



SCOTFORTH ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS

17th September 2020

Sunday Worship 20th September 10, 2020
Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

09.45 Eucharist at St Paul's Scotforth Road
and our online service on our St Paul's Scotforth YouTube channel
*Please book your place for the service in church by phoning the
Parish Office on Wednesday between 10am and 12 noon.*

Readings for Sunday 27th September:

Ezekiel 18: 1-4, 25-32; Philippians 2: 1-13; Matthew 22: 23-32

Welcome to our new weekly news, which will be sent out by email and post every week. We would love to share your news – birthdays, anniversaries, moments of joy as well of sadness. Since we are still unable to chat before and after our online and in church services, this is a way of staying in touch. Just email pastoral@stpauls-scotforth.org or phone the office.

This week we celebrated our first baptism in church since the end of February. Baptism baby Albert and welcoming him into the family of God was a sheer delight. It was a good reminder that even in a time of pandemic, God brings new life and hope.

Worshipping God, Growing in Faith, Serving the community

FOR OUR PRAYERS

Our mission Partners: Stephen and Marit Impey managing Wycliffe Bible Translators Ethiopian work.

From our Parish prayer diary: Chiltern Court, Hastings Road, The Hastings and Kensington Road

From our Church prayer diary: The Church Wardens

Those who have asked for prayers for healing: Alan, Kath and family, Mary Wilson, Eunice Parkinson, Marion Corkill, Caroline Carson-Brown, Katherine McHale, Naomi Parsons, Pat Mitchell, John Fidler, Elle Wiltshire, Betty Hartley, Jill Harker, Wendy Francis

All who mourn: Rev John Reeves, Anne Tracey

Lord Jesus Christ, you taught us to love our neighbour, and to care for those in need as if we were caring for you. In this time of anxiety, give us strength to comfort the fearful, to tend the sick, and to assure the isolated of our love, and your love, for your name's sake. Amen.

Collect for Sunday 20th September:

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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.

St. Paul – Our Patron Saint

Paul, also known as Saul, came from a devout Jewish family. He was born in Tarsus, South Turkey in c. 5 AD and was a Roman citizen. He grew up in Jerusalem and became a tent maker. During his early life, Paul was a Pharisee – a group of Jewish people who administered the law. He admitted to participating “beyond measure” in the persecution of Christians.



Around 31-36 AD, Paul relates how he became converted from a persecutor of Christians to a devout follower. On the road to Damascus, he reported to being blinded by a vision of Jesus. For three days after the vision, he remained blind and undertook a fast. He later healed by a Christian – Ananias of Damascus. After his vision and healing, he proclaimed the divinity of Jesus and dedicated his life to spreading the Christian message.

Paul threw himself into missionary work. Over the next few years, he travelled to Damascus and later Jerusalem. He made several missionary journeys around the Mediterranean basin where he sought to spread the teachings of Jesus and offer support to the fledgling Christian community. He supported himself financially by continuing to work as a tent maker.

On arriving in Jerusalem in 57 AD, he became embroiled in controversy over his rejection of Jewish customs. He was arrested and held in a prison in Caesarea for two years. Since he could claim rights as a Roman citizen, he was eventually released.

He spent his remaining years writing letters to the early church and acting as a missionary. Details about his death are uncertain. But, tradition suggests he was beheaded in c. 65 AD.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE PARISH

Birthdays: Jayne Weatherill tells us that she has just celebrated a significant birthday with a zero in it! Jack Hilton has just turned 88. Best wishes to both of them.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Our Harvest Festival will be on Sunday 4th October. This year of course will be different. We are not able to decorate church, and there is a limit on how many can attend. So let's celebrate all the good gifts around us and thank the Lord by using our online service. Please send your pictures of your allotment or garden, of what you have grown or made to:

pastoral@stpauls-scotforth.org so we can use them in the service.



VICAR: Rev. Dr Rebecca Aechtner – Tel 32106; email: vicar@stpauls-scotforth.org

Rest day – Friday. Please try not to call except in an emergency

WARDENS: Mrs Jayne Weatherill – Tel: 60597; email: sjayneweatherill@gmail.com and Mr Phillip Simpson – Tel: 36578; email: PhillipJSimpson@yahoo.co.uk

PARISH OFFICE: The office is open on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 9.30 am to 12 noon. At other times the telephone and email will be monitored and we will get back to you as soon as possible. Tel 843135; email office@stpauls-scotforth.org

BAPTISMS AND WEDDINGS: Booking enquiries – please contact the parish office or email pastoral@stpauls-scotforth.org

CHURCH WEBSITE: www.stpauls-scotforth.org

FACEBOOK: updates about life at St Paul's can be found: @scotforthstpaulschurch