

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

David Sharp
Sheila Clarke
Edna Feehan
Catrina Walker-Jones
Geoffrey Richards

As from today the above has been revised and should you wish anyone's name on the list please let Karen know—email salestpaul@aol.com

The families and friends of those who have died:-

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

As we can't hold this as it is a social gathering we have resumed ZOOM Coffee Meeting on Saturday mornings. Please email, phone or message Barbara for the invitation.

As the Covid19 rate is rising in Trafford we are asking people to be very careful in church particularly when you arrive and depart, do not stop to chat with others. It is very difficult not to especially if you live alone and not have had the chance to chat with anyone else, but if we are to keep the church open then we need to be very careful not to mix outside our own households or support bubble within the church and its grounds.

So remember not to linger at the back of church.

Barbara

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Springfield Road, Sale**

Serving God and the community

Revd. Barbara Sharp

Church website:- www.stpaulsale.co.uk

**Sunday 10th January 2021
Epiphany 1 / Baptism of Christ**

It is now required that you must wear a mask (covering your mouth and nose) or a face covering in church.

Collect

Eternal Father,
who at the baptism of Jesus
revealed him to be your Son,
anointing him with the Holy Spirit:
grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit,
that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children;
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.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord of all time and eternity,
you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father
in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son:
by the power of your Spirit
complete the heavenly work of our rebirth
through the waters of the new creation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

During This Week

Today

6.00pm Evensong (on-line)

Thursday —

10.00am BCP Communion (on-line)

Next Sunday—

8.30am BCP Communion (on-line)

10.00am Parish Eucharist

6.00pm Evensong (on-line)

TODAY is the deadline for the February Parish News and PCC Agenda.

Please note that the Old Testament Reading is not 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— Genesis 1.1-5

¹In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light.

⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Psalm 29

1 Ascribe to the Lord, you powers of heaven, ♦
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
2 Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his
name; ♦
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.
3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders; ♦
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.
4 The voice of the Lord is mighty in operation; ♦
the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice.
5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar
trees; ♦
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf ♦
and Sirion like a young wild ox.

7 The voice of the Lord splits the flash of
lightning;
the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; ♦
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
8 The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees
writhe
and strips the forests bare; ♦
in his temple all cry, 'Glory!'
9 The Lord sits enthroned above the water
flood; ♦
the Lord sits enthroned as king for evermore.
10 The Lord shall give strength to his people; ♦
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of
peace.

Epistle— Acts 19.1-7

¹While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the inland regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. ²He said to them, 'Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?' They replied, 'No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.' ³Then he said, 'Into what then were you baptized?' They answered, 'Into John's baptism.'

⁴Paul said, 'John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.' ⁵On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied – ⁷altogether there were about twelve of them.

Gospel — Mark 1.4-11

⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop

down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'