



ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS



13th May 2021

Ascension Day Service of Holy Communion at 10.30am in church – no booking is required for this service. This service will be available on our YouTube channel later by 2pm.

Sunday Worship 16th May 2021 Seventh 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**

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UctJUjp8QOUAnLzbhP0rxaJA>

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11.15 Service at St Paul's Hala Worship Centre
Re-opening Sunday 23rd May



Please book your place for both services in St Paul's Scotforth Road or St Paul's Hala (first booking for Hala will be 19th May) by phoning or emailing the Parish Office on Wednesday between 10am and 12 noon.

Reflective Prayer Service on Tuesday 18th May at 19.30 on our YouTube Channel

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)

Worshipping God, Growing in Faith, Serving the community

A message from Reverend Rebecca:

Dear Friends,

This Thursday (May 13th) is Ascension Day, when we focus on Jesus ascending into heaven. There will be a service in church at 10:30am (no booking necessary), which will be on our YouTube channel later in the day.

We are encouraging people to take part in Thy Kingdom Come, an eleven-day call to prayer between Ascension and Pentecost. We have Prayer Journals (both printed and digital) which offer short reflections, and a space for you to write your own prayers.



In the forward to the Prayer Journal, the Archbishop of York writes:

‘We all need the encouragement of the basic promises of the Christian faith to help us live the life God gives us to the full. The Covid-19 pandemic has hit every area of our lives: where we can go, whom we can see, how we can worship....

In these days of hopeful waiting and praying between Ascension and Pentecost, may we all be renewed by the Spirit; made new in Christ.’

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: Hala Grove, Abbeyfield Close, Hala Crescent

From our Church prayer diary: Our Chalice Administrators

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: Richard Airey, David John Watson, Isabella Wyeth. Those who have died due to the coronavirus.

Collect for 16th May 2021:

O God the King of glory,
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us
and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone
before,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Readings for 16th May 2021:

Acts 1.15–17, 21–end †

¹⁵ In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred and twenty people) and said, ¹⁶ ‘Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold

concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus— ¹⁷ for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.’

²¹ So one of the men who have accompanied us throughout the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²² beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.’ ²³ So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴ Then they prayed and said, ‘Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵ to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.’ ²⁶ And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

John 17.6–19

⁶ ‘I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷ Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸ for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹ I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰ All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹ And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. ¹² While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them,

and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³ But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. ¹⁴ I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁵ I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶ They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁷ Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸ As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹ And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

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Readings for next Sunday:

Acts 2: 1-21; Ezekiel 37: 1-14 or Romans 8: 22-27;
John 15: 26-27; 16: 4b-15

A message from Richard Impey:

Thank you to all those who remembered me on my 80th birthday. In the circumstances of the pandemic I had expected it all to be quiet and low key but we did manage six little parties: three with our three daughters in person and three on Zoom with Stephen in Germany, my brother in Somerset and my sister in Turkey. I hadn't expected to be this old quite so soon! We are managing quite well but still a little cautious about mixing but we hope to be back in church before too long!

What's My Footprint? An Article by Tony Walker - Hope in our Hands Group:



Over the past few weeks both our Prime Minister and the President of the United States have announced bold new targets to reduce carbon emissions and tackle climate change. This year's Christian Aid Week has focused on the effect climate change has on the world's poorest people for whom extreme weather events are really a matter of life and death.

I didn't know what my carbon emissions are. I wondered what is my carbon footprint?

There are a number of tools available online to quickly calculate our footprints and see the areas of our lifestyles that we could make changes to and reduce our impact on our planet.

I used the one from WWF: footprint.wwf.org.uk

It only took a few minutes to do. It gives a target for this year of 10.5 tonnes of CO₂ – based on a linear reduction of the UK average to zero between 2016 and 2045.

I found that my carbon footprint is 10.2 tonnes – so just below the target. That's good news! A breakdown is given in 4 areas: Food 2 tonnes; Travel 2.8 tonnes; Home 3.1 tonnes; Stuff 2.3 tonnes.

Over the past year we have all reduced our carbon footprints by staying at home so if I had travelled more I would have been over the target. There are plenty of tips with the tool to help reduce our footprints – so I'll have to get busy to make sure I bring my footprint down.

Why don't you work out what your footprint is?

Ascension Day School Trip Memories by Pat Illingworth:

Ascension Day was a red letter day at my old school. After arriving at our usual 9am, we processed in a long crocodile from Princes Park, down Princes Road and left into Upper Parliament Street to Liverpool Cathedral. In the 50's not even the nave was complete and it was mysteriously dark, dusty and cold. Another C.of E, girls school joined us and to our annoyance, their choir was allowed to process in wearing curious white veils. The service was usually taken by an elderly cleric, fighting unsuccessfully with the stupendous echo, to make himself understood. He might have been giving us a blessing or could equally be giving instructions on the correct disposition of the hassocks. It was also a daunting place in which to sing, reedy female voices could not hope to make much impression. However the idea of Christ's Ascension was a deeply mysterious event so the cathedral an ideal place in which to contemplate it. When we emerged blinking into the light we then made our way home for a half day holiday!

A message from Elsie Stackhouse:

Thank you for the lovely cards and good wishes I received from my friends of St Paul's Church Family on my 90th special birthday.

The day was so memorable with gifts, and flower and plants being delivered during the morning and later being with my family where possible.

I look forward now to coming to church and meeting you all again.

Bible Word Search:

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References: Isaiah 47:13; 1 Samuel 13:19; Mark 6:3; 1 Chronicles 19:18; Genesis 40:1; Acts 25:25; Exodus 28:11; 2 Timothy 2:6; 2 Samuel 18:26; Revelation 14:2; Luke 10:35; Acts 16:23; Deuteronomy 15:17; Matthew 13:45; Genesis 35:17; Genesis 12:15; Acts 17:18; Acts 17:28; 1 Chronicles 25:8; Judges 11:1

Contactless Giving in Church:

More and more of us are no longer carrying or even using cash as we used to and we have had to move with the times.

Here is news of another new initiative enabling giving to be made by credit/debit card in church. Our machine will be at the back of church so that on your way out, rather than giving a cash donation, you could consider giving by card.



What do you do?

On the screen there are several donation amount options or you can press 'choose your own donation amount'. Once you have pressed the amount you want to give then follow the instructions on the screen and present your card to the card reader when prompted. All instructions are on the screen and there will be someone present who will be able to assist you if there are any problems. (Well that's the theory that we know what we are doing with technology!)

Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held on Tuesday 18th May, at 6.30pm in church. This is the meeting where the Churchwardens are elected, PCC meetings are elected to vacancies and reports are heard from January to December 2020.

We do have a number of vacancies on our PCC; if you would like to contribute more to the life and leadership of St Paul's then please do have a chat to either the Vicar or Wardens. We can't promise the 'ups and downs of Dibley' but you would be fulfilling a vital role in our parish.





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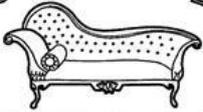
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The deadline each week is Tuesday at noon but we can always add contributions to the following week's Parish News. We look forward to receiving your contributions and supporting each other in the Body of Christ during this time. Please email the parish 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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