

St Paul's in the Park Newsletter March 2026

Sin

A little girl was very mean to her younger brother; she treated him so badly, he went crying to his mother. When the mother learned what had happened, she said to the little girl, 'Mary, why did you let Satan put it into your heart to pull your brother's hair and kick him in the shins?' The little girl thought about this for a moment and then answered, 'Well, Mother, maybe Satan did put it into my heart to pull my brother's hair, but kicking him in the shins was my own idea.'

There is no doubt that Satan does roam the earth drawing us into all sorts of nefarious deeds but, of course, we do have to take responsibility for our wrongdoings ourselves, and that is why it is so important that our prayers should always include, 'Lord, please forgive me.' A relationship with God can never be attained without that entreaty.

'If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us and to cleanse us from every wrong.' 1 John 1:9.

AGM

On Sunday we held our AGM following our 9.30am service. We welcome David Dwerryhouse, Ailsa Bunker and Larce Kippen on to vestry.

Our new vestry is: Dale Bradley (Vicar's Warden), Noleen Tuck (People's Warden), Lloyd Powys (Treasurer), Lorna Whyte (Synod Rep), Joss Adonis, Ailsa Bunker, Peter Darier, David Dwerryhouse, Larce Kippen, Angela Rowson, Nigel Whyte.

Ann McLean

On Sunday we farewelled Rev Ann McLean who has retired from ministry. Ann has served the parish for 18 years, her involvement encompassing a variety of areas. We acknowledge and thank her for her commitment and dedicated service.

Easter Services

A reminder:

Maundy Thursday – 7.00pm Washing of the Feet

Good Friday – 10.00am Journey to the Cross

Easter Sunday - 9.30am Holy Communion

Community Family Day – The Park Community Centre Monday 27 April

We're excited to be hosting our upcoming Community Family Day – a fun-filled day bringing local families together with entertainment, activities, food vendors, and more.

This event is all about community connection and supporting the Centre, and we would love your help to make it truly special.

If you are a local business or individual who would like to contribute, we are currently seeking donations to support the day. This could include:

Raffle prizes or gift baskets, products or vouchers, financial contributions, services or resources for the event

All supporters will be acknowledged as part of this community initiative, and it's a great opportunity to give back while connecting with local families.

Please see the attached flyer for more details about the event.

If you'd like to donate or get involved, we would love to hear from you!

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Barnabas Aid

On Sunday 19 April, our guest preacher will be a representative from Barnabas Aid, who support persecuted churches across the world. He will be sharing testimonies of incredible faith and perseverance in the face of great suffering.

Lord's Prayer

We have been gifted a laser-cut piece of art featuring the Lord's prayer, designed and crafted by Subash Chandar, a teacher at Ormiston Junior College. We are still to determine where it will be placed but it is a beautiful piece of artwork and we are most grateful for Subash's gesture. Please see attachment.

Ground Breakers Holiday Programme is coming!

Two full days 9am-3pm, 13-14 April. St Paul's in the Park. Programme designed for Children Aged 5-12
Welcome to enter the Inventor's Workshop and be inspired by the great new ideas inspired by experience based on the Bible

Please follow the QR code or contact Patsy to register.

Volunteers welcome! Please contact us if you wish to be a volunteer.

[See attached poster](#)

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Time for a Smile

An old man is celebrating his 110th birthday. A reporter from the local paper interviews him, 'So,' says the reporter, 'to what do you attribute your great age?' 'Well,' replies the old man, 'I think it's mainly to do with the fact that I was born a long time ago.'

To Ponder

'The vocation of every man and woman is to serve other people.' Leo Tolstoy

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