



# ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS



15<sup>th</sup> July 2021

## Sunday Worship 18<sup>th</sup> July 2021 Seventh 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

**Reflective Prayer Service** on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July at 19.30 on our  
YouTube Channel (there will be no service in August – we hope to  
resume in Church from September)

**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)

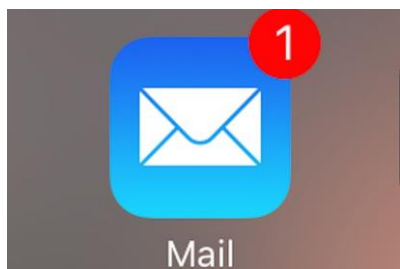
*Worshipping God, Growing in Faith, Serving the community*

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

Many of you will be aware that I have been suffering from the effects of Long Covid for over a year. Whilst I have never sought to do anything other than fulfil my duties, the impact of the condition has taken its toll. Following pastoral conversations with both the Bishop of Burnley and the Archdeacon of Lancaster, it has been agreed that it is wise for me to have a period of extended leave over 6 weeks this summer. I need the space and time to try to recover more fully so that I can return to better health. I am grateful for your understanding, support, and prayer as I am that of the diocesan leadership. Throughout the summer the Area Dean and Archdeacon will be available to offer support as will the Churchwardens (Jayne and Tony), Rev Claire Cooke, the St Paul's Ministry Team and Rev Gary Bowness (an active retired clergy person in Lancaster).

Please pray for myself and the family over the coming weeks as I shall pray for you.

## **Important Notice about the Vicar@ email address:**



We have had some security issues with this email account over the last couple of days. If you receive a 'strange' email then please check to see who you would be replying to (there is usually a drop down box under the senders name). If you are in any doubt then please do not reply to an email – you can start a new email to check if the one you have received is genuine email. Please be aware that these 'scam' emails can be quite convincing and can contain quite personal information – which they match up with social media. It is, unfortunately, a sad effect of our technological world.

## **Changes to Government Guidance from 19<sup>th</sup> July and what this means for our Church:**

We will be revising our Covid Guidance and Policy this week after we receive further information from the Church of England.

However, after this Sunday there will no longer be a need to book a place to attend a service; however we will still take your details on arrival for 'track and trace' purposes. We will still be recommending the wearing of masks and socially distancing due to the local infection rates and you will be escorted to your seat as at present. There will be further information in the Parish News next week.

## **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:** Lily Grove, Fernbank

**From our Church prayer diary:** The Women's Fellowship

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

**All who mourn:** Those who have died due to the coronavirus.

## **Collect for 18<sup>th</sup> July 2021:**

Lord of all power and might,  
the author and giver of all good things:

graft in our hearts the love of your name,  
increase in us true religion,  
nourish us with all goodness,  
and of your great mercy keep us in the same;  
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 18<sup>th</sup> July 2021:**

### **Psalm 23**

- <sup>1</sup>The Lord is my shepherd;  
therefore can I lack nothing.
- <sup>2</sup>He makes me lie down in green pastures  
and leads me beside still waters.
- <sup>3</sup>He shall refresh my soul  
and guide me in the paths of righteousness for his name's  
sake.
- <sup>4</sup>Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil;  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- <sup>5</sup>You spread a table before me  
in the presence of those who trouble me;  
you have anointed my head with oil  
and my cup shall be full.
- <sup>6</sup>Surely goodness and loving mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

## **Mark 6.30-34, 53-56**

<sup>30</sup> The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. <sup>31</sup>He said to them, 'Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.' For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. <sup>32</sup>And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. <sup>33</sup>Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. <sup>34</sup>As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

<sup>53</sup> When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. <sup>54</sup>When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, <sup>55</sup>and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. <sup>56</sup>And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the market-places, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

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

Jeremiah 45.1-5 or Acts 11.27-12.2; Psalm 126; Acts 11.27-12.2 or 2 Corinthians 4.7-15; Matthew 20.20-28

***At St Paul's, Hala, we will be reading through Luke chapter 6 over summer to learn how we build our lives on Jesus, the solid foundation. Readings will be available at the service.***

## **A message from Rev Claire:**

At PCC last week, we were visited by +Jill who shared about why she would like to invest into growing the church here in St Paul's Scotforth, particularly in the Hala area, by using a large proportion of her budget to cover a half-time stipend which would enable me to work part time alongside Rev Rebecca, taking responsibility for this part of the parish.

