetherness
You need one made for two!

Two bikes? Well, yes, that sure beats one
You each can make your way
But if you want to have real fun
A tandem, any day!

You bowl along those country lanes
A-chatting as you go
The blood runs merry in your veins
You have a healthy glow.

You puff together up the hills
Together - reach the top
And, zooming down, your hair in frills
You never want to stop.

So if you have a special friend
And cycling's what you like
Put separate cycling at an end
And get a tandem bike!

By Nigel Beeton



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## Miscellaneous observations on everyday life

There is no better proof of friendship than to help our friends with their burdens. Augustine



# Time for a Smile

## Cheap at the price

A little boy was pestering his parents for a baby brother or sister. They kept telling him 'maybe one day, but we can't afford one yet.'

Then one Sunday the little boy dragged his parents over to the notice-board at the back of church. It was advertising a coming sale at the church, and announced: 'Children: free'

## If you understand it...

When you get to the point where you really understand your computer, it's probably obsolete.

## Who is God?

During a youth service, the minister asked if anyone could tell him who God is. One youngster waved a hand, and ventured: "Isn't God the man who saves the Queen?"



*The harvest produce was taken to the old people's bungalows.*



*Thanks to technology, replacing the worn-out hymns books didn't cost a penny.*

## Ouch

A lady who had been absent from church for some weeks due to a illness proudly told her new doctor: 'The Vicar dropped on me.'

## Wear out

Three little boys were bragging about how tough they were. "I'm so tough," said the first boy, "that I can wear out a pair of shoes in a week." "Well," said the second little boy, "I'm so tough that I can wear out a pair of jeans in a day." "That's nothing," said the third boy. "When my parents take me to see my grandma and grandpa, I can wear them out in just one hour."

# **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>                      |
|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| Monday            | 2:15 - 4:15pm      | Mothers' Union (4th Monday)                     |
|                   | 7:30 – 8:30pm      | Zumba Class                                     |
| Tuesday           | 6:00 – 8:15pm      | Beavers & Cubs<br>(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 &<br>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 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) |
|---------|----------------------|

### **Thursday**

|        |                |
|--------|----------------|
| 6:15pm | Family 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 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

# *Dates for Your Diary*

## *October 2016*



|                |                                                                            |
|----------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Saturday 1st   | <b><u>Men's Prayer Breakfast</u></b><br>8:00am ~ in the Shop               |
| Monday 10th    | <b><u>PCC Meeting</u></b><br>7:00pm ~ in the Fundraising Shop              |
| Wednesday 12th | <b><u>Identity Course begins</u></b><br>7:30- 9pm ~ at St. Paul's Vicarage |
| Sunday 23rd    | <b><u>Bible Sunday</u></b><br>10:30am ~ in Church                          |
| Monday 24th    | <b><u>Mothers' Union Meeting</u></b><br>2:15pm ~ in the Church Hall        |
| Sunday 30th    | <b><u>Songs of Praise Service</u></b><br>10:30am ~ in Church               |

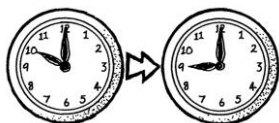


### **ARTICLES FOR THE NOVEMBER PNE**

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

Thank you.

*Janet Kimber*



***Don't forget that the clocks  
go back on Sunday 30th  
October 2016!***

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

