

The United Benefice

of Chichester St Paul and Westhampnett St Peter

ST PAUL'S PARISH CHURCH

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An Eco-congregation and Fair Trade Parish



Week of 18th September 2011 – THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8.00 am Holy Eucharist

9.00 am Morning Prayer

10.00 am The PARISH EUCHARIST

The Rev Canon Dr Philip Bourne presides and preaches, assisted by the Rev Ann Waizeneker

5.00 pm – 6.00 pm SOX Youth Club years 4 - 6

5.30 pm Evening Prayer

6.30 pm – 8.00 pm ROX Youth Club years 7 – 9+



EVERY DAY *in St Paul's* – 9.00 am Morning Prayer – 5.30 pm Evening Prayer

Mon 19th 10.00 am CHERUBS in the Parish Centre. Play and activities for pre-school children with parents/carers.

Tue 20th 8.00 am Holy Eucharist
10.00 am Extended Parish Prayer: *All are welcome.*

Wed 21st Feast of St MATTHEW the Apostle and Evangelist
10.30am Funeral of Edward Hanmore
11.45 am Holy Eucharist with Ministry of Healing
12.30 pm Meet'n'Eat Lunch
7.30 pm Following Jesus course (see inside for details)

Thu 22nd 10.00 am Holy Eucharist

NEXT SUNDAY 25th September 2011 – Trinity 14 – Proper 21

8.00 am Holy Eucharist

8.20 am Breakfast Taizé Eucharist *at St Wilfrid's*

9.00 am Morning Prayer

10.00 am The Parish Eucharist

Readings: Ezekiel 18.1-4,25-32; Philipians 2.1-13; Matthew 21.23-32

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New at St Paul's? Please introduce yourself, collect a Welcome Leaflet (details of regular groups and meetings). If you wish, fill in a yellow card with your details.

TODAY – THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

10.00 am – THE PARISH EUCHARIST

with Sunday School for youngsters (4–13+) and Crèche for younger children

Introit	646	<i>The Kingdom of God is justice and joy</i>
Gradual	161	<i>Father, hear the prayer we offer</i>
Offertory	408	<i>Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour</i>
Communion	456	<i>My God, and is thy table spread</i>
Post Communion	205	<i>Glorious things of thee are spoken</i>

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading **Jonah 3.10 - 4.11**

The story is that Jonah was swallowed by a whale, then sent to preach in godless Nineveh. His resentment at being there at all turned to dismay when he found that God does actually forgive people who repent. Jesus will tell his own parable of the God who does not give what we deserve, but an equal measure of sheer grace to us all.

Second Reading **Philippians 1.21-30**

The first church Paul founded in Europe was at Philippi. Some years later, from prison (probably in Rome), he writes warmly to his friends. Despite his circumstances, and sometimes a longing for his life to end, he believes he can still be useful to God. Let the readers, then, keep faith against all their adversaries.

Gospel Reading **Matthew 20.1-16**

This well-known parable of the generous land-owner helps us understand how God gives not what we might earn from him, but more than we could ever desire or deserve. In the kingdom of heaven there are no rewards, only grace for all.

Post Communion Prayer

God our creator, you feed your children with the true manna, the living bread from heaven: let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage until we come to that place where hunger and thirst are no more; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

After the Service today:

The Ministry of Healing (*prayer, laying on of hands, anointing*) in the Lady Chapel

Youth Groups – we still need helpers to enable the groups to continue. Please see Jon if you can help.

Mission ECO BBQ – Thank you to all the people who helped prepare, cook and clear up, especially the team who BBQ'd in the torrential downpour. £316 was raised for our Mission Partners.

Confirmation and First Communion – are you interested in exploring being baptised and/or confirmed or, in the case of any of our young people, being admitted to Communion before confirmation? Preparation will be starting in the autumn – please speak to a member of the clergy (Ann or Peter) if you are interested.

Bible Studies If you would like to join a Bible study group, please let Peter Kane know. This autumn we are studying Paul's Letter to the Philippians

Bishop Luffa Applications – if you are intending to apply for your child to attend Bishop Luffa School please read the Admissions Policy which is on the school's website (www.bishopluffa.org.uk) as your clergy will be expected to complete a Church Support Form. Please make sure that you have sent a note to Rev Ann to say you will be applying and are using the church register. There will be a short meeting after the service on **Sunday 18th September** to answer any questions you may have about the clergy role in the application process. Useful, in particular, for those with children entering year 4 or above this September.

