



# ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS



10<sup>th</sup> June 2021

## **Sunday Worship 13<sup>th</sup> June 2021** Second Sunday after Trinity

09:45 Service of Holy Communion at St Paul's Scotforth Road  
*(there will be singing of hymns at the front of church at the end of the service)*  
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.***

**Reflective Prayer Service** on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> June 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:**

Diolch. 'Thank you' in Welsh. Anne Quianoo taught me how to pronounce 'diolch' in preparation for our family half term holiday in North Wales. We enjoyed a week of beautiful sunny days in which we hiked, played at the beach, went on a boat ride (where we saw puffins), a steam train, the zoo, and feasted on local food. It was a marvellous time away.



We were impressed by the scenery and the sense of Welsh identity



and language. Everywhere we went the signs were bilingual and we did our best at pronunciation, including the village of Llanfairpwllgwyngyll-gogerychwyrndrobwlllantysilio-gogogoch on Anglesey. Each attempt at saying 'diolch' was met with a smile or a nod and got me to thinking

about language and thankfulness. Learning another language, or even a single word in a new language, offers new perspectives. Do we need to learn to articulate our thankfulness in new ways, however small? What are you thankful for? The easing of lockdown restrictions? Vaccinations? Seeing family and friends? Going for a meal?

How can you express your thankfulness in a new way? We were grateful for our time away, for the diversity within the United Kingdom, and were reminded of God's beautiful creation and love.

'Praise the Lord. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is Good; his loves endures forever.' (Psalm 106.1).

Diolch.

## 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:** Greaves Road, Williamson Court

**From our Church prayer diary:** 10<sup>th</sup> Lancaster Brownies

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

**All who mourn:** Irene Patricia (Pat) Robinson, Kathleen Margaret Bellamy, John Fidler. Those who have died due to the coronavirus.

### **Collect for 13<sup>th</sup> June 2021:**

Lord, you have taught us  
that all our doings without love are nothing worth:  
send your Holy Spirit  
and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love,  
the true bond of peace and of all virtues,  
without which whoever lives is counted dead before you.  
Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### **Readings for 13<sup>th</sup> June 2021:**

**2 Corinthians 5.6-10 [11-13] 14-17**

<sup>6</sup> So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord— <sup>7</sup>for we walk by faith, not by sight. <sup>8</sup>Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. <sup>9</sup>So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him.

<sup>10</sup>For all of us must appear before the judgement seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil. [

<sup>11</sup> Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. <sup>12</sup>We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. <sup>13</sup>For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you.] <sup>14</sup>For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. <sup>15</sup>And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

<sup>16</sup> From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; \* even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, \* we know him no longer in that way. <sup>17</sup>So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

### **Mark 4.26-34**

<sup>26</sup> He also said, 'The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, <sup>27</sup>and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. <sup>28</sup>The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. <sup>29</sup>But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.'

<sup>30</sup> He also said, 'With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? <sup>31</sup>It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; <sup>32</sup>yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.'

<sup>33</sup> With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; <sup>34</sup>he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

## **Readings for next Sunday:**

1 Samuel 17: 32-49 or 1 Samuel 17: 57 – 18:5, 10-16;  
2 Corinthians 6: 1-13; Mark 4: 35-41

***At St Paul's Hala Worship Centre the readings will be different for the next few weeks as there is a special sermon series for June. Readings will be available at the service.***

### **An appeal from 16<sup>th</sup> Lancaster Scout Group:**

16<sup>th</sup> Lancaster Scout Group want to let you know about the brilliant volunteering opportunities we have. And every one of them is good for you. We rely on people like you playing their part to give young people opportunities to dream big, give it a go, and build skills for life. You don't need to be Bear Grylls to volunteer. We're looking for people to help out in all sorts of ways in our meeting place at Dorrington Road and behind the scenes.



At the moment, we'd especially love some help in setting up a new Beaver Colony on a Thursday 5.45-6.45pm. We need enthusiastic adults who enjoy interacting with young people, have plenty of energy and enjoy playing games, who are patient and caring and good at organizing activities. You can help regularly or on a flexible basis and it's a great opportunity to learn new skills, gain recognized qualifications, make new friends, and have as much fun as the Beavers. If you can get involved, call Mandy Seddon (Beaver Scout Leader) on 07815 806077 or email [beavers@16lancasterscouts.org.uk](mailto:beavers@16lancasterscouts.org.uk).

