

## 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:***

Jo Hadley, Anne, 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*** Roger Jackson, Mary Cole, Margaret Guest, Hilda  
Forbes, Jessie Ellick and George Barrett. 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 all,  
we cry out to you for help. In your mercy, hear our  
prayer. Protect us, Lord, and be with us  
especially those of us most vulnerable  
during this coronavirus crisis.  
Move us to reach out in love to our neighbours near  
and far, so that the humble may be exalted,  
the hungry filled with good things.  
Grant us the courage not to rush back to our old  
ways, but to rebuild our world together,  
creating foundations of justice,  
with equality and peace for all.  
**Amen.**

### **This Sunday 29.11.20**

#### **First Sunday of Advent**

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

**St Paul's will be open for private prayer from  
10.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.**

### **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December**

**St Paul's Church will be open for Public Worship  
once again. It would be good to see as many  
people back as possible to celebrate.**

**10.30 a.m. Holy Eucharist**

### **Next Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December**

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

**10.00 a.m. Parish Eucharist**

**Please book seats (previous permanently  
booked seats still stand) by telephoning or  
emailing Karen or Pauline.**

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

**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 12.00 noon**

### **Christmas Drinks Raffle**

All tickets and money must be back with Karen by  
Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December. The draw will be on  
Advent 3, which is Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December.



## St Paul's Advent Calendar

Don't forget to pick up your copy from Church if you haven't got a printer. A further copy is attached to this mailing, together with an alternative version 'Comfort & Joy' from the Church of England.

## Coven's Festive Display Competition

This lovely initiative is a joint venture between our Church First School and our Scout group. It hopes to bring a much-needed festive boost to Coven. Entry is £5 per house and I have attached a blank entry form to this emailing should anyone like to enter. Details of where to send the completed entry form and payment are given on the entry form. As part of this and as a joint venture with Coven Mothers Union members, we are creating a 'Nativity Trail' with the story of the Nativity told at each stage. The stages are:

1. Mary & Angel Gabriel
2. Joseph and the Angel
3. Finding a place to stay in Bethlehem
4. Baby born in a stable
5. The Shepherds
6. Wise men, following the star and sharing their gifts
7. A Final Nativity Scene at St Paul's Church

We now have a 'Joseph and the Angel' but need some props. Can anyone help with the following:

- A trestle table
- Wood shavings
- A bolster pillowcase
- Straw
- A camp bed or anything low enough that would work as a small bed
- A strong torch light

Please email Karen.

The Nativity Trail will be marked on the map that is being produced with all the households taking part.

### Zoom into Christmas

An Advent course, details are in the box opposite – Pauline & I have signed up if there is anyone else who would like to join with us, then let Karen know and she will organise for you to have the joining log on

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

Scouts  
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St. Paul's

# 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

RENAULT SPECIALISTS Four Ashes  
C.A. FLORAL DESIGNS  
CARVERS BUILDING SUPPLIES  
3 Hammers GOLF COMPLEX

The Parishes of Holy Trinity, Ettingshall, St Martin's,  
Rough Hills & S Stephen's, Springfield.

Dear Friends,

Why not '**ZOOM TOWARDS CHRISTMAS!**'? An online Advent Course on the **Tuesdays of Advent** beginning at **7pm** on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December! Don't miss it! The sessions will reflect on **Hope, Anticipation, Journey and Light**. They will be led by various clergy and lay leaders from across our three parishes. Each session will last a maximum of one hour.

# Christmas at St Paul's Church, Coven



Sunday 29.11.2020	1st Sunday of Advent The Church will be open for private prayers 10.30 – 11.30 a.m. The Parish Eucharist will be recorded, and the link published on our Facebook and Webpages
Sunday 06.12.2020	10.00 a.m. 2nd Sunday of Advent
Sunday 13.12.2020	10.00 a.m. 3rd Sunday of Advent
Sunday 20.12.2020	10.00 a.m. 4th Sunday of Advent
Thursday 24.12.2020	4.00 p.m. Crib Service for children 11.30 p.m. Midnight Mass
Friday 25.12.2020	10.00 a.m. Christmas Day Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord
Sunday 27.12.2020	10.00 a.m. The Holy Family
Friday 01.01.2021	11.00 a.m. Mary Mother of God

*The Church is Covid secure, to ensure we can maintain social distancing seats must be prebooked by telephoning or emailing one of the churchwardens. All contact details are given at the top of this newsletter*

*All services, with the exception of the Crib Service will be recorded and the links published on our Facebook and Web pages.*

*We hope you can join with us over the Christmas period either in person or virtually.*

## **Carols on the Doorstep**

Please see the poster attached which gives all the details. I am doing this in the front garden of my house with my friend Sam (who is in my support bubble) at 6pm on 16<sup>th</sup> December. We are raising money for Compton Care (previously Compton Hospice), in memory of my mum, Chris Orme, Kath Pountney and Maurice Trubshaw and the many others that they have helped. If anyone would like to make a donation to us they will be greatly received.

## **Christmas Cards**

The boards will be up in church from the beginning of Advent If you would like to put up one Christmas Card to the congregation and donate in lieu of money saved. The money raised from this will also be going to Compton Care.

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