

St Paul's Church, Coven

Part of the Diocese of Lichfield under the Extended Pastoral and
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'A place of sanctuary within the community'

Website- <http://stpaulschurchcoven.co.uk/>

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***For those who are sick and lonely; that they may
know the love, peace and strength of Christ:***

Maurice, Kath Pountney, Monica, Adam Jones,
Marlene, Gary, Dennis, Beryl, Kath Edwards,
Rosemary, Sheila Beamish, Pauline Bevan, Joshua,
Baby Freddie, Bob, Jane Chester, Margaret Rose, Mal
Ward, Mike Hampson and Katie & Gary Banks.

***For those who have recently died in the faith of
Christ and for all whose anniversaries fall at this
time*** Royden Foster, Susan Cooper and David Severn.
Rest eternal grant to them O Lord ***and let light
perpetual shine upon them.*** May they rest in peace
and rise in glory.

A prayer for this time

God of compassion,
be close to those who are ill, afraid or in isolation.
In their loneliness, be their consolation;
in their anxiety, be their hope;
in their darkness, be their light;
through him who suffered alone on the cross,
but reigns with you in glory,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

This Sunday 05th July 2020

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10.00 a.m. Parish Eucharist celebrated

By Fr Paul Lockett

We will attempt to livestream (!) this service and
send out links for this and alternatives on Sunday
morning.

If you have IT access do join in our Zoom Coffee
session at 11.45 a.m. (Note slightly later time)

The hymn for today is 'Onward Christian
Soldiers' requested by Roy Simms

Next Sunday

Sunday 12th July

15th Sunday in Ordinary time.

Fr Paul Lockett

Church Re Opening for Worship

St Paul's Church will be reopening for the parish
Eucharist at 10.00 a.m. on 5th July.

Booking System

We can welcome **16** people under strict social
distancing. **If we have more than the safe social
distancing numbers, we will not be able to let
people in. If you are intending to attend St Paul's we
can make sure you have a seat if you either email
Karen on jones_karen22@sky.com or telephone
Pauline on 07933 280349.** If demand is greater we
can look in the future to put an additional Parish
Eucharist on at a different time.

- Observe social distancing and floor markers when entering and exiting the Church
- Use hand sanitiser (provided) or wash your hands on the way in and on the way out.
- Sign in and out (for any possible subsequent contact tracing).
- Please remain at least 2 metres apart at all times.
- Only sit on the chairs that are laid out. Just people from the same household can sit together and can move chairs to facilitate this.
- Please don't stack or remove any stacked chairs.
- Please arrive and leave in silence so that you don't distract others who are praying. If you wish to have a chat with people please meet outside in the Churchyard, away from the entrance and path.
- We have measures in place to enable communion to be distributed safely to anyone who wants to receive.
- We won't be able to sing but we will use the sound system to play music to accompany sacred moments.
- The toilet area will be deep cleaned before and after any time the Church is open. If you need to use the toilet whilst in Church, please leave the light on and use the disposable wipes to clean any surface touched.
- Roped off areas are not to be entered.
- The Service book has been condensed onto one sheet of paper; it will be available on chairs when

you arrive. **Please** take the sheet away with you afterwards, and bring back next week, to reduce waste and copying.

- You will need to bring the readings sheet (or your iPad) with you.
- You may light candles, this is an important part of our prayer life, however you must bring your own matches or lighter.

If you can be there, and it is safe for you be there it will be very good to see you!!



Because of the ongoing Covid-19 situation we ask you to observe the guidelines for safety posted on the Church Doors.

Some other news.....

At last week's PCC meeting we unanimously agreed that the service time on Sunday mornings would be changed permanently to 10.00 a.m.

The Vicarage has been returned to the responsibility of the Diocese during the Vacancy. They will probably advertise it for a short-term rental. The Parish Office is being moved into the Vestry and BT are transferring the telephone line and Wi-Fi into the Church next week.

We agreed to set up some online Fundraising platforms – more details of these are on the opposite page.

The Church will **not** be open on Wednesday 8th July as an engineer will be working on site, however we hope to be able to have a mid-week Eucharist on Wednesdays at 10.30 a.m. thereafter.

Fundraising

Look yourselves, use, tell your family, friends and neighbours

We've registered St Paul's Church - Coven with #easyfundraising, which means over 4,000 shops and sites will now donate to us for FREE every time you use #easyfundraising to shop with them.

These donations will help SO MUCH, so please sign up to support us – it's completely FREE and doesn't take long. Just click on the link or type easyfundraising into a browser and search for St Pauls-Coven

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stpaulscurchcoven>

It operates the same way as Cash back. So long as you go through the easyfundraising page, to the retailer you wish to purchase from, St Paul's will receive a percentage. To help you spread the word, enclosed with this newsletter you will find a cut out sheet to pass to anyone you know. Even if you don't purchase online – those you know will.

Just Giving Page

We have also set up a Just Giving page where people can make donations to the church towards its running costs. You can find the page by clicking on the link below or simply search for St Pauls Coven on the Just Giving home page.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/karen-jones164>

Our love & prayers to you all
Pauline & Karen x