



# ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS



15<sup>th</sup> April 2021

## Sunday Worship 18<sup>th</sup> April 2021 Third Sunday of Easter

09.45 Service of Holy Communion at St Paul's Scotforth Road  
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**Wednesday at 09.15: Morning Prayer** by telephone conferencing (please contact Margaret Ives for more information – tel: 67346)

**Thursday at 21.30: Compline** by telephone conferencing (please contact Tony Walker for more information – tel: 382397)

### **Readings for next Sunday:**

Acts 4: 5-12 or 1 John 3: 16-end; John 10: 11-18

***Worshipping God, Growing in Faith, Serving the community***

## **A message from Reverend Rebecca:**

We have witnessed an outpouring of emotion and public mourning after the death of His Royal Highness Prince Philip, The Duke of Edinburgh. Many parishioners have shared memories of Prince Philip or recalled their experiences with the Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme, which has inspired countless young people to pursue excellence and service to their communities. As a Commonwealth citizen, I have always been touched by Prince Philip's story, international and environmental commitment, and steadfast support of his wife, monarch, and nation.



The Archbishop of Canterbury has offered a moving Service of Prayer, Remembrance and Hope following the death of HRH Prince Philip, which can be viewed online. The Church of England has also produced a virtual book of condolence. If you cannot access the internet and would like to include a message, please let me or the church office know and we will make sure your words are included.

I offer a few prayers from the C of E for your own reflections on Prince Philip and all those whom we love but see no longer.

Merciful Father and Lord of all life, we praise you that we are made in your image and reflect your truth and light. We thank you for the life of His Royal Highness Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, for the love he received from you and showed among us. Above all, we rejoice at your gracious promise to all your servants, living and departed, that we shall rise again at the coming of Christ. And we ask that in due time we may share with your servant Philip that clearer vision promised to us in the same Christ our Lord; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

Almighty God, Father of all mercies and giver of all comfort: deal graciously, we pray, with all who mourn, the members of the Royal Family, this Nation and all the Nations of the Commonwealth, that casting all our care on you, we may know the consolation of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## FOR OUR PRAYERS

**Our mission Partners:** Stephen and Marit Impey managing Wycliffe Bible Translators Ethiopian work, the work of Global Link and MIND (Lancashire).

**From our Parish prayer diary:** Beck View, Slaidburn Drive

**From our Church prayer diary:** The Gardening Team

**Those who have asked for prayers for healing:** Alan, Kath and family, Mary Wilson, Eunice Parkinson, Marion Corkill, Katherine McHale, John Fidler

**All who mourn:** HRH The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, Pat Mitchell, Margaret Bell. Those who have died due to the coronavirus.

### **Collect for 18<sup>th</sup> April 2021:**

Almighty Father,

who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord:

give us such knowledge of his presence with us,

that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life

and serve you continually in righteousness and 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.

### **Readings for 18<sup>th</sup> April:**

#### **Acts 3.12-19**

<sup>12</sup>When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, 'You Israelites,\* why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? <sup>13</sup>The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant\* Jesus, whom you handed

over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. <sup>14</sup>But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, <sup>15</sup>and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. <sup>16</sup>And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus\* has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. <sup>17</sup>'And now, friends,\* I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. <sup>18</sup>In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah\* would suffer. <sup>19</sup>Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out,

### **Luke 24.36b-48**

<sup>36</sup> While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.'\* <sup>37</sup>They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. <sup>38</sup>He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup>Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' <sup>40</sup>And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet.\* <sup>41</sup>While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' <sup>42</sup>They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup>and he took it and ate in their presence. <sup>44</sup>Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah\* is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses\* of these things.

## **Mary Thomas' 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday by Maureen Leach:**

On Wednesday 14th April, Mary Thomas founder of the church gardening group, celebrated her 100th birthday. It doesn't seem 5 minutes since we were holding her 90th birthday party at the Boot & Shoe when she was still gardening with us.



Mary started the church gardening team in the 1980s when the garden was nothing but Laurel bushes and it is thanks to all her careful planting that the garden now looks as it does.

We made a quick visit to her front door on Wednesday to deliver gifts and cards and are hoping to get her round to the church gardens for tea and cake when the weather is a bit warmer.

## **Pause for Thought by Grace Illidge**

When were we first affected by the Easter story? And how did it most deeply affect us? In my personal story it was the revelation of the immovable stone being rolled away. As a young person I had the experience of hearing adults say in view of my disability that I would not achieve much and what a shame that "she will never be able to do much". I was limited by the negative thoughts of others. Then I heard of how that large tombstone had been rolled away. It sounded easy, but those stones were seriously heavy and a greater Power was at work here. So I realised that if the Power of God could remove such obstacles, then those with "being different issues" need not worry, but have faith that whether it is gender, colour or disability we are held within that same Power and stones can be rolled away.

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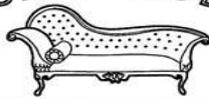
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**Parish Hall News by Jayne Weatherill:**

Our buildings are slowly re-opening this week to some of the regular groups. However, the eagle-eyed amongst you may have noticed some work taking place over the last week at the parish hall. We have had some new windows installed upstairs and in the main hall with some adaptations to existing windows in the office and, very soon, the meeting room. This will allow the windows to actually open! All the work has been funded by the National Lottery and is part of their Covid-Recovery Grant Programme.

## Submissions for the Parish News:

The deadline each week is Tuesday at noon but we can always add contributions to the following week's Parish News. We look forward to receiving your contributions and supporting each other in the Body of Christ during this time. Please email the parish office, leave a message on the answer machine for a telephone submission or post/leave an article for the Parish Office in the Parish Hall letterbox.

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