



ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS



3rd June 2021

Sunday Worship 6th June 2021

First Sunday after Trinity

09:45 Service of the Word for Environment Sunday 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)

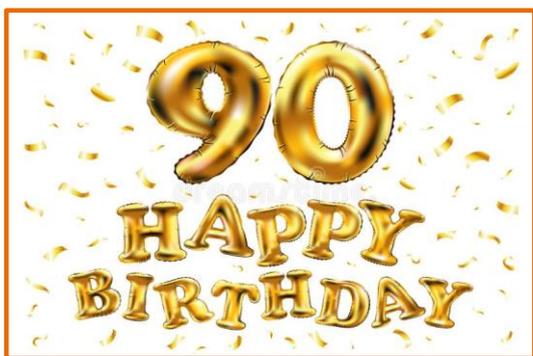
Worshipping God, Growing in Faith, Serving the community

A message from Reverend Claire:

The prayer movement 'Thy Kingdom Come', spearheaded by the Archbishop of Canterbury, ended on Pentecost Sunday. As we celebrated the birth of the church as the disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit, we asked the Holy Spirit to fill us again as his church in Scotforth and Hala. Pentecost doesn't mark the end of a season, but is a reminder of our commission as the church, equipped in every moment by the Holy Spirit.

As Jesus' spirit enabled the disciples to speak of him in different languages, the new church became a gift to the world so that everyone could hear about Jesus in their own language. Let us ask Jesus to equip us and enable us to speak of him in all the languages in our parish; the different 'languages' of the academics and the creatives, of the lonely and the overwhelmed and of those who have plenty and those who are struggling to make ends meet. Languages of the elderly, of families, single adults, of children and teenagers, of those who have lived here for generations and those who are new to Lancaster. Jesus is wonderful news for all! Our task as the church is to find a way to speak of him as a gift that each person can receive.

Why not spend a little time today asking the Holy Spirit to give you an opportunity to speak of Jesus to someone new today, trusting he will give you the words to say when the moment arrives.



Birthday Congratulations to Mary Smith this week who is celebrating a 'milestone' birthday.

If you know of someone who has a special birthday coming up then please do let us know so we can mark the occasion.

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: Maplewood Gardens, Bailrigg Lane, Beechwood Gardens, Elmwood Gardens, Hazelwood Gardens

From our Church prayer diary: The flower team

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

Collect for 6th June 2021:

O God,
the strength of all those who put their trust in you,
mercifully accept our prayers
and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature
we can do no good thing without you,
grant us the help of your grace,
that in the keeping of your commandments
we may please you both in will and deed;
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 6th June 2021:

1 Samuel 8.4-11, 16-20

⁴ Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah, ⁵and said to him, 'You are old and your sons do not follow in your ways; appoint for us, then, a king to govern us, like other nations.'
⁶But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, 'Give us a king to govern us.' Samuel prayed to the Lord, ⁷and the Lord said to Samuel, 'Listen to the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them.
⁸Just as they have done to me,* from the day I brought them up out of Egypt to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so also they are doing to you. ⁹Now then, listen to their voice; only—you shall solemnly warn them, and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them.'
¹⁰ So Samuel reported all the words of the Lord to the people who were asking him for a king. ¹¹He said, 'These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen, and to run before his chariots ¹⁶He will take your male and female slaves, and the best of your cattle* and donkeys, and put them to his work. ¹⁷He will take one-tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves. ¹⁸And in that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves; but the Lord will not answer you in that day.'
¹⁹ But the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel; they said, 'No! but we are determined to have a king over us, ²⁰so that we also may be like other nations, and that our king may govern us and go out before us and fight our battles.'

2 Corinthians 4.13-5.1

¹³ But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—'I believed, and so I spoke'—we also believe, and so we speak, ¹⁴because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence.
¹⁵Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.
¹⁶ So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, ¹⁸because we look not at what can be seen but at

what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

5For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

Mark 3.20-end

²⁰and the crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat.

²¹When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, 'He has gone out of his mind.' ²²And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, 'He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.' ²³And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, 'How can Satan cast out Satan? ²⁴If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. ²⁵And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. ²⁶And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. ²⁷But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

28 'Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; ²⁹but whoever blasphemes against ³¹ Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. ³²A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, 'Your mother and your brothers and sisters* are outside, asking for you.' ³³And he replied, 'Who are my mother and my brothers?' ³⁴And looking at those who sat around him, he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers! ³⁵Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.'

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Readings for next Sunday:

1 Samuel 15: 34- 16:13; 2 Corinthians 4:6-10, 14-17;
Mark 4: 26-34

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.

Parish Walk News from Maureen Leach:

Our next walk will be this coming Sunday on June 6th over Burrow Heights (approximately 3.5 miles). We will meet up for lunch at the picnic tables next to Hala play area at 12.15pm.



Remember, Hands, Face, and Space. Please bring hand sanitizer but if you or a member of your household shows Covid symptoms or is self-isolating you cannot attend the walk.

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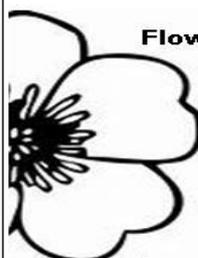
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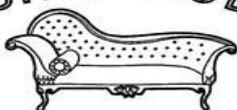
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