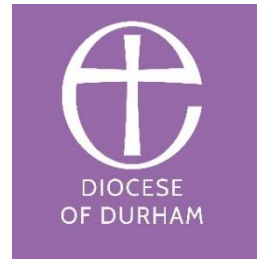




THE PARISH JARROW AND SIMONSDIE

*We aim to share our faith, hope and love in God with all,
through our worship, witness and service.*



Eighth Sunday after Trinity – 26th July 2026

You are warmly invited to worship with us this Sunday.

Important Vacancy Update

We have been informed by the Diocese that we will be starting the process to think about filling the vacancy for a new Rector in the parish. This is known as the Vacancy Audit Process (VAP) and is something that all parishes in the diocese are asked to undertake when they are in vacancy.

Archdeacon Katherine and Chris Rousell (Growing Mission Enabler) will be beginning this process with the PCC on **Tuesday 4th August at 7pm**. This will be the first of multiple meetings.

Please be praying for members of PCC and all those involved as we begin this process of discussion and discernment together.

This week we prayer for:-

- For Jude Darnen Crookes who is being baptized this afternoon at St Paul's.
- For more people in our parish to come to know Jesus Christ.
- All those who are caught up in conflict around the world.
- For those suffering today in body, mind or spirit.
- For those who are mourning a loved one at this time.

Hymn Numbers

St Paul's

586

Psalm 119 Verses 129 – 136

Chant 234

494

442

343

277

St Peter's & St John's

490

343

512

75 (tune 386)

16

St Simon's

306

376

369

451

373

PARISH CONTACT DETAILS

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Safeguarding Officer – Irene McConnachie

Ministers.

Rector- Vacant

Please pray for all those taking up extra responsibilities at this time.

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Revd Andrew's day off is Friday.

Collect

Lord God,
your Son left the riches of heaven
and became poor for our sake:
when we prosper save us from pride,
when we are needy save us from despair,
that we may trust in you alone;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Post Communion

Strengthen for service, Lord,
the hands that have taken holy things;
may the ears which have heard your word
be deaf to clamour and dispute;
may the tongues which have sung your
praise be free from deceit;
may the eyes which have seen the tokens
of your love shine with the light of hope;
and may the bodies which have been fed
with your body be refreshed with the
fullness of your life; glory to you for ever.
Amen.

Old Testament Reading – 1 Kings 3.5-12

⁵ At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, 'Ask what I should give you.' ⁶ And Solomon said, 'You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart towards you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. ⁷ And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸ And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. ⁹ Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?' ¹⁰ It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹ God said to him, 'Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, ¹² I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.

Psalm 119.129-136 *Refrain:- The opening of your word gives light.*

129 Your testimonies are wonderful; ♦
therefore my soul keeps them.

130 The opening of your word gives
light; ♦
it gives understanding to the simple. **[R]**

131 I open my mouth and draw in my
breath, ♦

as I long for your commandments.

132 Turn to me and be gracious to
me, ♦

as is your way with those who love your
name. **[R]**

133 Order my steps by your word, ♦
and let no wickedness have dominion
over me.

134 Redeem me from earthly
oppressors ♦

so that I may keep your
commandments. **[R]**

135 Show the light of your
countenance upon your servant ♦
and teach me your statutes.

136 My eyes run down with streams of
water, ♦

because the wicked do not keep your
law. **[R]**

***Refrain:- The opening of your word
gives light***

New Testament Reading- Romans 8.26-end

²⁶ Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷ And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. ²⁸ We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. ³⁰ And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

God's Love in Christ Jesus

³¹ What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³² He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? ³³ Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. ³⁵ Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶ As it is written, 'For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.' ³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Matthew 13.31-33, 44-52 The Parable of the Mustard Seed

³¹ He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; ³² it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.'

The Parable of the Yeast

³³ He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.'

Three Parables

⁴⁴ 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. ⁴⁵ 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶ on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. ⁴⁷ 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; ⁴⁸ when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. ⁴⁹ So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰ and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Treasures New and Old

⁵¹ 'Have you understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.' ⁵² And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'

The Parish Prayer List

Chris Haynes, Grant MacBeth, James Moore, Margaret Guy, Harriet Frazer, Nora Lough, Susan Pink, Jacqui Cullen, Muriel Robinson, Margaret Graves, George Dunn and Ryan.

(If you would like to add or remove a name from our list, please contact Leanne in the office.)



Notices and News

Parish Prayer Walks: As in previous years, this August Lucy and Revd Andrew will be prayer walking around the parish praying for more people in our communities to come to know Jesus Christ. This year, these will be happening on **Mondays at 2pm**. They'd love for you to join them either in person or from home. 3rd August: St Simon's, 10th August: St John's, 17th August: St Paul's, 24th August: St Peter's.

Parish Afternoon Tea: The Parish Afternoon Tea is re-scheduled for Saturday 12th September, 2pm at St John's. Tickets are £10, available from Dorothy Lamb.

Line Dance: The annual Line Dance is happening on Friday 16th October at 7pm at St John's. Tickets are £5, available from Dorothy Lamb.

Upcoming Parish Services

Sunday 2nd August, 10am at **St Simon's**.
Bishop Rick, Bishop of Durham, will be taking the service which includes a baptism.

Sunday 30th August, 10am at **St John's**.
Ven. Katherine Bagnall, Archdeacon of Sunderland, will be taking the service.

Sunday 13th September, 10am at **St Peter's**.
Please note this is the second Sunday because of the Great North Run.

Sunday 5th October, 10am at **St Paul's**.
Preacher: Revd James Shelton, Director of the Cuthbert Centre for Pilgrimage and Prayer at Durham Cathedral.

Circle of Prayer On Monday's at 2pm

*Lord, I can't feel you close by.
Yet you promise to be with me always,
right to the end, so I know you are there.
You come near through the words of friends,
but I do not listen.
You are there in the world around me,
in your Creation, but I do not see.
Melt the pain of my heart, open my ears and my eyes.
Let your love flow through me and out into your world.*

*With your promise, Lord,
I walk from the shadow into the light.
Thank you, loving Jesus,
for these many years that you have given to me.
Thank you for being the light, in the dark hours of my life,
and for bringing me joy in my dark moments.
Amen.*



For more information, please see our parish website:
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