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## THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE GRAPEVINE

(Note: There will be no new Grapevine in August.)  
The deadline for September Grapevine is 2pm Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> August.  
Copy can be submitted by email to [office@stpaulschichester.org](mailto:office@stpaulschichester.org)  
or as hardcopy to the office. The September edition will be available  
from Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> August. The October issue which will be published on  
Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September.



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THE CHURCH  
OF ENGLAND

## *THE RECTOR'S LETTER:*

*Time for, rest, for sport, and perhaps a moment to reconsider our Faith.*

Dear Friends,

For lots of us Summer is a time for some relaxation. A holiday perhaps, or days out. For families there is the challenge of how to keep children entertained, or indeed how to encourage them to entertain themselves. But the Summer is also a time when there is usually some big sporting event on TV. There will be many people very excited by the Fifa World Cup, or the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow, or the Womens Cricket T20 world Cup. And then there will be those who will roll their eyes, very frustrated that their favourite programme has been hijacked by a sports event that isn't important to them at all!

As I've watched interviews with sports men and women, whether in victory or defeat, I've noticed a couple of common themes. The first is hope, and the second is trust. Often both of these are linked to the confidence in their own abilities. But whether they are recovering from injury or bitter disappointment, most talk of never giving up hope, and in spite of their doubts have both faith and trust that they will come out on top. It goes without saying that watching any sport with England taking part can be nerve wracking. Despite that I enjoy it; and hearing about the sacrifices, hard work, and faith people describe can be inspiring.

In the letter to the Hebrews the author writes, 'Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.' (Hebrews 11.1) In many ways it's a bold claim because the faith and hope that is being spoken about is about trusting in God rather than in our own abilities. In a society which often tells us that we can do anything we want to as long as we try hard enough, placing our faith in God for our future, whatever that holds, seems very foolish indeed.

If I'm honest it's not always easy to have faith, to trust in God and have hope for the future, especially with the many challenges that our country and indeed the world is living through at this time. Yet there are examples that can inspire us from within the Christian tradition as much as in the world of sport.

In her book 'Seeking God' the author Esther De Waal tells a story of a monk who was asked, 'What do you do up there in the monastery?' he replied, 'We fall and get up, fall and get up, fall and get up again.' Faith means many things, but at its simplest it means that when we fall, that is when we feel weak or despondent, through trust and hope in God, and indeed through the support and love of others, we can get up again.

Perhaps if you are taking time out from your usual busyness this summer to relax, or indeed to watch or take part in sport, why not also take a few moments to also ponder matters of faith. Having faith doesn't make us perfect, but it does encourage us get up again, and again and again.

With every blessing,  
Canon Paul

## *DAYTIME BIBLE STUDY ?*

A couple of people have asked whether we might start a daytime bible study group at St. Paul's. It is hoped we can begin a new group in the autumn. It would be helpful to see how many people are interested.

If you would like to be part of a new group, please let Canon Paul know by email [rector@stpaulschichester.org](mailto:rector@stpaulschichester.org) or phone 01243 306043.

# Cake Sale

Raising funds to help support our children attending the  
Walsingham Children's Pilgrimage  
26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> February 2027

## Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2026



**Sussex Third Order, Society of St. Francis  
and the Parish Church of St. Mary and St. Blaise**

**Joyfully Welcome you to join us for a Quiet Day of Worship  
Reflection and Peace to celebrate and commemorate the  
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Fr. Dominic

St. Francis Blessing for Br. Leo  
May the Lord bless thee and keep thee.

May He shew His face to thee  
and have mercy on thee.

May He turn His countenance to thee  
and give thee peace.

Brother Leo may the Lord bless thee.

## *WHAT THE LIGHT FINDS, 2026*



*Painted acetate, acrylic ink, iridescent paint and light.  
60 painted acetate tubes, each approximately 29.7 × 6.7 cm.*

On Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June I spent the evening photographing an art installation at St Paul's. For those of you who don't know me yet my name is Revd Pippa Ford and I am an artist based in Chichester but also a priest and have recently been licensed to serve at St Paul's as part of the team of clergy here.

I have to say that photographing this installation in the church was a profound experience for me, particularly in light of my calling to the priesthood. The iridescent paint inside the tubes responded beautifully to both natural and artificial light, reinforcing one of the central ideas of the project: the presence of divine light within each person. This experience helped me recognise more clearly the connection between my artistic practice and my faith.

The images of the installation positioned in front of the windows reminded me of the amazing coloured light streaming through the stained glass windows of the Sagrada Familia in Barcelona. I was reminded of Antoni Gaudi's commitment to creating work for the glory of God, and his famous observation that "my client is in no hurry."