The following sections meet at 16<sup>th</sup> Lancaster. If you would prefer to be involved with any of these, please get in touch.

Beaver Scouts (6-8 years): Wednesday 5.45-7pm

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Rowallan Cub Scouts (8-10 years): Tuesday 6-7.30pm

Maclean Cub Scouts (8-10 years): Thursday 7-8.30pm

Scouts (10-14 years): Friday 7-9pm

All our sections need active support from parents and other adults, in a variety of roles. Whether you want to work directly with young people or if you're more comfortable planning an adventure from the sidelines, we've got a role for you. Talk to us and we'll help you find something that matches your skills (and the time you have available).

Here are some examples of the jobs that need doing without working directly with Young People:

Our executive committee needs adults who can provide support to the Group by organizing fund raising events and helping to look after our scout hut.

Scouting happens when a lot of us give a little. You're not signing up for a lifelong commitment – just to help out, when and where you can. We're making it easier for people to find out what Scouting is all about by running a four week challenge. It's a chance to come along and see what we do before making any decisions, and meet other members of the team at 16<sup>th</sup> Lancaster. We don't expect you to turn into a leader overnight: the four week challenge is all about getting involved in a way that works for you.

And volunteering's a two-way street. Research shows that it improves your wellbeing and helps you build career-boosting skills. Let us know you're interested, and we'll give you any support and training you need to let your skills shine.

If you've got bright ideas or questions, please get in touch by calling 07539 068220 or emailing [Daniella.martin@lonsdalescouts.org.uk](mailto:Daniella.martin@lonsdalescouts.org.uk)

### **High Summer in Cornwall by Arton Medd:**

Cliff footpaths, sandy coves, rolling surf, fishing-boat harbours, cream teas – all part of this year's 'must go' holiday staycation in Cornwall. However this week high security is dominant as the G7 heads of state meet in the Carbis Bay Hotel, near St Ives and their entourage is occupying 200 other hotels in the surrounding area. In Falmouth a furloughed cruise ship provides accommodation for officers from over 40 UK police forces, and if you booked your holiday this week hoping to visit the National Maritime Museum on the dockside, forget it as the world's press and media circus are based there.

This annual G7 meeting of the leaders of the richest nations is also a magnet for those who wish to have their voices heard, and Falmouth and Truro have been designated as official protest/demonstration centres. Peaceful protestors, including many church people, have the support of the police to march, as did the huge demonstration for Make Poverty History in Edinburgh in 2005 – some of you may have gone there on the Lancaster churches' coach. Campaigning for change on behalf of the world's poor is part of our social responsibility as Christians.

The climate crisis and the need to reduce carbon emissions have rightly been in the G7 spotlight and in the lead up to the international COP 26 conference in Glasgow this November, but other issues also need raising. The Jubilee Debt Campaign, which began the G8 (as it then was) lobbying idea in Birmingham in 1998, was successful in getting international debt on the G8 agenda in 1999 and eventually it saw the cancellation of debt repayments for many poor countries. Unfortunately pressure is still needed to get cancellation of the debts or suspension of payments during the Covid pandemic. The repayment of debts means that funds are not available to combat Covid 19 or for long term climate change action. For example Zambia, one of the twenty poorest countries in the world, spends four times more on debt repayments than it does on public healthcare. Meanwhile some of its private loan holders could make up to 250% in profit if paid in full. For further information see [www.jubileedebt.org.uk](http://www.jubileedebt.org.uk)

This past weekend has seen some movement on tax avoidance, about which Christian Aid began campaigning in 2012 when we had their Tax Justice Bus outside St Paul's one Sunday morning. The injustice is that tax-dodging multinational companies declare their profits in low tax countries rather than where they do business, and thereby deprive all other countries, including the UK, of legitimate tax income. Africa loses double the amount of money to tax dodging by large corporations than it receives as aid. The campaigning needs to continue as the current minimum tax level proposals are an improvement on a free for all, but the main beneficiaries are the richer countries. The Church Action for Tax Justice continues the work see [www.catj.org.uk](http://www.catj.org.uk)

Jesus' ministry was of bringing good news to the poor and setting the oppressed free. He challenged the religious and political institutions of His day, and our social responsibility as a church is to continue this work.

## 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.**

### Contactless Giving in Church is now available.

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.



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