

SAINT PAUL, WHITLEY BAY

12TH AND 13TH SUNDAYS AFTER TRINITY

23RD AND 30TH AUGUST 2026

*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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Collect, readings & hymns for 12th Sunday after Trinity, 23rd August

Collect: Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of 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 51: 1 – 6

Romans 12: 1 – 8

Gospel:

Matthew 16: 13 – 20

Hymns: *Mission Praise*

16 All my hope on God is founded,

25 All to Jesus I surrender,

673 There is a Redeemer,

396 Just as I am, without one plea,

640 The Church's one foundation

Collect, readings & hymns for 13th Sunday after Trinity, 30th August

Collect: Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Readings:

Jeremiah 15: 15 – 21

Romans 12: 9 – end

Gospel:

Matthew 16: 21 – end

Hymns: *New English Hymnal*

339 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,

377 Immortal, invisible, God only wise,

76 Take up thy cross, the Saviour said,

390 Jesus, where'er thy people meet,

186 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the

Lord:

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, Craig Bell, Violet Dodds, Maureen Duffy, John Moodie, Bryn Watkins, Catherine, Roger, Fiona, Amy, Rachel, Rabije, Dorothy, Oscar, Jan, Celia

Wednesday Prayer list: Michael Bradley, David Hall, Deborah Henderson, Ava Kennedy, Pam MacKenzie, Sue Simpkin, Dave Stevenson, Maureen, Marie, Lottie, Tony

The recently departed: Bill Temple, Pauline Squib, Sarah Coxon

Those whose anniversaries of death fall at this time:

Week beginning 23rd August: David Kirsop, Robert Easthough, Louie Robinson, Elizabeth McMahon, James Riley, May Robinson, Granville Wood, May Storey

Week beginning 30th August: Edith Hardcastle, Jean Wood, Jean Matfin, Robert McGregor, Violet Woods, Albert Roberts, Rena Robson, Mary Smith

Prayer intentions for week commencing 23 rd August		
Sun 23	12th Sunday after Trinity	<i>The Parish</i>
Mon 24	St Bartholomew	<i>Hall management committee</i>
Tue 25	Of the day	<i>Language and speech therapists</i>
Wed 26	Of the day	<i>Those seeking employment</i>
Thur 27	St Monica	<i>Mothers</i>
Fri 28	St Augustine	<i>Bishop Helen-Ann Bishop Mark</i>
Sat 29	The beheading of John the Baptist	<i>Prisoners of conscience</i>

Prayer intentions for week commencing 30 th August		
Sun 30	13th Sunday after Trinity	<i>The Parish</i>
Mon 31	St Aidan	<i>Archdeacon of Lindisfarne</i>
Tue 1 Sep	Of the day	<i>Fellowship group</i>
Wed 2	Of the day	<i>NSPCC</i>
Thu 3	St Gregory	<i>Teachers of the faith</i>
Fri 4	Of the day	<i>Those feeling lonely and isolated</i>
Sat 5	Of the day	<i>Utility operators</i>

Services for the next two weeks

Please see the insert to this newsletter setting out the information about services and livestreaming during the accessibility building work.

Sunday 23 rd Aug	12 th Sunday after Trinity	Holy Communion (BCP) 8.30am Sung Eucharist 10am Space and Time for God followed by Compline 6pm to 8pm
Monday 24 th August	St Bartholomew	Eucharist 10am
Wednesday 26 th Aug		Eucharist 10am
<i>From August 27th all services will be held in the Parish Centre. Please note some of the times are altered</i>		
Sunday 30 th Aug	13 th Sunday after Trinity	Holy Communion (BCP) 8.30am Sung Eucharist 10am <i>No evening service</i>
Wednesday 2 nd Sept		Eucharist 10am
Sunday 6 th Sept	Dedication Festival and Mairi's Farewell	Holy Communion (BCP) 8.30am Sung Eucharist 10am <i>followed by presentation to thank Mairi and shared lunch</i> Choral Evensong 4pm

