

SAINT PAUL, WHITLEY BAY

**4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT,
CHRISTMAS DAY AND
1ST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS**

21ST, 25TH AND 28TH DECEMBER 2025

*Welcome to your newsletter, which covers a period of two weeks.
Please use it to help in your prayers each day.*

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**A happy and blessed Christmas
to everyone
and all best wishes for 2026**



Christmas at St Paul's		
Sunday 21 st Dec	Quiet Christmas	6pm
Monday 22 nd Dec	Children's Christmas activities	10am to 12 noon
Tuesday 23 rd Dec	Carol singing at Eothen	11am
	Carol singing at Coble house	2pm
Wednesday 24 th Dec Christmas Eve	Eucharist	10am
	Crib service	3pm
	Nine lessons and carols	6pm
	Midnight Mass	11pm
Thursday 25 th Dec Christmas Day	Holy Communion (BCP)	8.30am
	Sund Eucharist	10am

*Please take a Christmas Card from St Paul's
which has all the service times for Christmas 2025 a
and check this newsletter for other services and events*

Collect, readings & hymns for 4th Sunday of Advent, 21st December

Collect: God our redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son: grant that, as she looked for his coming as our Saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Readings:

Isaiah 7: 10 – 16

Romans 1: 1 – 7

Gospel:

Matthew 1: 18 – end

Hymns: *New English Hymnal*

3 Come thou long expected Jesus,

161 For Mary, Mother of the Lord

11 O come, o come Emmanuel

501 Advent prose

9 Lo! He comes with clouds descending

Collect, readings & hymns for Christmas Day, 25th December

Collect: Almighty God, you have given us your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin: grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; 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. **Amen.**

Readings:

Isaiah 52: 7 – 10

Hebrews 1: 1 – 4

Gospel:

John 1: 1 – 14

Hymns: *New English Hymnal*

30 O come, all ye faithful,

32 O little town of Bethlehem,

42 While shepherds watched their flocks

33 Of the Father's love begotten,

26 Hark! the herald angels sing

Collect, readings & hymns for 1st Sunday of Christmas, 28th December

Collect: Almighty God, who wonderfully created us in your own image and yet more wonderfully restored us through your Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as he came to share in our humanity, so we may share the life of his divinity; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Readings:

Jeremiah 31: 15 – 17

1 Corinthians 1: 26 – 29

Gospel:

Matthew 2: 13 – 18

Hymns: *Mission Praise*

35 Angels from the realms of glory

393 Joy to the world, the Lord has come!

211 Hark! The herald angels sing

47 Away in a manger, no crib for a bed

644 The first nowell the angels did say

Intercessions and intentions for the next two weeks

Please pray for all those on our prayer lists, especially:

Sunday Prayer list: Jan Casey, Cathy West, Lucy Proctor, Sue Bale, Bob Moore, Bruce Thompson, Sue Day, Catherine, Roger, Fiona.

Wednesday Prayer list: Michael Bradley, Christine Deighton, Pat Eilback, David Hall, Deborah Henderson, Ava Kennedy, Kay Lutz, Pam MacKenzie, Terry Mason, Sue Simpkin, David Simms, Dave Stevenson, Maureen, Marie, Lottie, Tony.

Those whose anniversaries of death fall at this time:

Week beginning 21st December: Frank Pearson, May Jackson, Lillian Walker, Etta Thursfield, Ethel Croft, Cicely James, Rita Gell

Week beginning 28th December: Leslie Keen, Betty Ingleby, Alberta Walker, Margaret Jones, Mona Aldren, Edward Clayton, Denise Rutherford, Fred Knott, Garry Day, Jennie banks, Elizabeth Brooks, Joyce Woods, Kathleen Nicholson, Frances Price, Cordelia and Herbert Calder

Prayer intentions for week commencing 21 st December		
Sun 21	4th Sunday of Advent	<i>The Parish</i>
Mon 22	Of the day	<i>Children's Christmas activities</i>
Tue 23	Of the day	<i>Local care homes</i>
Wed 24	Christmas Eve	<i>Shelter North East</i>
Thur 25	Christmas Day	<i>The Parish</i>
Fri 26	St Stephen	<i>Deacons</i>
Sat 27	St John, Apostle & Evangelist	<i>Evangelists</i>

