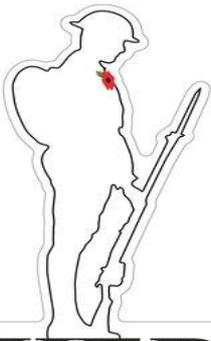


St Paul's and St Luke's
Wood Green Parish, Wednesbury

Newsletter

'A warm welcome'



'Remembered'



THERE BUT NOT THERE

'Silhouettes'

Come and see a nationwide art installation for the fallen

at

**St Paul's Church, Wood Green Parish,
Wednesbury**

Sat 3rd Nov 10:00am - 12:30pm

*Commemorating the 100th Anniversary of
the end of World War 1*

Hello,

In few days, clocks will be going back an hour announcing that we are officially in autumn- extra hour in bed! Days will shorten, and nights lengthen but life still goes on. The poem '*shadows*' by D.H. Lawrence encourages us to embrace the shadows of the falling light of autumn and mark our place in them. We are reminded that like in nature's natural cycle, life still moves on in the deepening darkness of autumn.

*'And if, as autumn deepens and darkens
I feel the pain of falling leaves, and stems that break in storms
and trouble and dissolution and distress...
and the silence of short days, the silence of the year, the shadow,
then I shall know that my life is moving still, with the dark earth...'*

In our journey of life, we travel in darkness as well as light; we encounter moments of trouble and despair, loveliness and joy. Nobody wants to dwell on moments of darkness. However, these moments are essential to our growth if we can hold them out to God. They have the potential of awakening faith in God who walks with us in our darkness and reveal his light which no darkness can overtake.

Autumn is one of the busiest times of the year with various key events that draw community together. One such event is 'Remembrance'. There is however an added significance to this year's Remembrance as it marks the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War. Communities across the nation and worldwide will be commemorating this milestone in history in different ways. Here in the parish, we are delighted to receive the award of 10 silhouettes funded by the Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust. The pew silhouettes are part of the national 'THERE BUT NOT THERE' installation to remember the fallen of the First World War. Nine of the silhouettes will be dedicated to the memory of nine employees of Edward Elwell Ltd (the family who built St Paul's) killed in the Great War.

To this end, we are hosting **'THERE BUT NOT THERE-Open Morning'** on Saturday 3rd November 2018, 10-12:30pm. We hope that many will join us for the unveiling of the installation. The installation will remain until 23rd November. We are hoping that this will give children from local schools the opportunity to come and see them, and to reflect.

I hope you will find this newsletter informative and helpful in your prayers for the ministry of the church in the parish and beyond.

Please let us know if you would like to help in any way.

Blessings as we journey on together.

Fr Daniel

Important dates for your diary



Sat 27th Oct 3-5pm: Messy Church Light Party

Join us for family fun, craft, art, entertainment & party food at St Luke's.

Sat 3rd Nov 10-12:30pm: 'THERE BUT NOT THERE-Open Morning'

Unveiling the silhouettes installation, part of the national 'THERE BUT NOT THERE' art installation to remember the fallen of the First World War at St Paul's Church. We would also like to have a table display of WW1 & WW2 memorabilia. Please let Fr Daniel or Janette know if you have any. Help is also needed in serving tea and coffee with all donations going to Armed Forces Covenant Trust.

Sun 4th Nov 10:30am: All Saints & All Souls Sunday Service, St Paul's

The PCC has proposed having our annual All Souls memorial evening service during the All Saints Sunday service. Families who have had a funeral in the parish recently will be invited as usual and given the opportunity to light a candle in memory of their loved one; as well as everyone else attending. *Please note that the service will follow the normal order of 'First Sunday of the Month combined All Ages Non-Eucharistic Service'.*

Sat 10th Nov 9:30am: Remembrance Service at Wood Green

Cemetery:

The service will include commemorations of the 100th anniversary of the end of WW1. We look forward to seeing many of us.

