



ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS



22nd April 2021

Sunday Worship 25th April 2021 Fourth Sunday of Easter

09.45 Service of Holy Communion at St Paul's Scotforth Road
and online

on our St Paul's Scotforth YouTube channel **around 1pm**

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Please book your place for the service in church by phoning the Parish Office on Wednesday between 10am and 12 noon.

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 8: 26-end or 1 John 4: 7-end; John 15L 1-8

Worshipping God, Growing in Faith, Serving the community

A message from Reverend Rebecca:

Our well-loved and beautifully maintained Church garden is a source of delight for countless people in our parish. Even before I arrived as Vicar, I developed the habit of looking at the garden as I drove by, or walked through it on my way into town. Each season there is something growing, blossoming, budding, or waiting to burst into life. Have you noticed our magnificent magnolia tree which is currently in full bloom? Its flowers are white tinged with various shades of pink. As a family we have watched the first buds grow and marveled at how quickly the flowers have bloomed. The magnolia tree's amazing radiance will only last for a few weeks, and I know that soon, those petals will be scattering the pavement as we walk to school. Somehow knowing that its beauty is fleeting makes it all the more splendid in the present.



The magnolia tree reminds me of the opening verses from the Psalms, which says that those who mediate and take joy in the Law of the Lord 'are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield fruit in its season' (Psalm 1.1-3). In this Easter season may our faith flourish and blossom like our church magnolia tree, witnessing to God's beauty and goodness, who brings life out of death.

Dear God, thank you for trees that bud and bloom and thank you especially for the mighty magnolia. Her pink and white flowers fill our hearts with your good news: winter does not last forever, it always gives way to spring. The same goes for war, violence, and death, they always give way to peace, tenderness, and newness of life. "Thank you!" is our prayer and we pray it in the name of the one who rose from the dead smelling fragrant and earthy all at the same time. We pray this in Jesus' name, Amen. (Salt, <https://www.saltproject.org/progressive-christianity-blog1/two-prayers.html>)

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: Appletree Drive, Appletree Close, Abbeystead Drive

From our Church prayer diary: Our church choral groups

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

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

Collect for 25th April 2021:

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:
raise us, who trust in him,
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,
that we may seek those things which are above,
where he reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Readings for 25th April:

Psalm 23

- ¹ The Lord is my shepherd; •
therefore can I lack nothing.
- ² He makes me lie down in green pastures •
and leads me beside still waters.
- ³ He shall refresh my soul •
and guide me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil; •
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me
in the presence of those who trouble me; •
you have anointed my head with oil
and my cup shall be full.
- 6 Surely goodness and loving mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life, •
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

1 John 3.16-end

¹⁶We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. ¹⁷How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister* in need and yet refuses help?

¹⁸ Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. ¹⁹And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him ²⁰whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything.

²¹Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; ²²and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

²³ And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

John 10.11-18

¹¹ 'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep.

¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me,
¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay
down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I have other sheep that do not belong
to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice.
So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the
Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up
again. ¹⁸No one takes* it from me, but I lay it down of my own
accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up
again. I have received this command from my Father.'

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Six Months In . . . (part 2) by Hugh Kidd

Hope in Our Hands are dropping occasional thoughts into the Parish News that might start you talking and thinking. Earlier pieces have been on food waste and heating. Today I am attempting something on the energy we use.

In March I explained how Katherine and I are working to reduce the energy consumption of our house while still living comfortably in it. Six months ago we moved into this house having improved the insulation and ways of heating which lower the energy we need to heat the space & water.

We are also tracking our other energy use. Here some

background physics helps. Electric appliances are rated for their *power* in Watts (W) or Kilowatts (kW) - the *rate* at which they are able to work. The *amount* of energy an appliance uses over any period of time depends on this and the time they are switched on (energy used = power x time).

Energy and power are confusing concepts! It can help to relate them to something more familiar. Below are a few that I find helpful in getting a handle on energy use.

- A hard working human produces around 1 kWh of energy in a day. Working without a break for 24 hours that would be at a *rate* of 40 Watts.
- Fossil fuels are incredibly energy dense. A litre (it's not much!) holds about 10kWh of energy – think of ten humans working all day. It is able to move a car 12 miles.
- Our kettle is rated at 3 kW (power). Typically it is *on* for about 20 minutes in a 24 hour day when it uses 1 kWh of energy (3 kW x 1/3 hour = 1 kWh). If it was on all day then it would use 72 kWh (3 kW x 24 hours).
- An 8W LED light bulb on for 5 hours requires 0.040kWh (8W x 5 hours). On for a full 24 hours that would be 0.192 kWh.

Over recent decades we have largely lost touch with where energy is coming from and how we use it. We are learning a lot!

Wordsearch:

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Scotforth School News by Keith Weatherill, Chair of Governors:

After 18 years, it was announced last week that Mrs Aylott has decided to retire as Headteacher at Scotforth St Paul's Primary and Nursery School at the end of the Summer Term. In her time at Scotforth St Paul's hundreds of local children have benefitted from the unique Christian ethos of the school. Under her leadership the school has attained "Outstanding" judged both by Ofsted and the Diocese Board of Education. We are sorry to see her leave and wish her well in her retirement.

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.

If you would like to financially support the mission and ministry of St Paul's Church then please visit our online giving page by clicking on the DONATE button on our website - <https://stpauls-scotforth.org> - thank you.



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