Prayer intentions for week commencing 28 th December		
Sun 28	1st Sunday of Christmas	<i>The Parish</i>
Mon 29	St Thomas Beckett	<i>Morpeth Deanery</i>
Tue 30	Of the day	<i>For those missing family & friends</i>
Wed 31	Of the day	<i>Emergency services</i>
Thu 1 Jan	The naming of Jesus	<i>Peace in the world</i>
Fri 2	St Basil and St Gregory	<i>Orthodox Christians</i>
Sat 3	Of the day	<i>Sacristan and servers</i>

Services for the next two weeks

All Eucharist services held in church (except 8.30am on Sundays) are livestreamed & recorded via our YouTube channel: www.bit.ly/OurStream

Morning Prayer at St Paul's:	Monday to Thursday at 8.30am
Saturday Prayer at St Paul's	Saturday at 9.30am
St Paul's open for private prayer:	Saturday from 10am to 11am

Please note:

Week beginning Monday 22nd December:

*Morning Prayer Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday at 8.30 am
Saturday at 9.30 am.*

After Christmas Day:

No weekday Morning Prayer until Monday 12th January 2026 at 8.30am.

*The normal pattern for the Daily Office will resume on
Monday 12th January 2026*

Sunday 21 st Dec	4 th Sunday of Advent	Holy Communion (BCP) 8.30am Sung Eucharist 10am Quiet Christmas 6pm
Wednesday 24 th Dec	Christmas Eve	Eucharist 10am Crib service 3pm Service of nine lessons & carols 6pm Midnight Mass 11pm
Thursday 25 th Dec	Christmas Day	Holy Communion (BCP) 8.30am Sung Eucharist 10am
Saturday 27 th Dec	St John, Apostle and Evangelist	Morning Prayer & Eucharist 9.30am
Sunday 28 th Dec	1 st Sunday of Christmas and holy Innocents	Holy Communion (BCP) 8.30am Sung Eucharist 10am <i>No evening service</i>
Wednesday 31 st Dec		Eucharist 10am
Sunday 4 th Jan	Epiphany	Holy Communion (BCP) 8.30am Sung Eucharist 10am Choral Evensong 6pm

Dates for your 2026 diary

St Paul's Bible Study	Restarts Saturday 10 th January 10am
St Paul's Fellowship Group	Restarts Tuesday 13 th January 7pm
Patronal festival supper	Saturday 24 th January 7pm
CET applications deadline	Friday 6 th February
St Paul's APCM	Sunday 22 nd March

Notices

Children's Nativity Activity morning: Monday 22nd December from 10am to 12noon with activities, crafts, dressing up and music for the whole family. Come along and follow the trail at your own pace, collecting stickers as you go to complete the nativity scene! Suitable for all, but especially families with children up to 11 years old.

Communion and Carols at Eothen: you're invited to join with Eothen residents on Tuesday 23rd December at 11am for their regular communion service, and also to sing some Christmas carols together. Everyone is welcome to join in. We'll set off from church at 10:45 so that we can be in place for a prompt start.

Carols at Coble House: Tuesday 23rd December at 2pm. Please see Revd Mairi for more information/if you are able to go.

Christmas flowers: There is a box at the back of church for donations towards the cost of Christmas flowers. Thank you, The Flower Guild

St Paul's Christmas Card: please take a Christmas Card from St Paul's WB (from the back of church) with all the services times during this Christmas 2025.

Patronal Festival Supper 2026: Saturday 24th January at 7pm Pie and Peas supper with entertainment.

Cullercoats Educational Trust: the Trust is able to help individuals and groups from the parishes of St Paul's and St George's with funding for studies, promoting Christian religious activities and helping to achieve religious, social and physical education goals. See posters for more information. The deadline for the submission of application to be considered at the next meeting is Friday 6th February 2026.

St Paul's Annual Parochial Church Meeting: preparations will be starting soon for the APCM which will be held in March. I will be contacting people for annual reports from committees, guilds and organisations over the coming weeks. Thank you in advance. Mary Evans, PCC secretary.

Newsletter entries: for the next newsletter please pass them to Mary Evans *by 6pm on Friday 2nd January 2026*, by phone on 0191 252 1424 or by email to maryevans14@btinternet.com