



## NEWS AND NOTES

### Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July Fourth Sunday after Trinity

#### Who is our neighbour?

As Heaton Park reverberates with *Rock 'n' Roll Stars* and Oasis fans ask *D'You Know What I Mean?* while hunting for decent parking and overpriced merchandise, our Sunday focus shifts to a different kind of headline act: the Good Samaritan. He didn't just walk on by—he stepped in, reminding us that being a true *Wonderwall* means showing mercy when it matters most. So whether you're *Standing on the Shoulder of Giants* to see the stage, or dodging fans feeling *Supersonic*, we need to encourage one another to *Don't Look Back In Anger* when plans go awry. Instead, may we move forward in love, grace, and maybe just a little extra patience. After all, being a good neighbour beats being *Half the World Away*.

Rev Pam Smith



## SUNDAY READINGS

### Deuteronomy 30.9–14

<sup>9</sup>and the LORD your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your soil. For the LORD will again take delight in prospering you, just as he delighted in prospering your ancestors, <sup>10</sup>when you obey the LORD your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul. <sup>11</sup>Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. <sup>12</sup>It is not in heaven, that you should say, 'Who will go up to heaven for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?' <sup>13</sup>Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, 'Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?' <sup>14</sup>No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.

### Colossians 1.1–14

<sup>1</sup>Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

<sup>2</sup>To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father. <sup>3</sup>In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>4</sup>for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, <sup>5</sup>because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope

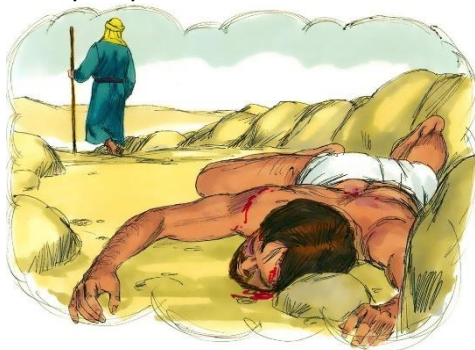
before in the word of the truth, the gospel <sup>6</sup>that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. <sup>7</sup>This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow-servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, <sup>8</sup>and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit. <sup>9</sup>For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, <sup>10</sup>so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. <sup>11</sup>May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully <sup>12</sup>giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. <sup>13</sup>He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, <sup>14</sup>in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

### **Luke 10.25–37**

25 A lawyer stood up to test Jesus. 'Teacher,' he said, 'what must I do to inherit eternal life?' <sup>26</sup>He said to him, 'What is written in the law? What do you read there?' <sup>27</sup>He answered, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself.' <sup>28</sup>And he said to him, 'You have

given the right answer; do this, and you will live.'

<sup>29</sup> But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' <sup>30</sup>Jesus replied, 'A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. <sup>31</sup>Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup>So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup>But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. <sup>34</sup>He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. <sup>35</sup>The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, "Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend."



<sup>36</sup> 'Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?' <sup>37</sup>He said, 'The one who showed him mercy.' Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'

## WEEKLY CHURCH PRAYERS

### Collect

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy:  
increase and multiply upon us your mercy;  
that with you as our ruler and guide  
we may so pass through things temporal  
that we lose not our hold on things  
eternal; grant this, heavenly Father,  
for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
Amen.

### Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God,  
comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken,  
you have fed us at the table of life and hope:  
teach us the ways of gentleness and peace,  
that all the world may acknowledge  
the kingdom of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

### Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July

9.00am Stay and Play at St Paul's  
5.00pm Worship Leaders Online

### Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July

9.00am Stay and Play at St Andrew's  
10.45am Midweek Worship at St Andrew's

### Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July

11.00am Thursday Worship at the Hub  
12.00pm Blackley Community Hub

### Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> July

10.00am Community Café at St Paul's  
2.00pm Wedding of Samantha and Steven  
at St Peter's

## CHURCH MEETINGS

### WORSHIP LEADERS MEETING

Weekly on Mondays at 5pm online  
Next in-person meeting is **30<sup>th</sup> July at 7pm**

### PCC MEETINGS

St Andrew's	19 <sup>th</sup> August, 7.15pm
St Paul's	28 <sup>th</sup> July, 7.15pm
St Peter's	24 <sup>th</sup> July, 7.15pm

### DEANERY MEETINGS

Deanery Synod	14 <sup>th</sup> October, 7.30pm
Deanery Chapter	23 <sup>rd</sup> July, 12.30pm

## BLACKLEY COMMUNITY NEWS

### Joint Service

#### Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August – 10am

Thank you to those who have offered to help with catering and refreshments for the Joint Service at the end of August.

