

Chesterfield Parish Church

Saint Mary & All Saints

M aking the Change

When Paul was met by Jesus on the road to Damascus, his life was turned upside-down.

Because not everyone needs to change so radically when met by Jesus, it's easy to think that we can just carry on in our old sweet ways.



This attitude could not be more mistaken. It doesn't matter *how much* difference meeting Jesus makes to us—but it does matter that a difference *is* made.

There is an easy measure to tell us whether we've met with Jesus, or just walked on by. It's the extent to which we have let ourselves be transformed into the image of God's love and care—for each other, for God's creation—and our real passion for God's work at the expense of our own selves.

THE CONVERSION OF PAUL (25th January 2026)

- 08.30 Holy Communion (1662)
- 09.30 Morning Prayer (St Leonard's)
- 10.30 Choral Mass
- 18.30 Choral Evensong

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

Monday-Saturday

Morning Prayer 09.00

Evening Prayer 16.00 (Thursday 17.00)

Monday Mass 12.15

Tuesday Mass 09.30

Wednesday Holy Communion (1662) 09.30

Thursday Mass 17.30

Friday Mass 12.15

Saturday Mass 09.30

Next Sunday See back page

The church is open for private prayer and visiting Monday-Saturday 09.00 - 16.00

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Full details of events may be found at crookedspire.org, on the notices displayed in church, or from the organisers.

Please respect those who wish to prepare for Mass in quiet prayer; also those who wish to listen to the closing Organ Voluntary.

THE CONVERSION OF PAUL

CHORAL MASS

Processional Hymn: 205

Setting: Stanford in C & F

Collect Prayer

Almighty God, who caused the light of the gospel to shine throughout the world through the preaching of your servant Saint Paul: grant that we who celebrate his wonderful conversion may follow him in bearing witness to your truth; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Acts 9.1-22

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' He asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The reply came, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.' The men who were travelling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, 'Ananias.' He answered, 'Here I am, Lord.' The Lord said to him, 'Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.' But Ananias answered, 'Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name.' But the Lord said to him, 'Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.' So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, 'Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.' And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, 'He is the Son of God.' All who heard him were amazed and said, 'Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem among those who invoked this name? And has he not come here for the purpose of bringing them bound before the chief priests?' Saul became increasingly more powerful and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Messiah .

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

Gradual Hymn: 465

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord

Matthew 19.27-end

Peter said to Jesus, 'Look, we have left everything and followed you. What then will we have?' Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man is seated on the throne of his glory, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or fields, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold, and will inherit eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ**

Homily, Creed, Intercessions & Peace

Offertory Hymn: 204 (*t.ii*)

Communion Motet: Here is the little door (Herbert Howells)

Post-Communion Hymn: 605

Voluntary: *Allegro con spirito* in B flat (Frank Bridge)

CHORAL EVENSONG

Responses: Smith

Psalm(s): 119.41-56

First Lesson: Ecclesiasticus 39.1-10

Office Hymn: 75

Canticles: Noble in B minor

Second Lesson: Colossians 1.24.2-7

Anthem: The Magi's Dream (James Whitbourn)

Hymn: 456

Voluntary: *Nun ruhen alle Wälde* op.68 no.3 (Flor Peeters)

Prayer Intentions This Week:

Today 25th January - The Conversion of Paul

- The 2027 Community of Prayer
- ◊ The Anglican Church of Chile
- ◊ Valerie Mayo-Braiden; Carol Gill; Ethel Kirby

Monday 26th January - Timothy and Titus

- Parish of Stanton by Dale with All Saints Risley
- ◊ Sur - The Anglican Church of Chile
- ◊ Eileen Harrison

Tuesday 27th January

- Parish of Swanwick
- ◊ Del Sureste - The Anglican Church of Mexico
- ◊ Elsie Weller; Lilian Wootton; Michael Sellors, priest

Wednesday 28th January - Thomas Aquinas

- Parishes of St James Codnor; Denby; Horsley Woodhouse; Horsley; St Luke Loscoe
- ◊ Swansea and Brecon - The Church in Wales
- ◊ Margaret Hill; Leonard Gordon; Stanley Moore

Thursday 29th January

- Parish of West Hallam and Mapperley
- ◊ Sydney - The Anglican Church of Australia
- ◊ Peggy Smith

Friday 30th January - Charles

- Parish of Wilne and Draycott with Breaston
- ◊ Tabora - The Anglican Church of Tanzania

Saturday 31st January - John Bosco

- Deanery Chapters and Synods meeting this year
- ◊ Te Pihopatanga o Te Tai Tokerau - The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia
- ◊ Bess Short
- Diocesan Cycle of Prayer
- ◊ Anglican Worldwide Cycle of Prayer
- ◊ Year's Mind

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Our prayers have been asked for:

Tony Ragan; Linda Weston; Ralph Turner;
Ian Mackenzie; John Nickols; Ambrose
Mason; Cathy; Joan Melbourne; Trevor
Crane; Elise Wilson; Joshua Wilson;
Anthony Duce; Adrian Bradley; Rose
Evans

- ◊ David Manson, priest
- ◊ Dorothy Crawshaw
- ◊ Bill Godfrey, bishop
- ◊ Sally Ann Needham
- ◊ Celia Barnes

Christmas Card Upcycling

Used Christmas cards are again being collected to make labels for the Prayer Tree for the next Christmas Tree Festival. All types of greetings cards throughout the year would also be welcome.

Next Sunday - 1st February - Presentation of Christ/ Candlemas

- 08.30 Holy Communion (1662)
- 10.30 Choral Mass & Procession
Readings: Hebrews 2.14-end
Luke 2.22-40
- 18.30 Choral Evensong
Readings: Psalm(s) 122 & 132
Haggai 2.1-9
John 2.18-22

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