Remembrance Sunday 11th Nov 9:30am at St Luke's

This will be a United Service and as usual we shall be joined by members of the Open Heaven Church, Crankhall Lane. This year we are commemorating the historic milestone of 100 years since the end of WW1. The service will be followed by an Act of Remembrance at the war memorial in Mesty Croft School grounds at 11am.



Sat 17th Nov 7pm: Commemoration Evening of the 100th Anniversary of the End of WW1 at St Luke's

Sing Along evening with Live Vocalist "Tom Wenlock" and enjoy a platter of Fish & Chip.



As we commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Armistice Day and the end of WW1 this year, we would like to remember by name any of our relatives and those known specially to us who served in the war in whatever capacity. If you have anyone, please put their name on the sheet provided in church. Names will be read and prayers offered during our Sunday service on 21st & 28th Oct and on 4th & 11th Nov. Thank you.

Harvest Donations-Thank you

A big thank you to all who donated food stuff and other items for our local food bank. Many who came to the harvest thanksgiving service last week would probably agree with me, that, it has been a long time since we've had such huge collection. Thank you once again for your love and generosity. May the bounteous Lord supply to all your needs.

Looking Ahead

Event	Venue	Date & Time	Action
Christmas Fayre	St Luke's Church/Hall	24th Nov 12-2pm	Help needed
Advent Carol Service	St Paul's Church	2nd Dec 6pm	Mince pies and mulled wine will be served after the service.
Messy Church Christmas Party	St Luke's Church/Hall	8th Dec 3-5pm	Food donation and help needed on the day
Christingle Service	St Paul's Church	16th Dec 4pm	Help Needed
Lessons and Carols Service	St Luke's Church/Hall	19th Dec	Help Needed
Nine Lessons and Carols Service	St Paul's Church	23rd Dec 6pm	Mince pies and tea served after the service.
Crib Service	St Paul's Church	24th Dec 5pm	Help Needed
Midnight Mass	St Paul's Church	24th Dec 11pm	Help Needed
Christmas Day Service	St Paul's Church	25th Dec 9:30am	Help Needed

WORSHIP IN THE PARISH

St Paul's

8am: Holy Communion, 1st & 3rd Sun of the month.

10:30am: Parish Eucharist AND Junior Church / Inbetweeners
(Young Youth)

*1st Sunday of the month is family service-No Eucharist**

12:30pm: Baptism, 2nd & 3rd Sun of the month.

St Luke's

9am: Eucharist (1st Sun of the month is a United Service at St Paul's,
10:30am)

10am: Eucharist every **Tuesday***

REGULAR ACTIVITIES & EVENTS IN THE PARISH

Luncheon Club

Tuesday, 12.15pm @ St Luke's

Parent & Toddlers

Wednesday, 9.30am @ St Luke's

Natter's Café

Wednesday, 1.30pm-3pm @ St Luke's

Messy Church

*3rd Saturday of the Month, 3-5pm @ St Luke's-Please check for any
changes in date before attending.*

Mother's Union

2nd Tuesday of the month, 7:00pm @ St Paul's

*These activities are particularly friendly to members of the local
community who are not in regular contact with the church.*

We are a church for your family

Every Sunday 10:30am

Junior Church (0-8rs) & In-betweeners (9-15yrs)

Monthly

Messy church every 3rd Saturday of the month

Others

Parents and toddlers play group on Wednesdays

Visit the parish website for more info: www.paulandluke.co.uk or text 07854675537

Some Useful Contacts

*Vicar: Rev Daniel Njuguna, 0121 556 0687,
email vicar@paulandluke.co.uk

*For general enquiries including baptisms, funerals, weddings and the hire of St Luke's Hall, come to the parish surgery every Thursday in the evening at 7-7:30pm and we will be happy to help.

*Home, Hospital and Care Homes Visits:

Speak to the Vicar, Len Lowland, Ray Smith and Mary Cooper.

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