Can we meet at the **Rectory at 7pm on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July** for a half hour chat about what we can manage between us?

A reminder: If you rely on public transport to get to church and are worried about getting to St Paul's that morning, don't worry! Please let Pam or your Wardens know and we will organise a lift for you.

*Please note: there will not be services at St Peter's or St Andrew's on this day. The joint service is for EVERYONE.*

## Poppy Appeal

The appeal for poppies is going well – thank you to all who have asked for patterns and ideas to make them out of recycled materials.

I will put some patterns and a box to collect them in each church. Please get in touch with me if you can't get to church to collect/drop off.

## New Incumbent at St John's and St Matthew's

The next Incumbent of St John's Moston and St Matthew's with St Mary's Crumpsall will be Reverend Hannah Rudd. Her installation and licensing is due to be in the evening of 12<sup>th</sup> September, and we will be informed of the time and location in due course. We welcome Hannah to the Mission Community and look forward to working with her in the coming months and years.

## Christmas 2025

I know it's early, but it's never too early to be thinking about Christmas! Plans are afoot at **St Peter's** to celebrate Christmas in style this year, starting with a Christmas Fair on 22<sup>nd</sup> November. There will also be a Christmas Tree Festival that runs for 4 weekends from the date of the Fair until 14<sup>th</sup> December, where we will close the festival with Community Carol Singing at 4pm. Please be on the lookout for appeals for help in the coming weeks. Thanks to Karen and the team for planning and organising things.

## Rota Reminders

My continuing thanks go to those who offer themselves by serving in our churches each week.

You will get a digital reminder during the week before your rota slot, but you can easily check ahead by clicking the rota page on our website: [Rotas - Blackley Churches](#)

## FOR YOUR PERSONAL PRAYERS

### Those exploring Christian faith

- ✝ **Samanta** whose baptism will be at St Paul's during the service on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July

### Those getting married

- ✝ **Samantha Henchion and Steven Bond**, whose wedding will be at St Peter's on 19<sup>th</sup> July at 2pm

### Those grieving

- Family and friends of
- ✝ **Eric Gent**, funeral Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July at 10.00am at St Andrew's Church.
- ✝ **Carol Cooper**, funeral on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> July at 10.30am
- ✝ **Pastor Paul Alafobi (Festus)**, funeral on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> August at 11am at St Paul's Church, with burial at Blackley Cemetery at 1pm.
- ✝ Those who are remembering the anniversary of a loved one at this time.

### Those caring

- ✝ Staff and residents at **Blackley Care Home**

### Blackley residents and visitors

- ✝ **Southbrook Avenue, Southwood Drive, and Sowerby Walk**

## Community Organisations

- ✝ Volunteers, staff and service users of  
**Morriso Health**

## Schools and Young People

- ✝ All children and staff at **St Clare's  
Primary School**

## Worldwide Church

- ✝ The Church of North India (United)  
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found by clicking here: [LifeEventEnquiry](#)



## WHO'S WHO IN YOUR PCC

### St Andrew's

#### Church Wardens:

Dianne McCann & Graham Gordon

**Treasurer:** Graham Gordon

**Secretary:** Colin Birnie-Campbell

**Safeguarding Officer:** Dianne McCann

**Deanery Synod Rep:** Ruth Chadwick

**Lay Members:** Katherine Strudwick, Helen  
Vickers, Jean Gordon, Kevin Smith, Sally James,  
James Jackson

### St Paul's

#### Church Wardens:

David Armsbey & Paul Sykes

**Treasurer:** Jackie Whitehurst

**Secretary:** Jody Swain

**Safeguarding Officer:** Taron Entwistle

**Deanery Synod Reps:** Jody Swain & Jackie  
Whitehurst

**Lay Members:** Taron Entwistle, Lyn Kelly,  
Derek Swain, Joanne Bradley, Tina Gafa, Ellen  
Brown

### St Peter's

#### Church Wardens:

Michael Scotney and Dave Heal

**Treasurer:** Bev Sutton

**Secretary:** Anne Morrison

**Safeguarding Officer:** Karen Moores

**Deanery Synod Rep:** Dave Heal

**Lay Members:** Dorothy Dunleavy, Anne  
Morrison, Julie Eaton, Sue Winstanley, Karen  
Moores, Bev Sutton

