



Dear friends,

I'm delighted to give you details of our Parish Weekend at Home which will take place at St Paul's Church over the last weekend in June. I'm thrilled that the Rev Dr Paul Gardner and his wife Sharon will be joining us (you'll find a short bio inside). Paul will be teaching us from St Paul's letter to the Church in Ephesus, with our own musicians leading our sung worship.

Our weekend will conclude with our joint Parish service at 10:30am on Sunday morning, followed by a shared lunch.

Eating together will be a feature of the weekend, and more details of how you might be able to help with this will come out soon. We will also need help with serving teas, coffees and with the clearing up, and nearer the time we'll be asking for volunteers to cover these tasks.

During the main teaching sessions on Saturday and Sunday, we're also aiming to run a separate program for children between the ages of 4 and 14. More details will follow. Younger children are, of course, very welcome to come along. We won't be able to run a creche but there will be some soft play toys available.

During the Saturday afternoon break we are planning to organise a range of activities, perhaps including an organised walk and some craft or musicals to join in with. More details will come out nearer the time. Alternatively, you can save your energy for our evening of magic from www.stevepriceillusions.co.uk and music (with dancing) from our own musicians.

Whilst the PCC has put money aside to cover most of the costs, there will be an opportunity on the Saturday morning to give towards the cost of the weekend. The suggestion is that, if possible, those coming along might be able to donate around £10 per person (no cost for children) to help fund the event.

To help our planning, please fill in and return the attached slip as soon as possible. And do join me in praying that this event both strengthens our faith and builds us together as God's people.

Grace and peace,

Dave

PARISH WEEKEND RESPONSE FORM

Please complete and return to the Parish Office or to your usual place of worship.

Name(s) _____

Number of children + ages coming along

Tick which sessions you are aiming to attend.

Friday evening puddings: 6:30pm-7:30pm	
Friday evening session 1: 7:30pm to 9pm	
Saturday session 2: 10am-11:15am	
Saturday session 3: 11:45am-12:45pm	
Saturday lunch: 12:45pm-2pm	
Saturday session 4: 2pm-3pm	
Saturday supper: served at 5:15pm	
Saturday evening entertainment from 6pm	
Sunday morning joint service at 10:30am	
Sunday Parish lunch: 12:30pm	

Dietary needs? _____

**OUR
SPEAKER**



Rev Dr Paul Gardner lectured in New Testament at Oak Hill Theological College in London for seven years.

In 1990 he became Vicar of Hartford in Cheshire. More recently, he served for 13 years as Senior Pastor for Christ Church Presbyterian in Atlanta, USA.

In 2017 Paul retired, moved back to the UK and now preaches and teaches wherever he is needed, travelling to different countries and around the UK.

Paul is married to Sharon, a former teacher and an artist. Often, she travels with him. They have three married children and seven grandchildren. Their favourite pastime is hiking on Dartmoor.

Paul has written several accessible Bible Commentaries for church people in the Christian Focus series, *Focus on the Bible*. His volumes include: *Ephesians*, *1,2 Peter and Jude*, and *Revelation*. His larger work on 1 Corinthians is published by Zondervan.

PROGRAMME

FRIDAY NIGHT 27th JUNE

Arrive at 6:30pm for **Puddings for everyone!**

7:30pm -9:00pm Session 1
God's amazing kindness in Christ (Eph 1:1-14)

SATURDAY 28th JUNE

10am-11:15am Session 2
God's extraordinary guarantee (Eph 1:13-23)

11:15am-11:45am	Coffee and cakes
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11:45am-12:45pm Session 3
God's great love for us (Eph 2:1-10)

12:45-2pm Lunch
A sandwich lunch with crisps, cake and fruit will be provided.

2-3pm Session 4
Equipped for good works (Ephesians 2:10)

3-5pm **Free time + afternoon activities.** (TBC)

5-9pm Evening Social at Abbotsbury Church
An evening of food and entertainment for all the church family including magic from Steve Price, a world-class Christian magician, followed by a Church Family Ceilidh with our own live band!

SUNDAY 29th JUNE

10:30am **5th Sunday Parish Worship**
God's gift of peace (Eph 2:11-22)
 12:30pm **Parish lunch...**