It seems as though God has been at work in the unseen places for a while now. +Jill recounted various instances where Rev Rebecca, +Jill and I had each been separately praying for Hala and sensing that God might want to grow the church here in new ways. As the dots began to connect, we realised we had a similar vision for what could grow on Hala.

What followed those conversations was my being offered and accepting the role of 'interim ordained pioneer minister' here in Hala, in January. Since that time, I have watched, listened, read and learned about the call of God from St Paul's, Scotforth to plant a new local congregation for those living on the Hala estate, when it was first built in 1984.

I have been thrilled to learn that St Paul's, Hala, has been a place of lively worship, inclusivity for children and young people, hospitality and creativity in the ways in which it seeks to be a relaxed place where local people can gather around Jesus. +Jill spoke of future growth for a new generation as the baton of mission in Hala that has been so faithfully carried by so many for so long, may now be passed on to a new generation, entrusting it to those who will take this same core identity, calling and purpose of the church in Hala and reimagine it for a new generation of people living in Hala. Incredibly, St James', lower Darwin (who I recently discovered we were twinned with several



years ago) have moved through a similar transition and are once again, on a similar faith journey to see the church renewed in the local estate. The relationship between us has been 'accidentally' rekindled, as I regularly meet with Sharon, my St James' counterpart, for prayer, encouragement and sharing of ideas. Another recognisable move of God, I think.

There are several ways in which I would love to prayerfully pick up the baton of lively worship, encouraging young leaders, hospitality and being creative to bring the gospel of Jesus as we love and serve the people living in Hala and would love to share those ideas in time. I have already begun exploring the potential of starting a food club hub in Hala, as well as a football club for young people which uses the language of football to teach young people about following Jesus. In all that we do, we must hold in mind that our specific call as the church is to introduce people to Jesus. As we serve people in their need, we must also be learning to speak about Jesus in different ways, so different people can hear about him in a language they understand. I am excited about this because as we follow Jesus' lead in this way, we too grow in faith and trust in him.

I am thrilled that the PCC agreed with great faith and enthusiasm to accept +Jill's offer and to take the next steps in making my post more permanent.

The hope of Rev Rebecca and I, is that as we continue to be the St Paul's Family across two locations; that we all will flourish in faith, hope and life in Jesus Christ. There will be much for us to explore together. This really is just the beginning of a new chapter in the story of St Paul's, Hala, but I am excited to be here to lead into what God has for this community next.



## **Welcome back to Ramesh and welcome to his family:**



It was wonderful to be able to welcome Ramesh back at St Paul's and to see him, after so many years, with his family who are now with him when they visited Lancaster last weekend. We wish them well for their futures together.

### **Recollections of the SLCT Prayer Walk by Christine Medd:**

We met last Friday in the garden of Trinity URC – a group ranging in ages from mid-fifties to late eighties; some coping with hip or back problems, at least two recovering from recent operations, one with a stick; but all ready to walk, pray and enjoy themselves!

Our first prayer stop was in St Martin's Chapel in the grounds of the University of Cumbria, where Arton told us some of its history and we learnt that it is now an ecumenical and interfaith chapel. We wandered around, looking at the various plaques, tiles and paintings before leaving to walk past the Archbishop Sentamu building.

The weather was fine but somewhat cloudy and overcast, but as we walked onto the high path above the playing fields and courts, we had to stop and look at the breathtaking scene out over the city and towards the Lake District hills, as the sky was reflected in the water. One lady has written, 'The view over the Bay with the orange light will be with me for a long time. God is good at creating highlights.' Another person asked, 'Is this God's intervention?'



