

This week your prayers are asked for those who are ill or in need including:-

Bill Finlay
Alison Pendleton
Sheila Clarke
Edna Feehan
Simon Lar
Mary
John Gray
Calum Corser
Royston Jones

Suzanne Finlay
David Sharp
Arnold Family
Freda Sykes
Nicholas Marples
Heather Walsh
Trevor Metcalf
Catrina Walker-Jones

The families and friends of those who have died:-

John Harrison
Pete Richardson
Gordon Palliser

Notices

Suggested links for prayer websites

<https://www.churchofengland.org>

<https://www.prayingeachday.org/prayersites.html>

www.24-7prayer.com

www.faithandworship.com

<https://www.sacredspace.ie>

Due to this current Corona-virus problem it has been suggested that if you wish us to be able to contact your next of kin in a case of emergency then please let Barbara or Karen know. Also should you wish to let us know that you are self-isolating then please contact Yvonne Kerridge.

'Not Coffee Morning' 10am & 11am

As we can't hold this as it is a social gathering we have resumed ZOOM Coffee Meetings on Saturday mornings. Please email, phone or message Barbara for the invitation. (However, none on 2nd January).

Thank you to all those who donated or helped to deliver the Christmas Lunches and Hampers—over 130 lunches were delivered.

**St. Paul's Church
Springfield Road, Sale**

Serving God and the community

Revd. Barbara Sharp

Church website:- www.stpaulsale.co.uk

**Sunday 27th December 2020
John The Evangelist / Christmas 1**

It is now required that you must wear a mask or face covering in church.

Collect

Merciful Lord,

cast your bright beams of light upon the Church: that, being enlightened by the teaching of your blessed apostle and evangelist Saint John, we may so walk in the light of your truth that we may at last attain to the light of everlasting life;

through Jesus Christ your incarnate Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion Prayer

Grant, O Lord, we pray, that the Word made flesh proclaimed by your apostle John may, by the celebration of these holy mysteries, ever abide and live within us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

During This Week

Today

6.00pm No Evensong

Thursday —

10.00am BCP Communion (on-line)

Next Sunday—

8.30am BCP Communion (on-line)

10.00am Parish Eucharist

6.00pm Evensong (on-line)

Please note that the Old Testament Reading will not be used at this time but is included for your own reflection at home.

Please take this sheet away with you.

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Old Testament Reading— Exodus 33.7-11a

⁷Moses used to take the tent and pitch it outside the camp, far off from the camp; he called it the tent of meeting. And everyone who sought the LORD would go out to the tent of meeting, which was outside the camp. ⁸Whenever Moses went out to the tent, all the people would rise and stand, each of them, at the entrance of their tents and watch

Moses until he had gone into the tent. ⁹When Moses entered the tent, the pillar of cloud would descend and stand at the entrance of the tent, and the LORD would speak with Moses. ¹⁰When all the people saw the pillar of cloud standing at the entrance of the tent, all the people would rise and bow down, all of them, at the entrance of their tents. ¹¹Thus the LORD used to speak to Moses face to face, as one speaks to a friend.

Psalm 117

Refrain: Alleluia.

- 1 O praise the Lord, all you nations; ♦
praise him, all you peoples.
- 2 For great is his steadfast love towards us, ♦
and the faithfulness of the Lord endures for
ever.
Alleluia.

Refrain: Alleluia.
Gracious God,
we praise you for your faithfulness
and pray that every nation may find your
blessing
in the face of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Epistle— 1 John 1

¹We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life – ²this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us – ³we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

⁵This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; ⁷but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

Gospel — John 21.19b-25

¹⁹After this Jesus said to Peter, 'Follow me.'
²⁰Peter turned and saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following them; he was the one who had reclined next to Jesus at the supper and had said, 'Lord, who is it that is going to betray you?' ²¹When Peter saw him, he said to Jesus, 'Lord, what about him?' ²²Jesus said to him, 'If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you? Follow me!' ²³So the rumour spread in the community that

this disciple would not die. Yet Jesus did not say to him that he would not die, but, 'If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you?'
²⁴This is the disciple who is testifying to these things and has written them, and we know that his testimony is true. ²⁵But there are also many other things that Jesus did; if every one of them were written down, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written.