

## St Paul's Church, Coven

Part of the Diocese of Lichfield under the Extended Pastoral and  
Sacramental Care of the Bishop of Ebbsfleet

*'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:***

Jo Hadley, Linda, Rita, Jim Watson, Monica, Adam  
Jones, Eddie, Dennis, Beryl, Kath Edwards, Rosemary,  
Sheila Beamish, Pauline Bevan, Joshua, Baby Freddie,  
Bob, Jane Chester, Margaret Rose, 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*** Frederick Marlow, David Barker, William Kerry,  
Dorothy Vincent, Clara Shipley, Chloe Campbell,  
Debbie Parker, Jayne Simms, Cliff Pountney, Hilda  
Evans David Rogers, Brian Carr, 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**

As we follow Christ in the footsteps of St Chad, we  
pray that the two million people in our diocese  
encounter a church that is confident in the gospel,  
knows and loves its communities, and is excited to  
find God already at work in the world. We pray for a  
church that reflects the richness and variety of those  
communities. We pray for a church that partners with  
others in seeking the common good, working for  
justice as a people of hope.

**Amen**

During lockdown 2 commencing Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>  
November St Paul's will be open for **Private  
Prayer on 10.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. every  
Sunday and Wednesday.**

The Parish Eucharist will be videoed, and the link  
sent out as well as being published on our church  
FaceBook and Web pages.

**This Sunday 15th November**  
**33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Next Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> November**  
**Christ the King**

### **Our Weekly Offering to God**

An enormous 'thank you' to all those faithful  
members of our congregation who have  
rigorously filled and handed in or bank  
transferred their weekly offering to God. May  
God Bless you, we don't know how we would be  
coping without you.

**Please, please try to keep up your offering**  
either by Bank Transfer or by popping your  
envelopes through Pauline's (3 Holmcroft) or  
Jan's (2 The Paddock) doors.

**St Pauls Parochial Church Council Coven**  
**A/C 02115540 Sort 30:99:83**

**If you have IT access do join in our Zoom Coffee  
session at 12 Noon.**

### **Christmas Drinks Raffle**

Tickets are on sale now, the draw will be on Advent 3,  
which is Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December. We have had some  
extremely generous donations of bottles for this –  
thank you! The hamper looks amazing. Thanks to Jan  
Carr!



Karen is handing out or posting envelopes containing  
10 raffle tickets to members of the congregation and  
the wider community with the following message on  
the front:

### **St Paul's Christmas Drinks Raffle.**

Drawn Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December after the Parish  
Eucharist (Live streamed or physical).

A superb drinks hamper containing:

- A variety of bottles of wine
- A bottle of Gin

- A bottle of Whiskey
- A bottle of Champagne
- A bottle of Fizzy wine
- A bottle of Cassis

Price is £1 per strip. There are 10 strips of raffle tickets enclosed in the envelope. Get more from Karen when you need to. Please sell at least all the 10 allocated to you. Write the name and contact telephone number of the person sold to on the back of one half of the strip, handing the other strip to who you've sold it to. Please return all monies and strips to Karen by Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December.

Please give this a REAL push - we are so close to meeting the Parish Share in full but can only do this if we all try our hardest.

Thank you! "

Whilst appreciating the difficulties of lockdown, we all have friends, family and neighbours that we can sell to without breaking regulations, encourage people to buy and post the money through your letterbox or bank transfer straight into the church bank account.

### St Paul's Advent Calendar

Attached to this week's Newsletter mailing is a special **St Paul's Advent Calendar** which makes us aware of the resources we are consuming as well as saving a little bit every day. Thanks to Jan Beason for this great idea and for producing the calendar. I hope you will print it off and join with the Churchwardens and PCC by taking part and donating what you have saved to St Paul's at the end of Advent. I will print off some copies and leave at the back of church for anyone without a printer.

### Quote of the week

So, the Coronavirus legislation allows "commemorative events celebrating the life of someone who has died" to take place in church buildings. Does this include the Eucharist? Or does the Resurrection rule it out?

*Philip North, Bishop of Burnley via Twitter*

### Parish Magazine

When the lockdown began on March 23<sup>rd</sup> the PCC decided that it wasn't feasible or sensible to ask distributors to hand deliver copies of the Parish Magazine. This position has continued until the present time. At the last PCC Meeting we looked at the costs of producing and

delivering as well as the income received, and have decided that in future, we shall only publish the magazine online via our Website. We are currently producing a 'Christmas edition' which will be available on our website early December. We will not be asking advertisers to pay subscriptions again until 2022.

We would be grateful if you could explain the situation to any distributors that you know. If any subscriber who paid their £5 annual subs at the beginning of 2020, asks about a refund please refer to them to our website and encourage them to think of it as a small donation towards the church.

### Coven's Festive Display Competition

1ST COVEN SCOUT GROUP & ST PAUL'S FIRST SCHOOL PRESENTS

**Coven's FESTIVE Display COMPETITION**

PRIZES INCLUDE:  
 1ST - 40" TV  
 2ND - £30 3HAMMERS BISTRO VOUCHER  
 3RD - £50 CARVERS VOUCHER

ENTRY: £5

OPEN TO ALL RESIDENTS - DECORATE YOUR HOME/GARDEN

ENTRIES CLOSE 18TH DEC

INDEPENDENT JUDGING TAKES PLACE 18TH - 20TH DEC

ALL PROCEEDS SPLIT BETWEEN SCHOOL & SCOUTS

QUERIES - FESTIVE@1STCOVEN.ORG.UK

PRIZES DONATED BY

ENVAULT SPECIALISTS Four Ashes

CA FLORAL DESIGN

CARVERS

3HAMMERS GOLF COURSE

For anyone who hasn't seen this lovely fundraising idea as a joint venture between our Scouts organisation and our School, here is the poster. I have entered the church and would like to try and create a nativity scene in the church grounds. Any help from people 'who are good with wood and this sort of thing' gratefully received!

*Our love & prayers to you all.  
 Pauline & Karen x*