

SAINT PAUL, WHITLEY BAY

8TH AND 9TH SUNDAYS AFTER TRINITY

26TH JULY AND 2ND AUGUST 2026

*Welcome to your newsletter, which covers a period of two weeks.
Please use it to help in your prayers each day.*

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Collect, readings & hymns for 8th Sunday after Trinity, 26th July

Collect: Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Readings:

1 Kings 3: 5 – 12
Romans 8: 26 – end

Gospel:

Matthew 13: 31 – 33
& 44 – 52

Hymns: Mission Praise

102 Come, Thou long-expected Jesus,
419 Like a mighty river flowing,
132 Father, hear the prayer we offer:
O God, you search me and you know
me (words on sheet)
683 There's a wideness in God's mercy

Collect, readings & hymns for 9th Sunday after Trinity, 2nd August

Collect: Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Readings:

Isaiah 55: 1 – 5
Romans 9: 1 – 5

Gospel:

Matthew 14: 13 – 21

Hymns: Mission Praise

200 Great is Thy faithfulness,
381 Jesus, stand among us
275 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
Bread for the world (words on sheet)
226 Healing God, almighty Father

Intercessions and intentions for the next two weeks

Please pray for all those on our prayer lists, especially:

Sunday Prayer list: Jan Casey, Cathy West, Lucy Proctor, Craig Bell, Violet Dodds, Maureen Duffy, John Moodie, Bryn Watkins, Catherine, Roger, Fiona, Amy, Rachel, Rabije, Dorothy, Oscar, Jan

Wednesday Prayer list: Michael Bradley, David Hall, Deborah Henderson, Ava Kennedy, Pam MacKenzie, Sue Simpkin, Dave Stevenson, Maureen, Marie, Lottie, Tony

The recently departed

Those whose anniversaries of death fall at this time:

Week beginning 26th July: John Eric Martin, Gail McDougal, Florence Burn, Eva Hall, Bill Fairman, Vera Price, Sydney Laing

Week beginning 2nd August: Louise Anderson, Valerie Lang, Arthur Edward Lang

Prayer intentions for week commencing 26 th July		
Sun 26	8th Sunday after Trinity	<i>The Parish</i>
Mon 27	Of the day	<i>The NHS</i>
Tue 28	Of the day	<i>Out of school activity clubs</i>
Wed 29	Mary, Martha and Lazarus	<i>Friendship</i>
Thur 30	William Wilberforce	<i>Social reform</i>
Fri 31	St Ignatius of Loyola	<i>Contemplative prayer group</i>
Sat 1 Aug	Of the day	<i>Those affected by poverty</i>

Prayer intentions for week commencing 2 nd August		
Sun 2	9th Sunday after Trinity	<i>The Parish</i>
Mon 3	Of the day	<i>Lifeguards</i>
Tue 4	Of the day	<i>Aid agencies</i>
Wed 5	St Oswald	<i>St Oswald's Hospice</i>
Thu 6	Transfiguration of Our Lord	<i>Orthodox Christians</i>
Fri 7	Of the day	<i>Newcastle West Deanery</i>
Sat 8	St Dominic	<i>Those who are being baptised</i>

Services for the next two weeks

All Eucharist services held in church (except 8.30am on Sundays) are livestreamed & recorded via our YouTube channel: www.bit.ly/OurStream

Morning Prayer at St Paul's:	Monday to Thursday at 8.30am
Saturday Prayer at St Paul's:	Saturday at 9.30am
St Paul's open for private prayer:	Saturday from 10am to 11am

Sunday 26 th July	8 th Sunday after Trinity	Holy Communion (BCP) 8.30am Sung Eucharist 10am Encounter 6pm
Wednesday 29 th July		Eucharist 10am
Sunday 2 nd Aug	9 th Sunday after Trinity	Holy Communion (BCP) 8.30am Sung Eucharist 10am Choral Evensong (BCP) 6pm
Wednesday 5 th Aug		Eucharist 10am
Thursday 6 th Aug	Transfiguration of Our Lord	Eucharist 10am
Sunday 9 th Aug	10 th Sunday after Trinity	Holy Communion (BCP) 8.30am Sung Eucharist 10am Taizé worship 6pm

Holy Baptism

Alexander Samuel James Fairley will be welcomed into the family of the church at St Paul's on Saturday 8th August.

Dates for your diary

Memory Café at St Paul's	Thursday 30 th July 11am to 12.30pm
Contemplative prayer group	Friday 31 st July 2.30pm
Pimm's and hymns	Wednesday 19 th August 6pm
Art and craft fair	Saturday 22 nd August 11am to 3.30pm

Accessibly Faculty

The notice for the faculty for the upcoming interior and exterior accessibility work has been posted and can be found in the church porch and on the notice-board outside. Everyone is encouraged to read the faculty notice to see the details of the plans and be aware of the opportunity to raise any comments or objections. The notice will be up until Friday 7th August

Mairi's Farewell and last service at St Paul's on Sunday 6th September:

As you may know Mairi has been appointed Team Rector of Willington Quay and Priest in Charge at St John's Wallsend. Her last service and farewell at St Paul's will take place on Sunday 6th September (Dedication Festival). After the service we will have a celebration for Mairi with a bring and share finger lunch, drinks will be provided. We would also like to show Mairi our appreciation and mark her time at St. Paul's: if you have photos from her time with us you can share, and a farewell message or story we would like to collect them for her. Please, send the photos and messages to Mary Evans (maryevans14@btinternet.com) or the Vicar (vilaseca26@yahoo.es) by August 31st the latest. Thank you very much.

Notices

Dementia Friendly Memory Café: Do you care for someone with memory loss? Why not pop into the memory café for a free cuppa, cake and a chat for all - with some activities for anyone who wants to join in. The next session will be held in St Paul's Parish Centre on Thursday 30th July 11am to 12.30pm.

Contemplative Prayer Group: will continue to meet in church monthly, next meeting is Friday 31st July at 2.30pm

St Paul's magazine: the new edition of *The Gate* will be published next Sunday, 2nd August, just £1 per copy. If you have paid by subscription, your copy will be ready for you to collect or will be delivered or emailed to you. New subscriptions and late renewals are always welcome to make sure you receive every copy.

Pimm's and Hymns: Wednesday 19th August 6pm. An hour of popular hymn singing accompanied by refreshments. Non-alcoholic and non-rhyming alternatives available. If you would like to contribute a bottle of Pimm's or lemonade to the refreshments please let Revd Mairi know.

Art and Craft Fair: A fun day for all. Saturday August 22nd 11am to 3.30pm St Paul's is hosting a special display of arts and crafts. Please come along and support our local artists. There will be a variety of crafts to admire or buy. We are inviting all artisans to sell their work. Should you wish to hire a space it is £12. Please contact Carol Stamatelopoulos at carolstamas@gamil.com or text 0782191269.

Art and craft fair request: St Paul's will be having its own table and if you have anything made or materials like fabric or wool etc please pass on to Carol Stamatelopoulos or Sandra Graham. Thank you.

St Paul's Bible study sessions and Fellowship sessions will be taking a break for the summer and will restart after the holidays.

Newsletter entries: for the next newsletter please pass them to Mary Evans by 6pm on Friday 7th August 2026, by phone on 0191 252 1424 or by email to maryevans14@btinternet.com