I'm delighted to share that Canon Paul has offered to host this installation on the windows in church for the month of July. My hope is that it might in its own way give glory to God and encourage viewers to recognise God's light, beauty and connection both within themselves and those around them.

If you'd like to understand some more about how this piece evolved then do read on further:

This project began as an exploration of how colour and light transcend boundaries and evolved into an investigation of connection, vulnerability and presence. Research into Katharina Grosse, Liz West, and Ian Davenport informed my interest in how colour, light and immersive environments transform perception and communicate beyond words.

The installation comprises sixty painted acetate tubes, each representing a significant connection throughout my life. Together, they reflect the way relationships shape us over time. Transparency became a metaphor for openness and vulnerability, while the flow of paint suggests movement and interconnectedness.

Light plays a central role within the work, creating shadows and reflections that reveal aspects not immediately visible. Iridescent paint catches and transforms the light, suggesting the inherent value and divine presence within each person.

The installation explores the relationship between our outward selves and what lies beneath the surface, demonstrating how colour, light and reflection can communicate connection and vulnerability.

I am also starting to investigate how I might source funding to scale this project into a large installation of 3 metre Perspex tubes which is exciting but also quite a challenge - both in terms of a space in which to create them and a space to then install them!

*'LET US PRAY.....'*

## *Prayer Focus for July*

- Those who work with the elderly.
- Those working or are resident in care homes amongst them.
  - Augusta Court,
  - Marriott Lodge,
  - Wellington Grange,
  - Westhampnett House
  - Dovecote View.
- For the healing and prayer ministry of the church.
- For the Merchant Navy,
- the work of the Mission to Seafarers,
- the Coastguard and the RNLI.

## *Prayer Focus for August*

- All who work in the medical and healing professions.
- Those in hospital or hospices, especially in St Richards, Worthing, Princess Royal, Haywards Heath, The Sussex County and St Wilfrid's Hospice.
- All who work in commerce and industry.
- For major local employers including Rolls Royce.
- For retailers, their employees
- For all who work in hospitality and service industries.
- For all who volunteer in our churches providing after service coffee.
- For the fundraising team at Westhampnett.

## *Prayer for the month*

*Almighty God,  
who looked upon the lowliness of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
and chose her to be the mother of your only Son:  
grant that we who are redeemed by his blood  
may share with her in the glory of your eternal kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
Amen*

The feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary can be celebrated on the 15th August, where in the Roman Catholic Church, and Anglo Catholic parishes throughout the Anglican Communion, it is the feast of the Assumption, where Mary is taken into heaven. In the Orthodox churches it is known as the Dormition, celebrating the 'falling asleep' of Mary. The feast can also be celebrated on the 8th September when many Christians celebrate her birth. Whichever date Mary is celebrated on, her collect is a wonderful reminder to us that God often chooses those who have no status, those who are weak, those who no one sees as special or important, to do amazing things. Perhaps the most important petition of the prayer is the request for us to share with Mary in the glory of God's eternal kingdom. It's a reminder that as Christians we are called to commit ourselves to God's rule in our lives. Being open to God's kingdom should influence our words and actions, our priorities, and our hopes for the future. As we pray this prayer over the summer why not wonder how God might choose you to serve him. And in serving him how your faith influences who you are and what you do.

# DIARY

*All events at St Paul's unless stated otherwise*

*MORNING PRAYER - WEEKDAYS AT 9AM*

<b>Su 28 June</b>	<b>Ss Peter &amp; Paul</b>	Acts 12.1-11; Matthew 16.13-19
	8am	Holy Communion
	10am	Sung Eucharist with St Peter's Westhampnett: with Junior Church and crèche followed by refreshments
	12noon - 3pm	Summer Family BBQ
<b>M 29 June</b>		
<b>Tu 30 June</b>	10am	Praying for St Paul's Renewed
<b>W 1 July</b>		
<b>Th 2 July</b>	10am	Eucharist followed by refreshments
	6pm	Choir Practice (Children's Choir)
	7.15pm	Choir Practice (Full Choir)
<b>F 3 July</b>	4.30pm	Ignite
<b>Sa 4 July</b>	7pm	Concert: Ensemble Reza
<b>Su 5 July</b>	<b>Trinity 5</b>	Romans 7.15-25a; Matthew 11.16-19,25-30
	8am	Holy Communion
	10am	All-age Eucharist (crèche toys available) followed by refreshments and <b>Cake Sale</b>
	3pm	Afternoon Tea Party, concluding with Evening Prayer
	6.30pm	Concert: Consort of 12 & Portsmouth Choral Union
<b>M 6 July</b>		
<b>Tu 7 July</b>	10am	Praying for St Paul's Renewed
<b>W 8 July</b>	2.30pm	Ladies' Group (at Fernleigh— <b>pre-booking required</b> )
	8pm	Fellowship Group at the home of Valerie and Ian Creswick
<b>Th 9 July</b>	10am	Eucharist followed by refreshments
	6pm	Choir Practice (Children's Choir)
	7.15pm	Choir Practice (Full Choir)
<b>F 10 July</b>	1pm	Lunchtime Concert: Bach Suites for solo cello
	4.30pm	Ignite
<b>Sa 11 July</b>	7.30pm	Concert: Chichester Symphony Orchestra