More volunteers needed to lead the prayers of intercession about 4 or 5 times a year. Contact Charles Gauntlett for details: email chairycharles@yahoo.com or ☎ 784375. Any lectors or intercessors who are able and willing to receive their rotas by email are asked to confirm this to Charles on his e-mail address.

Freecycle on offer - Black ash effect computer table. Contact Sarah Manouch ☎ 537828

Following Jesus is a Chichester Diocesan course for Christians who want to grow in faith and discipleship. The cost (to cover all materials) is just under £2 per session and a fuller explanation/enrolment forms are available from the back of church or the church office. The course will be held at **St Paul's**, beginning on **Wednesday 21st September** at **7.30pm**. Do speak to Rev Ann if you would like to know more or need help with the cost.

People who are leaving

We will be having a presentation for Richard and Jo and also, on a separate occasion, to Jon. If you would like to make a donation towards a leaving present please give it to Priscilla, James Ellis, Persephone or one of the clergy.

The **Prayer Book Society** will be holding its annual service in the Cathedral on **Saturday 15th October** at **10.30am**. Choral Holy Communion according to the Book of Common Prayer will be sung by the choir, Wessex Cantorium. The Celebrant will be the Dean and the Preacher will be the Bishop of Lewes. For further details, or to book a lunch, contact Mrs Valerie Dane ☎ 827330.

Thursday, 29th September
the Feast of **St Michael and All Angels:**
at St Michael's, Summersdale
10.00am Holy Eucharist

Developing Discipleship A variety of short courses are taking place at different venues across the Diocese. In particular, David Cooke will be leading a course entitled 'On Suffering: From Job and the New Testament' on the afternoons of **2nd and 9th November** here at St Paul's. Please see posters on the notice board at the back of church for further details about this and other courses.

Release International (the voice of persecuted Christians) is holding a **Curry Night** at St Paul's on **Saturday 24th September** from 6.30pm to 9.30pm, with a special focus on the persecution of Christians in Pakistan. The speaker will be Imtiaz Ashraf and friends. Donations are welcome for food and expenses (suggested £4 per person). Arranged by Immanuel Church. Please ☎ 07843911972 if you would like to attend.

The 2011 Benefice PET SERVICE

On **Saturday, 1st October** at **4.00pm** there will be a United Benefice **Pet Service at St Paul's**. This is an opportunity to thank God for our animals and the joy they bring us followed by tea and (animal) treats. All welcome, with or without pets!

City Angels is a collaborative initiative between the police and Chichester churches to provide a listening, caring and helping service in the late night community, beginning on Friday nights between 9.15pm and 1.30am. Training will be given and if you would like to know more / volunteer for one night per month + , contact one of the clergy – Peter or Ann. More information is displayed on the notice board.

Meet'n'Eat Any bookings (or cancellations) for Wednesday 21st September, please contact Janet Watson ☎ 788525.

St Paul's Harvest Feast will be on **Friday October 7th** at **5.30pm**. This is a three course meal with wine and entertainment. Tickets will be available after the service **TODAY** from Valerie Sargeant; adults £8.00, concessions £6.00 and children free.

Making the Most of Retirement – Mary Ashwin will be leading three one day workshops at Chichester College on 5th November 2011, 25th February 2012 and 12th March 2012. Details are on the notice board or contact ☎ 789321.

Quakers for Peace – the former CO of Camp Bastion and current Communar of Chichester Cathedral, Andrew Maynard, will be giving a very personal view of military life to the Chichester Quakers on **Wednesday 5th October at 7.30pm** at the Friends' Meeting House in Chichester. All are welcome.

St John's Chapel Anniversary Weekend

Friday 23 September 7.30 pm concert by Lunden Cranham and Tom Barker, cellos and Richard Barnes, keyboard Tickets £10 on the door.

Saturday 24 September 6pm Choral Evensong, Led by Revd Richard Hunt, preacher the Dean, sung by St Paul's Choir. All welcome.

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