St Paul’s Church, Wokingham

Choral Evensong Sermons 2022

**Preaching through the Psalms**

Each preacher has been invited to choose one of the Psalms, explore its meaning and then connect it to the world we live in today.

All Services happen at 6.15pm

and are followed by refreshments.

**May 15: Luke Larner: Psalm 37**



Fr Luke is the assistant curate of the civic and country church of St Paul in the centre of Bedford. He is passionate about Jesus and Justice, particularly in the areas of homelessness, peace-making, and interfaith collaboration. A former bricklayer, Luke is currently studying for a doctorate in Practical Theology, researching with Christians involved in Community Organising. He is also a very big fan of Saint Francis.

**June 19: Philip Hobday: Ps 34**

Philip Hobday has been Vicar of Earley St Peter’s, Reading since 2015 and teaches church history, mission and evangelism, and Christian doctrine for the diocese. He studied History at Exeter College, Oxford, before training for ordination at Ridley Hall, Cambridge.  He was formerly Chaplain of Magdalene College, Cambridge. In his spare time he enjoys drinking coffee and eating cheese.

**July 17: Liz Jackson: Psalm 85**



The Revd Liz Jackson was licensed as Associate Archdeacon of Berkshire in September 2020. She previously served in Coventry Diocese, where she was Area Dean of Coventry North and Vicar of St Francis of Assisi Church, Radford. With a passion for social justice, Liz previously worked with the homeless, and she works closely with refugees and asylum seekers.

**September 18:**

**Leonard Onugha: Psalm 1**



Leonard says that knowing Christ and learning to walk with him has been an adventure – being arrested for holding a prayer meeting in one country and serving as a teaching pastor with a church in South East Asia are just some of the journeys his faith has taken him on! Much of his earlier work within ministry was done whilst he held a role with a large energy company.  He has a deep and continuing desire to see the full flourishing of individuals and communities.

He is married to Joanna, they have three children, and lead a church that meets at three sites.

**October 16:**

**Jonathan Dean: Psalm 96**



Jonathan is a Methodist presbyter, currently serving as Director of Learning for Ministry for the Methodist Church, supporting its work in education and ministerial formation. Previously, he’s worked in local church ministry, in higher and theological education, and as a chaplain to both a maximum security prison and a university (not at the same time). He is a historian, a lover of dogs, a drinker of coffee, a consumer of politics and political journalism and a constantly hopeful and frequently disappointed supporter of Norwich City FC.

**November 20:**

**Hannah Ling: Psalm 46**



Hannah is the Diocesan Social Justice Adviser, working on the recent Diocesan report on social justice and poverty, advising on LLF (Living in Love and Faith) and helping to focus the local response to the crisis in Ukraine.

**St Paul’s Church Choir** are brilliantly led by Louise Turner, the Director of Music. Rehearsals are on a Wednesday evening and the Choir is non-auditioning. They are emerging from the pandemic in excellent heart and excellent voice. The Choir is a real gift and a real blessing, helping us meet God in worship time and time again.