



ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS



22nd July 2021

Sunday Worship 25th July 2021 Eighth 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

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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

Important information following changes in Government guidance:

As of Monday the 19th July the Government has relaxed most Covid restrictions. Local Covid infection rates remain extremely high and together with Government and Church of England guidance we have held discussions with the PCC and opened this up to our congregations to gauge feelings and concerns.

Moving forward we are going to implement the following:

- Booking ahead for church services is no longer required, but we **encourage** emailing or phoning the office to prevent queues forming outside the church and Hala Centre as we are still asked to keep 'track and trace' information;
- In order to make everyone as comfortable as possible we recommend and encourage everyone to hand sanitise on entering the church building, to wear a face mask (unless exempt) and we will keep social distancing in place – so you will still be shown to a seat.

Whilst social distancing is no longer a legal requirement; we will continue to encourage social distancing in order to make everyone feel as welcome and comfortable in church as possible.

We know that singing in church has been sorely missed. However, at St Paul's Scotforth we are not going to reintroduce singing at the present time and we will continue with our current practice of meeting outside to sing a couple of hymns at the end of the service. At St Paul's Hala, there will be, on occasion, one live singer who will lead worship and this will be in place of the recorded music currently being used. We have put safety measures in place for this to take place and there will be no congregational singing along.

We are grateful for the successful vaccination programme and see it as our Christian duty to love our neighbours and to protect everyone who worships at St Paul's Hala and Scotforth.

Whatever changes are made in the coming weeks please be reassured that the Wardens and Rev Claire are prayerfully reassessing all guidelines and that no decisions are made without thoughtful consideration for everyone.

Rev Rebecca, Rev Claire, Jayne and Tony

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: Palatine Avenue, Kenilworth Place, York Road

From our Church prayer diary: 9th Lancaster Guides

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

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

Collect for 22nd July 2021:

Merciful God,

whose holy apostle Saint James,

leaving his father and all that he had,

was obedient to the calling of your Son Jesus Christ

and followed him even to death:

help us, forsaking the false attractions of the world,

to be ready at all times to answer your call without delay;

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 22nd July 2021:

Acts 11.27-12.2

²⁷At that time prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch.

²⁸One of them named Agabus stood up and predicted by the Spirit that there would be a severe famine over all the world; and this took place during the reign of Claudius. ²⁹The disciples determined that according to their ability, each would send relief to the believers* living in Judea; ³⁰this they did, sending it to the elders by Barnabas and Saul. ¹² About that time King Herod laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. ²He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword.

Matthew 20.20-28

²⁰Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee came to him with her sons, and kneeling before him, she asked a favour of him. ²¹And he said to her, 'What do you want?' She said to him, 'Declare that these two sons of mine will sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your kingdom.' ²²But Jesus answered, 'You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink?*' They said to him, 'We are able.' ²³He said to them, 'You will indeed drink my cup, but to sit at my right hand and at my left, this is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father.' ²⁴ When the ten heard it, they were angry with the two brothers. ²⁵But Jesus called them to him and said, 'You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. ²⁶It will not be so among you; but whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant, ²⁷and whoever wishes to be first among you must be your slave; ²⁸just as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.'

Readings for next Sunday:

2 Samuel 11.26-12.13a; Psalm 51.1-13; Ephesians 4.1-16;
John 6.24-35

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.

Save Our Soil an article by Julie Forsdick:

I love our allotment, and nothing tastes better than an ear of fresh homegrown corn.



Allotments are wondrous places, full of life: vegetables, fruit, flowers, weeds, fungi, insects, birds, and other creatures. The source of this abundance of life is well tended soil.

Across the planet the soil is under threat in multiple ways. Humans have been digging up peat bogs, felling trees and clearing meadows for centuries. More recently intensive farming and climate change have added to the problems. This in turn threatens our food security, wildlife and contributes to climate change.

We can help by using no-dig growing methods, gardening for wildlife, planting trees etc. However, to quote the European Environment Agency: “Without healthier soils and a sustainable land and soil management, we cannot tackle the climate crisis, produce enough food and adapt to climate change.”

The soil is an amazing, wonderful resource that we need to care for, as it provides for us.

The Big Butterfly Count:

