

# 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, Rita, 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*** Ralph Palmer, Soloman Warrington and Dora  
Sutherland. 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**

We are not people of fear:

we are people of courage.

We are not people who protect our own safety:

we are people who protect our neighbours' safety.

We are not people of greed:

we are people of generosity.

We are your people God,

giving and loving,

wherever we are,

whatever it costs

For as long as it takes

wherever you call us.

**Amen**

**This Sunday 12th July 2020**

**15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**10.00 a.m. Parish Eucharist celebrated**

**By Fr Paul Lockett**

The service will be recorded, and the link sent  
out later on Sunday. (It takes me a little while to  
convert the video for publication).

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 'Great is thy faithfulness,  
O God my Father'

**Next Sunday**

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

**16th Sunday in Ordinary time.**

**Fr Paul Lockett**

## **Church Open for Worship**

St Paul's Church is open for the parish Eucharist at

**10.00 a.m.** on **Sundays** and at **10.30 a.m.** on

**Wednesdays.** This coming Wednesday is the

Memorial of St Bonaventure.

## **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](mailto:jones_karen22@sky.com) or telephone  
Pauline on 07933 280349. If you would like to book a  
permanent seat (and only advise us if you are NOT  
going to be there), please let us know.** 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 contract 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 to 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.

## Other news.....

### Telephone line and Wi-Fi

Nothing is easy as it.....BT duly arrived last Wednesday morning to transfer the telephone line and the Wi-Fi from the Vicarage to the Church. I knew there would be trouble when the engineer started rubbing his chin and shaking his head. Because we are a Grade 11 listed building the installation has had to be referred to a specialist team to see how the line can be installed preferably without having to drill through the wall. We await contact from this specialist team (promised 7 -10 days) who will undertake a survey.

### Emptying the Vicarage and transferring the Parish Office into the Vestry.

Thanks to everyone who helped achieved this last Friday (10.07). Pauline and I used a lot of shoe leather

preparing the way last Wednesday (08.07). There are just a couple of items of furniture to dispose of. If anyone can find a home and has transport for an armchair and a static office chair, both good condition please contact Karen. Also, there is small black storage bin (approx. 1 metre high) with lid, if anyone can use.

## Fundraising

Well done and congratulations to the people who have so far signed up for the easyfundraising page, detailed below. It is dead easy, type 'easyfundraising' into Google. Sign up, select your cause 'St Pauls - Coven' and then every time you buy anything online go through the easyfundraising page to select the retailer.

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/stpaulschurchcoven>

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. If anyone needs another cut out sheet, because you've given out all the ones you had to friends, family and neighbours, just ask. Even if you don't purchase online – those you know will.

### Just Giving Page and Our weekly offering to God

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>

Thank you to all who have made their weekly offering to God by bank transfer or dropped their envelopes into Jan or Pauline. Thank you! It costs us just over £33,000 a year to keep St Paul's open. Please, please try your hardest, seriously there is a real danger we shall run out of money. Our chances of finding a new shepherd or even staying open will be very diminished if we can't pay our running costs.

**St Pauls Parochial Church Council Coven  
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Our love & prayers to you all

*Pauline & Karen x*