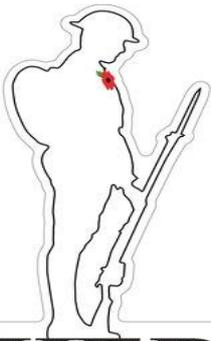


St Paul's and St Luke's  
Wood Green Parish, Wednesbury

## **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 100<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2018, 10-12:30pm. We hope that many will join us for the unveiling of the installation. The installation will remain until 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> Oct 3-5pm: Messy Church Light Party**

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

#### **Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> Nov 9:30am: Remembrance Service at Wood Green**

### **Cemetery:**

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

## **Remembrance Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> Nov 7pm: Commemoration Evening of the 100<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> & 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

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

## WORSHIP IN THE PARISH

### St Paul's

**8am:** Holy Communion, 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sun of the month.

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

*1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month is family service-No Eucharist\**

**12:30pm:** Baptism, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sun of the month.

### St Luke's

**9am:** Eucharist (1<sup>st</sup> 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**

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

### **Mother's Union**

*2<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://www.paulandluke.co.uk) or text 07854675537

## **Some Useful Contacts**

\*Vicar: Rev Daniel Njuguna, 0121 556 0687,  
email [vicar@paulandluke.co.uk](mailto: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.*

Parish Website: [www.paulandluke.co.uk](http://www.paulandluke.co.uk)