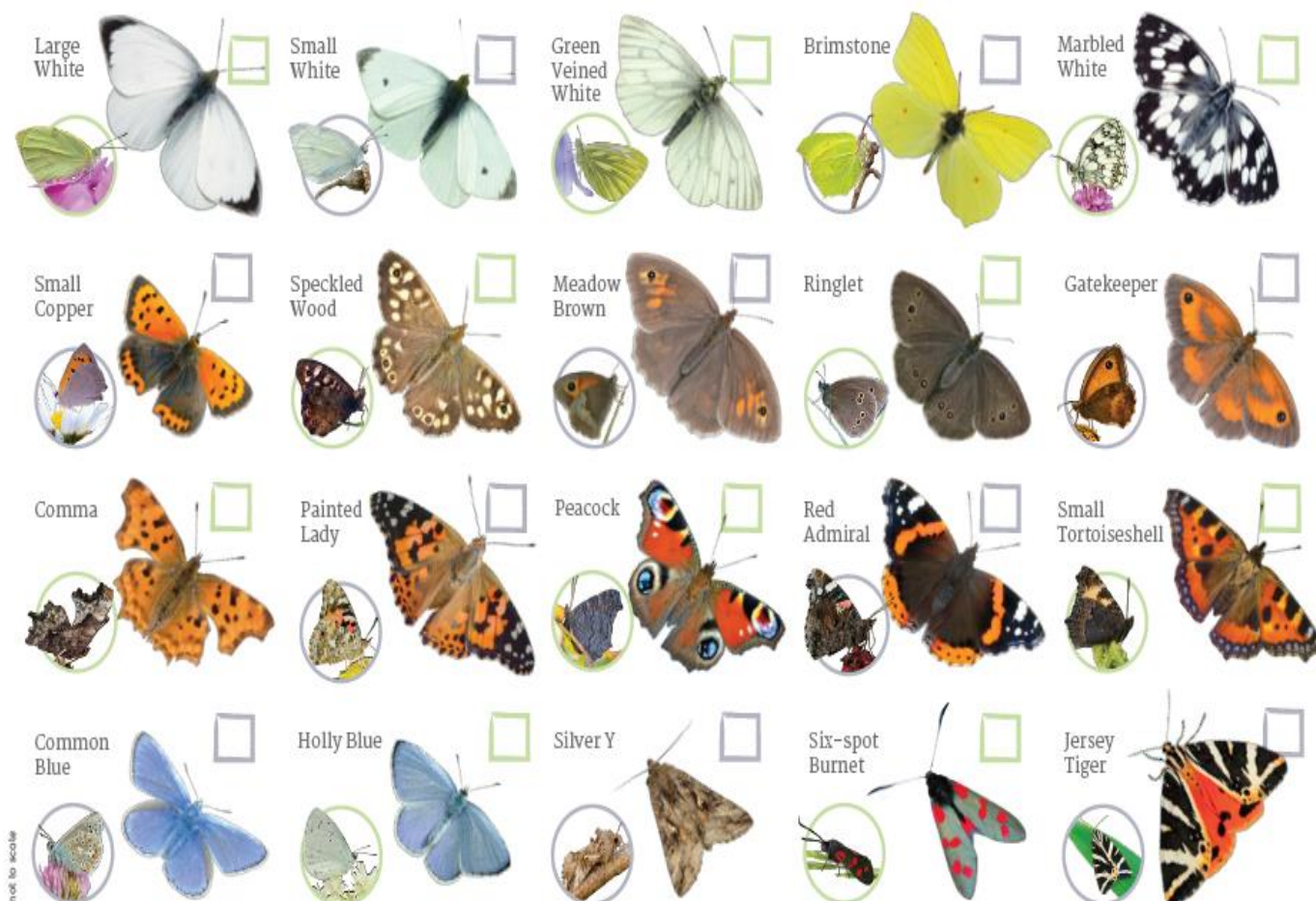
The Big Butterfly Count is a UK-wide survey aimed at helping us assess the health of our environment simply by counting the amount and type of butterflies (and some day-flying moths) we see. It is taking place now until the 8th August. All you need to do is to choose a sunny place to spot butterflies and moths, watch for 15 minutes and then record which species you see. A great thing to do in this lovely weather! All the details can be found at <https://bigbutterflycount.butterfly-conservation.org> You can download a chart that will enable you identify what you see.



Spend 15 minutes in a sunny spot. Use this chart to note how many of each species you see. Then submit your sightings at www.bigbutterflycount.org or download our free app

Don't forget to join us online with #ButterflyCount

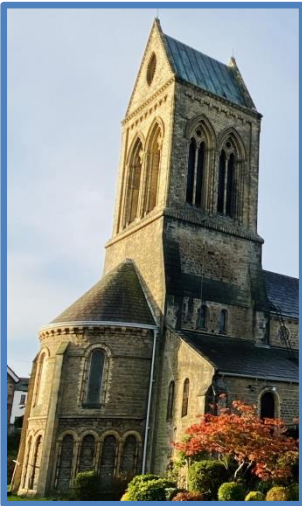
DFN Charitable Foundation



Images not to scale

Males and females of some species vary and are not all illustrated on this chart. Please refer to the Big Butterfly Count app or website for more information on how to identify butterflies and moths correctly.

Church Tower Appeal by Jayne Weatherill:



As you will know 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.

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.
• **PIONEER MINISTER:** Rev Claire Cooke:
• Email: Claire@stpauls-scotforth.org
• *Work days are Tuesday, Thursday and*
• *Sunday*
• **WARDENS:**
• Mrs Jayne Weatherill:
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• **PARISH OFFICE:** The office is open
• Monday – Friday from 9.30am – 12
• noon. Tel: 01524 843135
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• **BAPTISMS AND WEDDINGS:** Booking
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• office or
• Email: lifeyvents@stpauls-scotforth.org
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