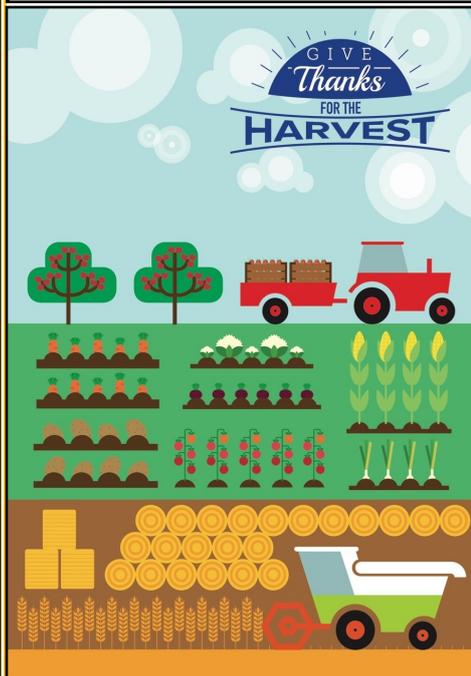


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## A Letter from Rev'd Liz Rowles

Dear Friends,

Over the last 18 months we have all had to adapt and change in unprecedented ways and now we are slowly coming to terms with trying to get back to a new way of normal while concerns about Covid- 19 are still very much with us. Our Church is still going through a period of change as we continue in vacancy.

September has always been for me another time for fresh beginnings. I often think of it as "New Year", Thousands of children will start school for the first time, move into new classes or new schools, start university or college or leave education behind and start looking for job or start in employment. I see it as a time when things get back to "normal" after the summer break, psychologically I will be sharpening my pencils and writing in my notebook for the first time as we enter into the autumn after the summer break.

New beginnings do not just happen at the start of a new year, they can happen any time, any change in our lives can mean we need to look at things differently, to start afresh.

*"Do not remember the former things, or consider the*

*things of old. I am about to do a new thing: "Isaiah 43:18 NRSV*

The stories in scripture show time and time again the God offers people a new beginning, another chance for new things.

So as we begin to say goodbye to summer and to a new start in this new season let us look forward to this new beginning with a prayer attributed to St. Teresa of Avila and St. Therese of Lisieux:

*May today there be peace within*

*May you trust God that you are exactly where you are meant to be*

*May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith.*

*May you use those gifts that you have received and pass on the love that has been given to you.*

*May you be confident knowing that you are a child of God*

*Let his presence settle into your bones, and allow your soul the freedom to sing, dance, praise and love*

*It is there for each and every one of us.*

Peace be with you *Liz*



## YCCN

### Young Christian Climate Network



The Young Christian Climate Network are carrying this boat, by relay, from the G7 Summit in Cornwall to the COP26 climate conference in Glasgow 1<sup>st</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> November to raise awareness of the impact of the climate crisis on God's creation and people.

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> September

3.30pm – 5.00pm

YCCN Event at St Paul's Church

- See the boat 'Rise to the Moment' • Learn about its mission and message
- ECO activities for all the family
- Build a bug hotel • Sustainability • Community

FREE!

FUN!

Refreshments

For all the Family!

In conjunction with  
 Heaton's United Church \* Sustainable Living in the Heaton's \* Kick the Plastic  
 Women's Institute \* Friends of Heaton Moor Park

## Current Services at St Paul's

**Sunday: 9.00 am** Sunday Worship on Zoom

**10.45am** 1st,3rd &4th Sundays: Parish Eucharist

2nd Sunday: Service of the Word

**Wednesday: 9.30am** Holy Communion.

**Choral Evensong: 6.30pm** 4th Sunday

For further details please contact Revd. Liz 07763

### Services in September:

**5th** - Holy Communion all age Service led by Liz Rowles. Music on the piano and recorder with Hilary Hughes

**12th** Eleanor Doyle will lead a service without Holy Communion. Music from the choir accompanied by Hilary Hughes on piano

**19th** Holy Communion led by Rev. Matt Calladin music from CD

**26th** Holy Communion **Harvest Festival** led by Liz Rowles. Music from the choir  
6.30pm Choral Evensong

## NOTICES!

- Tea on the Lawn after the service on 5th of September.
- Harvest Festival 26th September 10:45
- Little Fishes returns 9th September 09:30-11:30 - please book a place through June Rolph - 0161 432 3431
- Thurs 9th YCCN event at St Paul's 3.30-5
- Deanery Synod for synod reps 8th September on zoom
- Wednesday Morning Holy Communion will return on Wednesday 8th September at 09:30 am in church- all welcome.
- Safeguarding training Monday 6th September 7pm In church.
- If there are people missing from church that might like a copy of the news sheet, a home visit or home communion then please let Liz, or one of the church wardens, know.

### From the Register:

**Baptism** 25th July *Thea Young* 22nd Aug *Hugo Woodruff*

**Wedding:** August 28th *Rebecca Snape & Joshua Holden*

*Please keep them in your prayers as they start their married life together.*

Please pray for the family of Bill Davies who passed away recently.

### Forthcoming baptisms:

*Sat 18th Sept: Georgia May McKiernan*

*Sun 26th Sept: George Clegg  
Please pray for these children and the families*



Since the choir resumed singing, after Easter, we have been so lucky to have had Joel Colyer playing the organ for us. At the time Joel was in the sixth form at Chetham's and was keen to take on the role while Gordon regrettably was unable to be with us. Since starting organ lessons in September 2019, organ has become Joel's principal instrument, and he was awarded an organ scholarship for a year at Portsmouth Cathedral, which he starts this month. This will involve accompanying the cathedral's choirs and playing for services, assisting with chorister training and also working with the music department of Portsmouth Grammar School as a department assistant. Hopefully his time with us has been as useful to him as it has been for us, giving him the opportunity to work on

the skills he is going to need this year—even though the choir he has been working with is smaller in number and slightly more mature and than those he will encounter now! It was great to see how well he interacted with us and how his confidence grew, culminating in him introducing new music and directing the choir for his final choral evensong in July.

Joel had asked if he could give an organ recital in Church and this was very well attended and enjoyed by all. It gave us the opportunity also to thank him publicly and Liz presented him with a gift to show our appreciation. Joel's ambition for the future is to gain an organ scholarship at Cambridge University and to hold that post whilst pursuing higher education in the sciences. We wish him every success.



The choir also owes a great deal of thanks to Christopher Cotton, organist at St Thomas's, who has taken over directing the choir and playing the organ for Choral Evensongs since Gordon's incapacity. We are very grateful to Chris for enabling us to continue the musical tradition of St Paul's. He cannot of course play for us in the mornings but Hilary Hughes has nobly stepped in on the piano which is proving a successful alternative. Many thanks, Hilary!