



# ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS



20<sup>th</sup> May 2021

## Sunday Worship 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2021 Pentecost

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>  
or if your device allows just scan the QR code

11:15 Service of Holy Communion at  
St Paul's Hala Worship Centre

***Please book your place for both services in St Paul's  
Scotforth Road or St Paul's Hala by phoning or emailing  
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)

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

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

This Sunday we celebrate Pentecost, the giving of the Holy Spirit. Pentecost marks the 50th day after Easter, and reminds us that the Holy Spirit surrounds us, loves us, and sustains us. The gift of the Holy Spirit is given to everyone, no one is excluded from God's love.

Bishop Ignatius of Latikion, in Syria, one of those countries from Libya to Iran, via Egypt and Iraq from where those first Pentecost witnesses came, spoke of the Spirit like this:

'Without the Holy Spirit, God is far away, Christ stays in the past, the Gospel is a dead letter; church is simply an organisation; authority is a matter of denomination; mission a matter of propaganda; the liturgy no more than a reflection of Christians living a slave mentality.'

The gift of the Holy Spirit is for all people, each and everyone of us. Let us all pray: 'Come Holy Spirit.'



## 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:** Harewood Avenue, Brantwood Drive, Lawnswood Avenue, Whinfell Drive

**From our Church prayer diary:** Our Street Prayer Card Delivery Team

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

**All who mourn:** John Fidler, David John Watson, Isabella Wyeth. Those who have died due to the coronavirus.

### **Collect for 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2021:**

God, who as at this time  
taught the hearts of your faithful people  
by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit:  
grant us by the same Spirit  
to have a right judgement in all things  
and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort;  
through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### **Readings for 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2021:**

#### **Acts 2.1-21**

<sup>2</sup>When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they

were sitting. <sup>3</sup>Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup>All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. <sup>5</sup> Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup>And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup>Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?' <sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup>Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup>Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup>Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' <sup>12</sup>All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' <sup>13</sup>But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.' <sup>14</sup> But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. <sup>15</sup>Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup>No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup> "In the last days it will be, God declares,  
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,  
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
and your young men shall see visions,  
and your old men shall dream dreams.

<sup>18</sup> Even upon my slaves, both men and women,  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;  
and they shall prophesy.

<sup>19</sup> And I will show portents in the heaven above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

<sup>20</sup> The sun shall be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood,

before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.  
21 Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

### **John 15.26-27; 16: 4b-15**

26 'When the Advocate\* comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. 27 You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

4 But I have said these things to you so that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you about them.

'I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. 5 But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, "Where are you going?" 6 But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. 7 Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate\* will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. 8 And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about\* sin and righteousness and judgement: 9 about sin, because they do not believe in me; 10 about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; 11 about judgement, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. 12 'I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. 13 When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. 14 He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. 15 All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

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

Isaiah 6: 1-8; Psalm 29; Romans 8: 12-27; John 3: 1-17



## **An appeal for volunteers from Leslie Mann at The Olive Branch:**

The Olive Branch is looking for volunteers.

We have been able to increase our foodbank service over the last year (feeding 274 people per week at peak demand) because of the efforts of our

fantastic volunteer team. However, people's commitments change and team members move on, so we are currently looking for people who can help us on a week day between 11am and 4pm (or for part of that time) to deliver food parcels to recipients in Lancaster (using your own vehicle), pack parcels and sort stock in our warehouse, or process referrals in our office. Please see our website <https://the-olivebranch.org.uk/support>, email [info@the-olivebranch.org.uk](mailto:info@the-olivebranch.org.uk) or call 07983336304. Thank you.

### **Christian Aid's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service by Arton Medd:**

Churches Together in Britain and Ireland established the forerunner of Christian Aid as a response to the refugee

crisis in Europe after the Second World War. In subsequent years the need of people across the world was recognised and Christian Aid took on the roles familiar to us over the past few decades. An inspiring and challenging service to celebrate the 75 years of CA's work was live 'Zoomed' on Sunday 9 May and is now available on <https://youtu.be/GS1jsFUSfJ4> It includes interviews, songs and videos from uk and overseas 3mins 30 secs from the start.



## **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 Parish Meeting:**

At the meeting held on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> May:

- Jayne Weatherill and Tony Walker were re-elected as our Churchwardens;
- Caryn Willmott stood down, after two terms of office on the PCC;
- Christine Medd and Rebecca Long were elected for their second term of office;
- We welcomed Katherine Froggatt and Jon Humfrey to the PCC.
- Reports were received from Reverend Rebecca, Brian Threlfall (Treasurer), Jayne Weatherill (Parish Safeguarding Officer and Jayne and Tony (reporting on the Fabric of the Church buildings).

Copies of the Annual Report, PCC Accounts and Minutes from the last APM will be sent out via email to those on our mailing list, hard copy available in church and also on our website. If you don't receive a copy and would like one then please contact the Parish Office.

## 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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