Our walk continued with prayer stops by the Sports Clinic, the main gates to Williamson Park and then to Christ Church where we saw a poster outside telling us that the church was open today, and then were met inside (by arrangement) by the Vicar, Carol Backhouse. She gave us an interesting and lively talk about the building; the way it was used as the chapel for those in the workhouse, who had to enter by a different door from the other parishioners (the door is in what is now the vestry); and the continuing support for the homeless who are now welcomed to the winter night shelter. After a prayer, we were able to wander as we wished around the church before voicing our thanks to Carol and leaving to walk to Scotch Quarry.

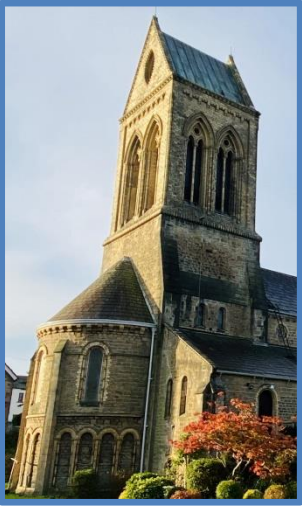
This is a lovely green oasis in the midst of a built-up area, with a community garden growing food for local people, a children's play area and a cycle/pedestrian path. A special moment here was listening to a bird singing during the prayer!

Further along our prayer walk, we stopped at Westham Street to remember the redundant Methodist Mission church which has been converted into flats, then through the University grounds to the Gateway building, with prayers of thanks for the past, and hopes for the future of the University. We finally arrived back at Trinity URC, where we formed a large circle in the car park to joyously sing the hymn, 'To God be the glory'.

We then went into the quiet, peaceful, beautiful URC chapel. Having only recently been re-opened after renovation, it was a surprise which was greeted with what was perhaps an awesome silence. All the work was explained to us - insulated walls, stunning new windows, sensitive lighting, heating system and so on. It was a wonderful ending to our prayer walk, as the church itself seemed to echo and draw together all our prayers – that God is good, to him be the glory!

Thank you to all from St Paul's who took part in the walk and especially to those who led the prayers.

## Church Tower Appeal by Jayne Weatherill:



As you will know from the article written by Tony last week we are starting to have some urgent repair work on our church tower. However, this essential work comes at a cost of £71,250 which is, under the current financial climate, a large drain on our resources.

We are very aware that we have asked for your help and support a lot over the last 16 months for which we are so grateful for when you have answered our calls. However, we realised that we need to go 'wider' with our appeal for support and have set up a 'Crowdfunder' page – the link to which is below where you can make a card donation or scan the QR Code. It also has an amazing video put together by Tony which gives you a different viewpoint on our tower, literally.

<http://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/lancaster-landmark-tower-appeal-71250-prayers>.



### *How else can you help?*

- If you have Facebook you can LIKE and SHARE the post about the Crowdfunder page;
- If you would like to make a donation but don't have access to the internet then you can send a cheque to the Parish Office, St Paul's Parish Hall, Scotforth Road, Lancaster, LA1 4TS – please write 'Tower Appeal' on the reverse of the cheque. Or if you contact us then we can let you have our bank account details to make a BACs transfer;
- Please tell your friends and family.

If you have any questions about how you can donate or the building project then please contact either Jayne or Tony via the Parish Office.

# Names of Jesus Word Search:

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 COUNSELOR  
 DELIVERER  
 DOOR  
 EMMANUEL  
 EVERLASTING  
 FOUNDATION  
 HIGH PRIEST  
 KING OF KINGS  
 LAMB OF GOD  
 LIFE

LIGHT  
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 LORD  
 MASTER  
 MEDIATOR  
 MESSIAH  
 MORNING STAR  
 NAZARENE  
 PRINCE OF PEACE  
 REDEEMER  
 RESURRECTION  
 ROCK  
 SAVIOR  
 SERVANT  
 SHEPHERD  
 SON OF GOD  
 SON OF MAN  
 VINE  
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## 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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• **VICAR:** Rev Dr Rebecca Aechtner –  
• currently on Extended Leave – please  
• contact a Churchwarden for any  
• enquiries.  
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