

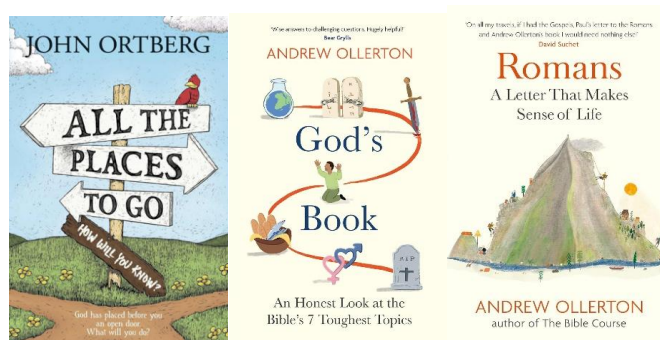


St Paul's Church



As we all continue on our individual journeys and collectively as church family, the following people have been more a part of my journey to St Nicholas and St Paul's than I realised.

John Ortberg. I was given a book to read by my vicar called "All the Places to Go," which I read twice, just for good measure. I later came across Andrew Ollerton. Some of you know him from Scripture Union and The Bible Course which he created. I had the opportunity of meeting him at Spring Harvest this year and purchased his latest book, God's Book, An honest look at the Bible's 7 Toughest Topics. I must admit, I started it and couldn't put it down, so I have no idea why I haven't finished it. Still, the summer is coming and if children across our country are about to embark on the library reading challenge (to read one book a week for the six weeks summer break), I am challenging you to read two Christian directed books this summer. If I rock up at church with a pile of books, please don't be surprised. Mother has suggested that I open up a mobile library, as I have so many books, (many I haven't opened). Let me know if you're up for the summer challenge. Send me an email, or better still a picture of you reading a Christian book in the most unusual...or usual place. Perhaps we can make a collage of pictures by mid-September, just for fun.



Rev Claude

SERVICES

SUNDAY 31 MAY – Trinity Sunday

10.30 am – All-Age Service – Rev Claude

Readings: 2 Corinthians 13.11-13; Matthew 28.16-20

SUNDAY 7 JUNE – 1st Sunday after Trinity

10.30 am – Café Worship – Gwyn

Readings: Hosea 5.15 - 6.6 Matthew 9.9-13, 18-26

SUNDAY 14 JUNE – 2nd Sunday after Trinity

9.15 am for 9.30 am - Bubble Church

10.30 am – All-Age Service with Communion – Rev Claude

SUNDAY 21 JUNE – 3rd Sunday after Trinity

10.30 am – Morning Worship – Gwyn

Readings: Jeremiah 20.7-13; Matthew 10.24-39

SUNDAY 28 JUNE – 4th Sunday after Trinity

10.30 am – Holy Communion – Rev Claude

Readings: Jeremiah 28.5-9; Matthew 10.40-42

EVENTS

FRIDAY 29 MAY @ 7 pm

Church Crafts

FRIDAY 5 JUNE @ 9.30 am

Baby & Toddler Group

SATURDAY 6 JUNE – 7 pm for a 7.30 pm start (more information below)

Jemima Soames Quiz Evening

SATURDAY 13 JUNE @ 2 – 4 pm

Cream Tea

THURSDAY 11 JUNE @ 2.30 pm

Mothers' Union: Bring & Buy

THURSDAY 18 JUNE @ 2.30 pm

Fellowship: Growing Hope – Lorraine Ackroyd

FRIDAY 26 JUNE @ 7 pm

Church Crafts

FRIDAY 3 JULY @ 9.30 am

Baby & Toddler Group

THURSDAY 9 JULY @ 2.30 pm

Mothers' Union: Cream Tea

THURSDAY 16 JULY @ 2.30 pm

Fellowship: Beetle Drive

FRIDAY 31 JULY @ 7 pm

Church Crafts

SATURDAY 8 AUGUST - tbc

Morning Social

THURSDAY 20 AUGUST @ 2.30 pm

Fellowship: The Leprosy Mission - Wendy Piccinini

THURSDAY 17 SEPTEMBER @ 10.30 am

Fellowship: Seaside outing

Jemima's Jamboree quiz

Saturday 6th June at St Paul's at 7 for 7:30 pm

Teams of max 8 people

Cost: Suggested min. donation of £8 (cash on night)

Refreshments available for a small donation or bring your own.

To book a table in advance, please email jemimasjamboree@yahoo.com

or message Judy Shipstone on 07810 256255

(or just turn up on the night!).

FOOD BANK

The next delivery will be on Friday 12 June.

PRAYER RESOURCE

week beginning Sunday, 31st May 2026

'God's Spirit touches our spirits and confirms who we really are. We know who he is, and we know who we are: Father and children.' (Romans 8: 16)

This week we give thanks for:

- All we experience in our lives through the love of our Sovereign God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, a true source of comfort and joy.
- All who lead our services, groups and home groups, and pray for guidance and strength as they do God's work.

Please pray for:

- The people of the Democratic Republic of Congo and surrounding countries who are losing loved ones in the current Ebola outbreak – pray that the health authorities can contain this deadly disease.
- An end to all wars, unrest and chaos being experienced around the world and for warring parties to work for creative peace.
- Our young people taking exams or awaiting results, and those making decisions as to their future - may they be wise in their decisions and receive support and love from family and friends.
- The sensible and safe use of our beaches, seas and rivers as families and young people enjoy leisure time together this Summer.
- Our Church family, especially all who are struggling; and for Edith, Alice, Jill, Sandra, Brenda, Elizabeth, Carol, Di, Ray, Percy, Paul and Jan S; and for Meaghan, Jeni and Wendy.
- Wise and responsible leaders who take on board the problems of the world's differing cultures and beliefs and the seriously changing climate, and take action.

You may like to use this prayer during the week:

Give me, Lord, a fresh understanding of the many problems facing our world. I pray that, by your grace, I may strive to make a difference in the way I speak, think and ACT. Amen.