**Su 12 July Trinity 6**

Romans 8.1-11; Matthew 13.1-9,18-23

8am Holy Communion

10am Parish Eucharist with Junior Church and crèche followed by refreshments

M 13 July 2.30pm Chess Group

Tu 14 July 10am Praying for St Paul's Renewed

W 15 July

Th 16 July 10am Eucharist followed by refreshments

11am Mothers' Union

6pm Choir Practice (Children's Choir)

7.15pm Choir Practice (Full Choir)

Fr 17 July 4.30pm Ignite (not at St Paul's) - contact Steve for details (see p2)

7pm Concert: Greek Rebetiko Music

Sa 18 July

**Su 19 July Trinity 7**

Romans 8.12-25; Matthew 13.24-30,36-43

8am Holy Communion

10am Parish Eucharist with Junior Church and crèche followed by refreshments

3pm Concert: Piano and Organ Duets

M 20 July

Tu 21 July 10am Praying for St Paul's Renewed

2.15pm f3a

W 22 July 8pm Fellowship Group at the home of Valerie and Ian Creswick

Th 23 July 10am Eucharist followed by refreshments

F 24 July

Sa 25 July

**Su 26 July Trinity 8**

Romans 8.26-39; Matthew 13.31-33,44-52

8am Holy Communion

10am Parish Eucharist with Junior Church and crèche followed by refreshments

## *Regular Services continue throughout August*

Sundays	8am	Holy Communion
	10am	First Sunday of the month: All-age Parish Eucharist (creche toys available) followed by refreshments All other Sundays: Parish Eucharist with Junior Church and crèche, followed by refreshments
Thursdays	10am	Eucharist
Weekdays	9am	Morning Prayer

## *MOTHERS' UNION*



On Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June, Mothers' Union held a service at St Wilfrid's church in Parklands to celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of Mothers' Union by Mary Sumner. There were representatives from across the District. We had a joyful service in church followed by a cream tea in the hall.

Our meeting this month will be on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July at 11am in St Paul's Church after the 10am Eucharist. The subject for discussion this is **Saints**. Does one mean more to you than others? All are welcome to come and share their views.

We do not meet in August; the September meeting is on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> Sept.

Heather Hyde 07949 799415

## *F3A*

F3A meets on the third Tuesday of the month in the Parish Centre. Our meetings commence at 2.30pm, with tea and coffee served from 2.15pm. We will finish by 3.30pm. Everybody 60 and over will be very welcome. Our meeting this month will be on 21<sup>st</sup> July. Do join us for a cuppa and friendly discussion.

*Mary Ashwin 786501*

## *LADIES' GROUP*

St Paul's Ladies' Group usually meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of the month at 2.30pm in the Parish Centre. Everyone is welcome at all of our meetings, including men. We don't meet in late July or in August so our only upcoming meeting is as follows:

8<sup>th</sup> July **Afternoon Tea at Fernleigh, North Street.** We meet there at 2.30pm. Please let me know if you're coming. Valerie Sargeant 781998 Thank you.

After the summer break we will return on 9<sup>th</sup> September.

Thank you for all your contributions to the Foodbank. Please continue to donate.

## *AFTERNOON TEA 3-5PM, SUNDAY 5<sup>th</sup> JULY AND EVERY FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH*

Everyone is warmly invited to join us for afternoon tea at St. Paul's parish centre on the first Sunday of every month. No cost or pre-booking required. Come and enjoy tea and cakes with friendly company.

We conclude our afternoon with a short service of Evening Prayer using the traditional language of the Book of Common Prayer.

For information contact Margaret Phillips 527961 or Phyllis Nicholls 780454.



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2026

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Chichester



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**Friday, 17 July 2026, 7pm**

George Tsolakis - vocals, guitar, baglama

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Pavlos Carvalho - vocals, bouzouki, harmonica

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*for a summer's afternoon*



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*No tickets required.*

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**3pm Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July**  
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