Dates for your diary

Memory café at St Paul's	Thursday 27 th August 11am to 12.30pm
Fellowship group resumes	Tuesday 1 st Sept 7pm in the Parish Centre
Dedication concert	Saturday 5 th Sept 4pm in the Parish Centre
Mairi's last service & farewell lunch	Sunday 6 th Sept in the Parish Centre
Bible study resumes	Saturday 12 th Sept 10am in Parish Centre
PCC meeting	Tuesday 8 th Sept 7pm in the choir vestry
Chorister open evening	Wednesday 16 th Sept 7pm in the choir vestry
Deadline for CET applications	Friday 2 nd October
Harvest supper	Saturday 3 rd October in the Parish Centre
Mairi's licensing: St Mary's Howdon	Tuesday 6 th October 7.30pm

Fellowship Group will resume on Tuesday 1st September from 7pm in the Parish Centre. All welcome to join us for a time of reflection, sharing and fellowship.
Tuesdays 1st, 15th and 29th Sept, 13th and 27th Oct and 10th Nov.

Bible Study sessions will resume on Saturday 12th September 10am to 11am in the Parish Centre. We will be studying and reflecting on the book of Psalms: poetry, prayer and life experience. The Psalms are a beautiful literary recollection of God's love for the human family. Saturdays 12th and 26th Sept, 10th and 24th Oct, 7th and 21st Nov.

Mairi's Farewell and last service at St Paul's: Sunday 6th September:

As you may know Mairi has been appointed Team Rector of Willington Quay and Priest in Charge at St John's Wallsend. Her last service and farewell at St Paul's will take place on Sunday 6th September (Dedication Festival). After the service we will have a celebration for Mairi with a bring and share finger lunch, drinks will be provided.

We would also like to show Mairi our appreciation and mark her time at St. Paul's: if you have photos from her time with us you can share, and a farewell message or story we would like to collect them for her. Please, send the photos and messages to Mary Evans (maryevans14@btinternet.com) or the Vicar (vilaseca26@yahoo.es) by August 31st the latest. If you would like to contribute to a leaving gift then please give your donation to Lilian Martin (preferably in an envelope marked MH). If you want to donate electronically, please mark your donation For Mairi. Thank you very much.

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Notices

'Space and time' for God followed by Compline: Sunday 23rd August from 6pm to 8pm. We will be holding a time of worship, prayer and praise to enable the space to encounter our living God finishing with the service of Compline.

Dedication Concert: Saturday 5th September in the Parish Centre. Tea and scones will be served from 4pm and at 4:30pm *Musica Johannes* will provide an hour of music and entertainment. Tickets £6 at the door. All welcome!

Dementia Friendly Memory Café: Do you care for someone with memory loss? Why not pop into the memory café for a free cuppa, cake and a chat for all - with some activities for anyone who wants to join in. The sessions are held in St Paul's Parish Centre from 11am to 12.30pm on the last Thursday of each month. The next session will be held on Thursday 27th August 11am to 12.30pm.

Chorister open evening: If you enjoy singing or have ever wondered what it would be like to sing in a church choir, come along to our open evening on Wednesday 16th September 7pm (in the choir vestry). This is a friendly chance to meet the choir, have a go at singing together and try out an anthem in rehearsal. No previous choir experience is needed – just bring your voice and a willingness to join in! The anthem we rehearse will be sung at our Climate Sunday service on 20th September, so it's a great opportunity to be part of something meaningful from the very start.

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. The deadline for consideration at the next meeting is Friday 2nd October 2026. Please send applications to Mary Evans at maryevans14@btinternet.com

Newsletter entries: for the next newsletter please pass them to Mary Evans by 6pm on Friday 4th September 2026, by phone on 0191 252 1424 or by email to maryevans14@btinternet.com