



ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS



1st July 2021

Sunday Worship 4th July 2021 Fifth 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>
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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.***

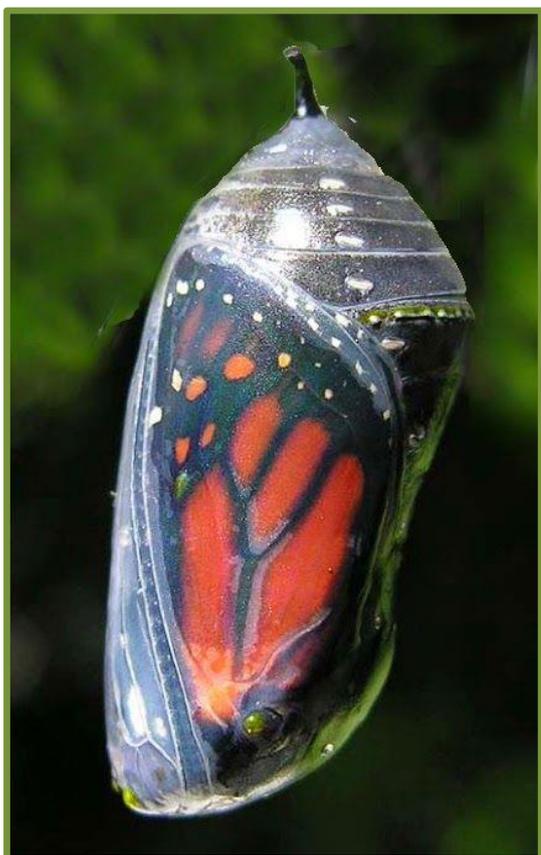
Wednesday at 09.15: Morning Prayer by telephone conferencing (please contact Margaret Ives for more information – tel: 67346)

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:

At St Paul's, Hala, we have been reading through Luke 5 together this month. On Sunday, we finish the chapter with Jesus telling a parable about not tearing a new garment to patch an old garment, or pouring new wine into old wine skins. (Luke 5:36-39) Jesus' parable points to the new, or renewed, thing he is doing in his life, death and resurrection, which can leave us uncomfortable.



This parable makes me think of caterpillars and butterflies. Butterflies aren't caterpillars that have snoozed for a bit then stick on a pair of wings. Caterpillars dissolve into goo to become something new - butterflies. This year might have left some of us feeling like goo: formless, exhausted, motionless, a bit lost in the middle of pre-Covid and post-Covid worlds. If you feel a bit lost - look to Jesus, he is doing a renewed thing.

The diocesan vision for 'unlocking' after Covid restrictions encourages us to lament, give thanks and to be witnesses of Jesus in mission. Those of us feeling a bit lost, like goo, might find comfort and faith through lamenting in honest conversation with God about our experiences of change this year. As we come to God in the hidden place, in honesty, we find God is always closer than we think and we can trust him and give thanks to him, for in his continuous loving presence - he miraculously renews us, giving us new wings. We may feel fragile like a butterfly, but he makes us beautiful and he will lift us up on the wind of his spirit so we can take in the beauty of the whole garden. Jesus is also changing us as a community. He sends us out from our gatherings in the power of his Spirit to take the renewed hope and renewed life in Jesus into our own neighbourhoods, into our whole parish.

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: Wellington Road, Newsham Place, Roseberry Avenue, Newsham Road

From our Church prayer diary: The work of The Olive Branch

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

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

Collect for 4th July 2021:

Almighty and everlasting God,
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified:

hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people,
that in their vocation and ministry
they may serve you in holiness and truth
to the glory of your name;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Readings for 4th July 2021:

2 Corinthians 12.6-10

⁶But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, ⁷even considering the

exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep* me from being too elated, a thorn was given to me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated.*⁸ Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me,⁹ but he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for power* is made perfect in weakness.' So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.¹⁰ Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

Mark 6.1-13

⁶He left that place and came to his home town, and his disciples followed him. ²On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, 'Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! ³Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary* and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?' And they took offence* at him. ⁴Then Jesus said to them, 'Prophets are not without honour, except in their home town, and among their own kin, and in their own house.' ⁵And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. ⁶And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. ⁷He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; ⁹but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. ¹⁰He said to them, 'Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. ¹¹If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.' ¹²So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. ¹³They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

Readings for next Sunday:

2 Samuel 6: 1-5, 12b-19; Psalm 24; Ephesians 1: 3-14;
Mark 6: 14-29

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.

SLCT Prayer Walk - Friday 9th July by Christine Medd:

South Lancaster Churches Together are hoping to hold a prayer walk this year, having missed out last year. It is still indecisive as to what the Covid regulations will be, so plans may have to be slightly altered, even at short notice. However, this is a brief plan so far!

We will meet at Trinity URC, Bowerham, either in the garden or inside church for 6.45pm on Friday 9th July. The walk may have to be socially distanced and please bring a face mask if they are still required for inside buildings.

The walk will not be strenuous or too long, will be on footpaths, and will not include hills – just gentle slopes. We will stop several times for prayers and there will be opportunities to sit down.

We aim to return to Trinity URC about 8.45pm. The regulations at the time of writing do not allow a church to serve refreshments, so please bring your own drink and biscuit.

If you are willing to lead a prayer, as quite a few of you have done on previous walks, please do let me know as soon as you can.

Tel: 01524 64730 Email: arton.medd@btinternet.com

Parish Walk:

Last month we had a very enjoyable walk up to Burrow Heights where new seats as well as stiles had been installed.



Our next walk will be on Sunday July 11th when we will walk up to Claver Hill Community Farm. We will meet at 20 Newlands Road at 12.15 for an outside picnic before setting



off. It will be 3 - 5 miles depending if you bring your car or take a shortcut. Please contact Maureen Leach on 07531285199 for further details. We will walk at the speed of the slowest so all welcome.



Food donation appeal for The Olive Branch:

If you are able to help the Olive Branch by donating food this is what is needed at the moment:

- **Tinned fruit, sugar, rice, basmati rice, biscuits, toilet rolls, cereal, tinned tomatoes, tinned stew, tinned chicken, oil, juice and multipack biscuits.**

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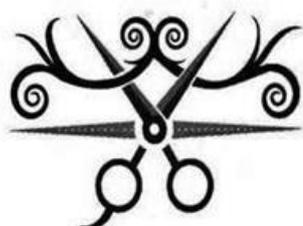
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If you would like to financially support the mission and ministry of St Paul's Church then please visit our online giving page by clicking on the DONATE button on our website - <https://stpauls-scotforth.org> - thank you.

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:
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