



ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS



27th May 2021

Sunday Worship 30th May 2021 Trinity Sunday

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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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:

Trinity Sunday falls on the Sunday after Pentecost, when we celebrate the giving of the Holy Spirit to everyone. I always think that every Sunday should celebrate the whole Trinity: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, because the Trinity is at work in every moment of creation, redemption and sanctification. Trinity Sunday provides us the space and time to focus on the dynamic (and sometimes confusing) nature of our God who is One and Three-in-One.

On a personal note, Anderson and I would like to thank everyone who has expressed support, offered prayer, and made donations to the church's India Covid Appeal. We have been touched by the care and concern expressed by so many for our loved ones in India. The situation continues to be dire, but we look for hope and the promises of God. Last week our church donated £1000 to the Christian Medical College Friends of Vellore charitable organisation, to help their medical work in understaffed and under-resourced rural village hospitals. Hugh Skeil, the Manager of the Development Office for CMC wrote to us explaining the situation:



“As far as CMC goes, things are well organised there compared to the scenes from Delhi that we have seen on

the news. At last count we had 1,018 beds for Covid positive patients, including 100 ICU beds, together with around 400 people being looked after through the Home Isolation scheme. But all these beds are full most of the time, and there are at least 30 people at any time who should really be in ICU beds but are in Level 2 wards with non-invasive ventilation. Meanwhile we are living on a knife edge regarding oxygen supplies. We are using more than double our normal daily consumption of liquid oxygen and rely on daily deliveries. If they are delayed or diverted we can easily run

out. To mitigate this we are acquiring and deploying portable oxygen concentrators in all the wards. We have also shifted a proportion of the ICU patients to the brand new ICUs in our new hospital on the Kannigapuram Campus, where there is a bigger oxygen tank as well as a big oxygen concentrator.”

If you would like to continue praying for the work of CMC, their website provides regular updates (<https://givecmcv.org/cmc-updates>)

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: Collingham Park, Oakwood Gardens, The Hawthorns, Mulberry Lane

From our Church prayer diary: The fundraising group

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

All who mourn: Kathleen Margaret Bellamy, John Fidler, David John Watson. Those who have died due to the coronavirus.

Collect for 30th May 2021:

Almighty and everlasting God,
you have given us your servants grace,
by the confession of a true faith,
to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity
and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity:
keep us steadfast in this faith,

that we may evermore be defended from all adversities;
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 30th May 2021:

Psalm 29

- 1 Ascribe to the Lord, you powers of heaven, •
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name; •
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.
- 3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders; •
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.
- 4 The voice of the Lord is mighty in operation; •
the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice.
- 5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; •
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf •
and Sirion like a young wild ox.
- 7 The voice of the Lord splits the flash of lightning;
the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; •
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe
and strips the forests bare; •
in his temple all cry, 'Glory!'
- 9 The Lord sits enthroned above the water flood; •
the Lord sits enthroned as king for evermore.
- 10 The Lord shall give strength to his people; •
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

Isaiah 6.1-8

⁶In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. ²Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. ³And one called to another and said: 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.' ⁴The pivots* on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. ⁵And I said: 'Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!' ⁶ Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷The seraph* touched my mouth with it and said: 'Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.' ⁸Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I; send me!'

Romans 8.12-17

¹² So then, brothers and sisters,* we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— ¹³for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba!* Father!' ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness* with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

John 3.1-17

³Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ²He came to Jesus* by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' ³Jesus

answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.'* 4Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' 5Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. 6What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit.* 7Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You* must be born from above."* 8The wind* blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' 9Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' 10Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? 11 'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you* do not receive our testimony. 12If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? 13No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man.* 14And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, 15that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.* 16 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. 17 'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

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Readings for next Sunday:

1 Samuel 8: 4-11; 2 Corinthians 4: 13-5:1; Mark 3: 20-end

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!)

Singing Hymns from Christine Medd:



As the easing of lockdown restrictions continues, we are now allowed to sing out of doors with up to 30 people socially distanced, with or without masks. So if you feel like singing a few hymns this coming Trinity Sunday morning, and the weather is favourable, please make your way after the service, to the grass area at the front of church, socially distance yourselves facing the road and I will join you as soon as I have finished playing the organ. It will last for only 10-15 minutes.

Hopefully we shall be able to feel that this is an extension of our worship in church and a witness to anyone passing by. Perhaps it will also prepare us mentally for the time when we are again able to sing together in church.

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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