

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

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| David Sharp          | Sheila Clarke  |
| Catrina Walker-Jones | Calum Corser   |
| Trevor Metcalfe      | Mary Mangan    |
| Carole Shakeshaft    | Margaret Kehoe |
| Juliette Gillespie   | Pat Coulburn   |
| Chris Hughes         | Diana Kelly    |
| Grahame P Woodward   |                |

**The families and friends of those who have died:-**

Edna Feehan  
HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh

## Notices

Suggested links for prayer websites

<https://www.churchofengland.org>

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

[www.24-7prayer.com](http://www.24-7prayer.com)

[www.faithandworship.com](http://www.faithandworship.com)

<https://www.sacredspace.ie>

## '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 Yvonne Kerridge for the invitation.

Also now that the weather is beginning to improve Yvonne will go to the church if anyone wishes to join her in the grounds from about 11am (bring your own chair and drink) unless it is raining.

**As we are now in a Vacancy all services are subject to change at the last minute—at the moment we are struggling to find cover for the Thursday BCP Service although we do hope to be able to do this on the last Thursday of the month.**

**St. Paul's Church**  
**Springfield Road, Sale**  
*Serving God and the community*

Church website:- [www.stpaulsale.co.uk](http://www.stpaulsale.co.uk)

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2021**  
**Easter 4**

Please note that as we have been unable to obtain a priest for today our service will be a BCP Morning Prayer.

## Collect

Almighty God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:  
raise us, who trust in him,  
from the death of sin unto the life of righteousness,  
that we may seek those things which are above,  
where he liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## During This Week

### Today

6.00pm Evensong (on-line only)

### Thursday —

10.00am BCP Communion

### Next Sunday—

8.30am BCP Communion (live & on-line)

10.00am Parish Eucharist (live & on-line)

6.00pm Evensong (on-line)

Please remember that it is mandatory that you wear a face mask or shield which must **cover both your nose and mouth before you come into church** until after you have left the building.

## Psalm 23

1 The Lord is my shepherd; ♦  
therefore can I lack nothing.  
2 He makes me lie down in green pastures ♦  
and leads me beside still waters.  
3 He shall refresh my soul ♦  
and guide me in the paths of righteousness for  
his name's sake.  
4 Though I walk through the valley of the  
shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil; ♦  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

5 You spread a table before me  
in the presence of those who trouble me; ♦  
you have anointed my head with oil  
and my cup shall be full.  
6 Surely goodness and loving mercy shall follow  
me  
all the days of my life, ♦  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for  
ever.  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall  
be world without end.  
Amen.

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## First Reading— Acts 4.5-12

<sup>5</sup>The Jewish rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, <sup>6</sup>with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. <sup>7</sup>When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?' <sup>8</sup>Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, <sup>9</sup>if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed,

<sup>10</sup>let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. <sup>11</sup>This Jesus is "the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone."  
<sup>12</sup>There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.'

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## Second Reading — John 10.11-18

Jesus said to the Pharisees: <sup>11</sup>I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away – and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup>The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. <sup>14</sup>I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me

and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. <sup>17</sup>For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. <sup>18</sup>No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'