

# 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'*

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

Katie & Gary Banks. Linda, Rita, Maddie, Jim Watson, Edna Merrick, Tim Kirby, Mason, Adam Jones, Eddie, Dennis, Maurice, Beryl, Jo, Isobel, John, Kath Edwards, Rosemary, Sheila Beamish, Pauline Bevan, Joshua, Bob, Jane Chester, Margaret Rose, Jean Simms, Christine Gilbert and Mike Hampson.

***For those who have recently died in the faith of***

***Christ***, Linda Rollason, Mary Beatrice Bailey and Irene Mason **and for all whose anniversaries fall at this time** George Perry, Barbara Morris, Ann Symmons, Pat Hackett, Barry Price, Robert Price, Margaret Lane, Reg Wootton, Betty Williams and Mitchell Rouwenhorst. 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**

Keep us, good Lord,  
under the shadow of your mercy  
in this time of uncertainty and distress.  
Sustain and support the anxious and fearful,  
and lift up all who are brought low;  
that we may rejoice in your comfort  
knowing that nothing can separate us from your love

in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Amen.

**This Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> September**

**23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**10.00 a.m. Parish Eucharist**

**11.15 a.m. Burial of Ashes Linda Rollason**

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September**

**7.00 p.m. Deanery Shaping for Mission Meeting in Church (TBC)**

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September**

**Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**10.30 a.m. Holy Eucharist.**

**7.00 p.m. for 7.15 p.m. Coven Mothers Union Meeting in Church**

**Next Sunday**

**Sunday 12th September**

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

**10.00 a.m. Parish Eucharist**

**Our Monthly Offering to God**

**Please make you offering** either by Bank Transfer or by putting your envelope or money on the plate just inside the entrance to the Church.

**St Pauls Parochial Church Council Coven**

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**Save the Date**

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> September – Thanksgiving Sunday**

This will be a celebration of everything that we are thankful for including the NHS, for getting through the last 18 months, for our community & our parish as well as our Harvest Festival. We are sending invites out to groups in the community as well our own congregation. It will be a particularly children friendly family service, so invite friends, family, neighbours, work colleagues and grandchildren to join with us.

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October 7.00 p.m.** Coven Memorial Hall

**A Black Country Evening** featuring our own Fr Paul, who is great raconteur, (a bit like a Black Country, priestly version of Michael McIntyre!), Fish and Chip Supper and auction of gifts. Tickets on sale soon. If you are able to donate suitable, new gifts or promises of things you could do e.g., bake a cake for a special occasion, clean a car, walk a dog, provide an evening's driving etc. etc. then please have a word with Jo or Karen.

**The Fairy Kingdom**

There are lots of things that fairies make happen at church, (as opposed to the 'official' things folks do) which include keeping the grounds looking neat and tidy (yes I know the council mow the grass in the churchyard around the church but if you think it gets to look like it does without the assistance of a number of fairies, think again), supplying tea, coffee and sugar, supplying all the cleaning and toilet necessities, replanting and watering the baskets and planters, putting bins out and back in again, putting books and hymn books out and away, taking used tea towels to be laundered etc . etc. A huge thank you to all the fairies that make things happen, but our fairies are getting tired, if you were able join the Fairy Kingdom occasionally it would be so appreciated.

### Scarecrow Festival

Entries are now starting to flood in, get your entry form from Jo or Jan C. Collecting boxes for donations are in all the local shops. Let's make this a lovely community event. Details are on the poster below. Our huge thanks and gratitude to Bickford Truck Hire Ltd who have donated £150 for this which will also cover the prize money.

### Save the Parish

I mentioned this campaign in the emailing of the Weekly Newsletter and Readings last week. Attached with this week are 2 documents 'Evidence for candidates' and 'Manifesto'. These have been produced for those wishing to stand for election to the General Synod, but they give a very illuminating insight into what is currently happening which I would urge all of you to read. There is much that we as a parish in vacancy can identify wholeheartedly with. No one from the Diocese or Deanery, or indeed the office of the Bishop of Ebbsfleet has picked up the phone to offer help or guidance to Pauline or I during the last 15 months, or even to enquire how things are going!

Please sign up to support this campaign at <https://savetheparish.com/>

(Initially It looks like you are signing up to stand for General Synod, but you're not so don't be put off). There is also a series of newspaper articles that Joanna Monkton has collated which are posted on the noticeboard at the back of the church.



**St. Pauls Church & St. Pauls First School**

**Coven Scarecrow Festival Competition Weekend**

**Prizes:**  
1st Place: £50  
2nd Place: £25  
3rd Place: £10

Independent judging taking place between  
**Friday 24th September 2021 - Sunday 26th September 2021**

Open to all residents.  
Entry £5. All proceeds split between St. Pauls Church & St. Pauls First School

Please contact Jo Knight on 07564 013668, Jan Carr on 01902 791443 or Mary-Ann Edge for an entry form.