

Greenways Benefice – Part of the Chippenham Mission Area

St Paul's, Chippenham, St Peter's, Langley Burrell & St Nicholas, Hardenhuish

“Loving God • Loving Others”

Weekly News – 2 March 2025

The Gospel according to Mark, Week 9: **See who I am**

This Sunday 2 March

Mark 9: 2-13, Exodus 24: 15-18, 2 Kings 2: 9-12

St Paul's and online 10.00am Worship inc HC

St Peter's 10.30am Morning Worship

St Nicholas 3.30pm Afternoon Praise

Next Sunday 9 March

Ecclesiastes 5: 8-20, Mark 10: 13- 34

St Paul's and online 10.00am Worship

St Peter's No Service

(Next service **16 Mar** 10.30am Morning Worship)

St Nicholas 3.30pm Afternoon Praise inc HC

Some Key Points in Mark Chapter 9

Mark 9: 2-13, Exodus 24: 15-18, 2 Kings 2: 9-12

See who I am.

- After the disciples, or at least Peter, realised who Jesus was, Jesus appeared to Peter, James, and John as he had been and would be one day in glory.
- The dazzling white of his clothing is typical in the Bible of heavenly beings and angels.
- Elijah and Moses clearly represent the OT hope of God's Kingdom.
- As at Sinai the cloud is a symbol of God's presence. Moses and Elijah fade away and only Jesus is left. The ONLY way to God.
- The words from God are clear, and again the disciples are warned to not reveal this to anyone until after Jesus' death.
- They could not fully understand what that meant, to us it now seems obvious, but they may have taken it simply as they had seen with Jairus daughter. They could not fully comprehend what was to come.

Revision of Electoral Roll – St Paul's

Every five years all churches need to start afresh and record their worshipping community details. So even though you have been on the previous Electoral Roll, you need to re-apply now for 2025. Every person who regularly attends our church should provide their details (you don't need an email to do this) onto the new Roll as this means you can attend meetings, vote and be an active member of our church life.

This year St Paul's is excited to enable you to do this via our website which keeps our administration of your details secure and accurate in line with GDPR and our data policy.

It's important we have everyone registered **by 1 April 2025** and knowing why this is important is all detailed on our weblink here: www.stpaulsweb.org.uk/members.




You can scan this QR code with your mobile phone's camera here, which takes you directly to this page. For anyone who does not have access to the internet there are still paper forms at the back of church. If you wish to ask any questions please contact Maddy Crook, Electoral Roll Officer; email: membership@stpaulsweb.org.uk. Thank you for helping me keep our church community records up to date.



Invitation

Oasis Women's Social & Mingle on **Thursday 13 March**, at 7.30pm at Grounded Cafe, Chippenham!

This time, we'll be hearing from an incredible local woman who works in mental health. She'll be sharing her personal journey – the challenges she's faced and how Jesus has made her story extraordinary, using her in the most unlikely ways.

Come along, bring your friends, and enjoy an evening of connection, conversation, and inspiration over your choice of cuppa, a tippie or some delicious food. It's the perfect opportunity to mingle, unwind, and be encouraged! 

Did you enjoy last month's crossword?

Did you enjoy last month's crossword on the St Paul's website? This month we have a word search quiz, check it out and see if you can find all the words. If you want a previous month's answers or to do it again you will find a link to each month's challenge on the quiz page [here](#). You can get straight to the page this month as there isn't a password to access it. If you're enjoying these quizzes, you can always drop a comment to me via the comment section on the quiz page. Enjoy! Phil Crook



Prayer points for February

As Jesus would often take time out to pray, let's continue to prayerfully hold the life and activities of our church, community and the nations before our loving Father.

"Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed." Mark 1 v 35

"After leaving them, he went up on a mountainside to pray" Mark 6 v 46

- Pray for the team involved in the interview process for our new vicar this month. Pray for God's wisdom, discernment and guidance for all involved and that God's peace would flow through the process as it progresses.
- We give thanks for the response of all those who have joined the Alpha course at Sheldon Rd Methodist Church; Pray that the practicalities would continue to come together and that those attending would have a real encounter with Jesus through the discussions and prayers.
- It's good to hear of different ways that God is moving through the various services, activities and groups that the Benefice enables; Pray for strength and encouragement for the many volunteers we have, that we would all be inspired and empowered by the Holy Spirit as we minister to each other and to our community.
- Pray for insight and discernment for those exploring new ways they can grow in faith and in their spiritual gifts. Pray particularly for those considering learning how to run services or calling into ministry roles like LLM.
- As we approach our annual general meetings for the Benefice PCC and DCC groups, give thanks for those who have represented the congregations on these councils, and pray for those considering re-standing and those standing for the first time – that they would hear God's voice and act with integrity and diligence in serving the local church in this way.
- Pray for the Chippenham Mission Area as the churches start coming together and working to see the gospel proclaimed in our time. Pray for Godly strategy and harmony in seeking the right opportunities to coordinate our resources and acts of mission. Pray that we would see God's spirit opening people's hearts to him and we would see fruitfulness in our town and surrounding areas.

Dates for your Diary

Christian Aid meeting Sat 8 Mar see caid.org.uk/conference

FGB Breakfast men only 15 Mar 9am Wetherspoons

Adult Baptism Easter Sunday, St Paul's church

Concert for new loo, Sat 21 Jun 7.30, St Paul's church

CoffeeClub Poet!

Diane often shares her creative side with us and she delighted us last week with this lovely ditty which we thought we'd share.

CoffeeClub by Diane Hopper

On Mondays at 2pm our church is transformed
As with tables & chairs it is then adorned
Folks gather together to chatter & to laugh
And sometimes we try our hand at some craft
The coffee is great but the tea is a joke
As however we pour it the table gets soaked
The cakes are yummy but which do we choose
A moist carrot cake or one with cream that will ooze!
Each week they appear but from where do they come
From ladies with skills, we wish we had some!
We sit & we wait as more ladies appear
To serve us with smiles & a plate full of cheer
To then start our week with joy in our hearts
With a smile & cake every day we should start

All are welcome,
no one we'll snub
Please come along
to our CoffeeClub



by the CoffeeClub team

Chippenham Deanery Newsletter

contains updates on the mission area, first aid training, local events and more See [here](#).

We are in a period of interregnum

Contact the office, see below

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