

St Paul's Church, Coven

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'A place of sanctuary within the community'

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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, Jim Watson, 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*** Derek Powell, Anthony Rowe, Valerie Wheatley,
Albert Evans, Bertram Smith, Jennifer Reeves, David
Quinton and Ivor Clay. 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

Gracious God,
give skill, sympathy and resilience
to all who are caring for the sick,
and your wisdom to those searching for a cure.
Strengthen them with your Spirit,
that through their work many will be restored to
health;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

This Sunday 19th July 2020

16th 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.

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 'Make me a channel of
your peace'.

Next Sunday

Sunday 26th July

17th Sunday in Ordinary time.

Fr Paul Lockett

St Paul's is 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 Feast of
St Mary Magdalene. If you can be with us and it is
safe for you to do so it will be very good to see you.
We are CoVid 19 secure.

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 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.

Please observe the CoVid 19 secure guidelines posted
on the Church Door

Mothers Union

A big well done to all the members of our Coven
Mothers Union and their children and
grandchildren who completed sponsored
challenges to raise money to kit out lots of Mum
Bags (containing baby items) and personal
toiletry bags for new mums which were donated
last Saturday to the GEM centre.

The Gem Centre opened in April 2006 and brings
together services provided by Royal
Wolverhampton Hospital's Trust, Black Country
Partnership NHS Foundation Trust and
Wolverhampton City Council for children and
young people.

Jane Lawrence, from the GEM centre explained at the presentation the help they give to young girls, often from chaotic and deprived backgrounds, to care and look after their babies. Many of them are under 16, and therefore don't receive benefits or income from any other source, so the work of the GEM centre is vital. Here are some of the photos of the presentation.



Gem Centre staff, Jane Lawrence and her team. The mum and toiletry bags (all made by a few of our talented MU members) are on the church path.



Coven Mothers Union with children and grandchildren. (Aikey got in on the act too – can you spot him).



Jo getting everyone organised

Fundraising

A reminder to sign up to easyfundraising. 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.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stpaulsc-hurchcoven>

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. So far (and these are mostly just my online orders) we have raised £4.30. if we get a 100 people using it that would be £430!!

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 cannot pay our running costs.

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Our love & prayers to you all
Pauline & Karen x