

# ST PAUL'S Church, New England

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Children/Families Worker-Part-Time: Gill Thompson

Licensed Pastoral Minister: Val Watkinson

Vicar: Rev Ron Watkinson. 314117

**23rd August –11th Sunday after Trinity**

Welcome to our Sunday worship. We are respecting up to 2m social distancing to keep us safe & using hand gel as in line with House of Bishop & Government Guidance. **We currently have to wear a face mask in the church.**



Please only sit where a seat pad has been put. On your own or in your 'social bubble'.

**Welcome to all & especially visitors. Please give Welcomers your name & a contact number so that we can contact, if necessary, you as per Government instructions re Covid.**

**Sunday: Bible Reading :**

**Gospel of Matthew ch16 v13-20**

**Reflection: 'The most important question?'**

**BEFORE THE SERVICE: Please put any donations/offertory in the basket at the back.**

Several people who would usually be at our Sun or Weds services cannot come for various reasons or working. We send our love, blessings & prayers to each one.

Initially the services will be as short as possible; without singing (although we have music) & no tea/coffee time to try & keep everyone as safe as possible, so no contact at the time of The Peace, just say it and perhaps give a 'wave'.

**\*If it would help you to spend a short time in church on your own please contact Val/Rev Ron**

**Please keep this weekly News Sheet. If you are on email but not receiving the sheet by email please contact Val on [valwatkinson@yahoo.com](mailto:valwatkinson@yahoo.com) who will ask you to fill in a GDPR permission slip for her to have your email address on her computer so you can be contacted using your email.**

## **ST PAUL'S VISION PRAYER**

**We would like to see this lovely church go on for many more years to come, filled with people of all ages; a church that is vibrant & growing in strength & faith; a busy church; a church that people will be proud to call their own; a cornerstone of New England. Amen.**

**COLLECT:** God of glory, the end of our searching, help us to lay aside all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom, and to give all that we have **to gain the pearl beyond all price**, through our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Use the freephone **08008048044** Daily Hope line to listen to hymns & reflections, etc It is very encouraging

**Today: 2.30pm** Baptism of baby Nella Michalak

**26 Weds:** 10.30am Eucharist service.

**27 Thurs 11.15am** Funeral of Tony Aldous (**Family & invited friends only due to limited space re Covid**). **Parking in Salvation Army car park** opposite. Please see Val if you offered/can offer help with refreshments & stewarding.

**30 Sun: 10.30am Eucharist**

## **PLEASE PRAY**

**Pray that we are faithful in prayer to God for all who are not well including those who are carers to them at home, hospital or care /nursing home.** Pray too for all suffering mental illness, whatever their age.

**Church members not well:** Anne Rosam; Sally Rose; Jenny Baxter; Lynda Barton; Fran King; Roger & Pam Howland; Trevor & Marian Benthams; Edna Hall; Edith Bean; Michael & Linda Clark; Sheila & Tom Riseley; Iris & Doreen Genever; Marian Wales; Sheila Onyskiw; William Masters; Mary Campbell; all who are shielding  
**Friends of St Paul's not well.** Rev Graham Tooth; Eric Lavender; Michael Cooper; Doreen Clarke & Kenny Clare; Ruth Atkin; Caroline Boyle; Doug & Margaret Scott; Nick Hawkey; Jennifer Saunders.

**Please pray for all you know who are bereaved** including the family of Tony Aldous.

**THANK YOU** for continued financial gifts to St Paul's and also food for Foodbank .

**Quotes from you regarding LOCKDOWN** :.send/give Rev Ron a quote on what you have experienced – good/bad; new beginnings; difficult; etc .Thank you to those who have already sent your 'quotes'.

**Celebrating Harvest-Sun 13 Sept @ 10.30am. Also suggesting an Outdoor Picnic @ 12.45 in the Church grounds.**

**To keep safe you will need to bring your own picnic food, drink, utensils please & sit in your bubble groups. Anyone interested contact Rev Ron or Val please. All subject to Covid guidelines on that date.**

**Call Rev Ron or Val** on **314117** for general enquiries about the Christian faith & Baptism. Although numbers attending are restricted we can now hold funerals & weddings in church as well as other services. Rev Ron can also take funerals at the Crematorium or Graveside. Also, relatives can enquire about a Celebration of Life service for their loved ones who have died during Lockdown. More details from [valwatkinson@yahoo.com](mailto:valwatkinson@yahoo.com) (GDPR consent required from you if you want to receive ongoing email info). See Val for Consent Form please. **Note:** Please contact us prior to visiting the Vicarage so we can unlock the gate for you!