

St Paul's Peel Church is on the corner of Manchester Road West and Peel Lane. There is a service every Sunday morning at 11.00 a.m. The pattern is usually:

1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in the month	Holy Communion
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in the month	Morning Prayer
4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in the month	All-age Worship

#### Our Staff Team

Team Rector	Reverend Ross Garner
Associate Rector	Reverend Gill Page
Curate	Reverend Tim Thomas
Church Army Evangelist	Sister Canon Dorothy Needham
Lay Reader	Mrs Sue Renshaw
Lay Reader	Mrs Grace Jarvis
A.L.M.	Mr Stuart Bradshaw
Seedlings Coordinator	Mrs Gail Bradshaw

#### Children

Children from the age of four upwards, can belong to our 'Seedlings Group'. 'Seedlings' is a fun group where children learn about God and Jesus. The children are at the start and at the end of each service with the congregation; during the service they complete activities with the 'Seedling Leaders' in another part of Church.

#### St Paul's Peel C.E. Primary School and Church

Reverend Tim and Sister Dorothy are regular visitors to school and take weekly assemblies. Mr Stuart Bradshaw is a school governor. The Church also hosts school services at Harvest, Remembrance, Christmas, Easter and at the end of the academic year. Children from school occasionally come to lead part of our Sunday Services but always on Mothering Sunday, it is a delight to welcome them. The Church also runs a series of events in Church for school; Experience Easter,

Experience Harvest and Experience Christmas, plus general visits for classes to look at different features/artefacts of Church. We have a team of willing volunteers who help to run these events.

### Baptisms and Weddings

For inquiries about Baptisms and Weddings, please come to the Church Hall any Sunday between 12.30pm and 1.30pm. It is important to do this before you book a date.

### A Brief History

The original Chapel (Peel Chapel) built by the Yates family was consecrated in 1760 and stood a few yards to the north of the present Church covering the vaults of the Kenyon and Fletcher families.

The foundation stone of the present Church was laid by Lord Kenyon on August 5th, 1874 and the consecration took place on December 14th, 1876. The spire, which was completed in June 1898 has a height of 165 feet from the ground.

The words of Consecration are still precious to us today - 'Consecrate and set apart forever from all profane uses and solemnly dedicated to the worship of Almighty God. May it long remain as a centre of Spiritual life and may the services held, and the Sacraments administered within its walls be conducive to the highest interest of all amongst whom it stands'

The church has many stained glass windows depicting scenes from the bible and the locality which were given to the church in memory of others.



**The window over the Font** is from the old Peel Chapel. Made of porcelain, the window was painted and then baked. It is all in one piece and depicts Christ in Glory with St. John at the left and St. Paul at the right. In this position above the Font we are reminded of our whole Christian Life from Baptism through Death, and because of Christ – ‘the Sacrificial Lamb’ – we are assured of the Resurrection into a glorious life.