



ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS



8th July 2021

Sunday Worship 11th July 2021 Sixth 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 Rebecca:

On Saturday July 3rd, Chris Walker was ordained a Priest in the Church of England. You can watch the service on the Blackburn Cathedral's YouTube Channel - search 'The Ordination of Priests Saturday 3 July 2021 4.30pm' (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b6b7I1Q1uXQ>). Over the same weekend, clergy on Twitter and Facebook were in a tizzy after being described by one person as 'key limiting factors' to church growth. I believe that the intention was not to discourage clergy, but rather to empower lay leadership in the church. On Sunday Chris presided at the Eucharist for the first time, a joyous occasion at which our own Margaret Ives preached - a testament to lay and ordained ministry working together. With Margaret's permission, I am sharing parts of her sermon to celebrate with Chris and to encourage us all to minister in our own ways.

Yesterday I had the great privilege of being present in Blackburn Cathedral at Christina's ordination as priest. She was, of course, already 'Rev. Christina,' having been ordained deacon last year, but now, as priest, she enters a new stage of her ministry and will shortly preside at the Eucharist with us here. In the ordination service she has to take various oaths of allegiance and make various declarations: that in public prayer and the administration of the sacraments she will only use those forms of service "which are authorised or allowed by Canon", that she will be faithful and bear true allegiance to her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth the Second, and her heirs and Successors and that she will pay "true and canonical obedience to the Lord Bishop of Blackburn and his Successors in all things lawful and honest" but the true significance of the laying on of hands by the Bishop is the giving of the Great Commission to go

forth and proclaim the Gospel and be fully committed to the service of Christ (...) it does mean proclaiming that same message of hope and healing and, in a sense, being a different person, always aware of the responsibility of bringing the Love of God into the lives of others and enabling them to flourish into the people that God wants them to be. (...)

Finally then, Chris, a prayer from the Letter to the Ephesians--- -- "find your strength in the Lord and in his mighty power.....Let the shoes on your feet be the gospel of peace... pray on every occasion in the power of the Spirit and to this end keep watch and persevere, always interceding for all God's people" and we too will hold you in our prayers and may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you and all of us evermore. Amen.

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: Belle Vue Avenue, Belle Vue Terrace, Belle Vue Drive, Sharpes Avenue

From our Church prayer diary: All who are seeking to grow in faith

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 11th July 2021:

Merciful God,
you have prepared for those who love you
such good things as pass our understanding:
pour into our hearts such love toward you
that we, loving you in all things and above all things,
may obtain your promises,
which exceed all that we can desire;
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 11th July 2021:

Ephesians 1.3-14

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴just as he chose us in Christ* before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance,* having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his

counsel and will, ¹²so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴this* is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

Mark 6.14-25

¹⁴King Herod heard about Jesus, because Jesus was now famous. Some people said, "He is John the Baptizer. He must have risen from death, and that is why he can do these miracles." ¹⁵Other people said, "He is Elijah." And others said, "He is a prophet. He is like the prophets who lived long ago." ¹⁶Herod heard these things about Jesus. He said, "I killed John by cutting off his head. Now he has been raised from death!" ¹⁷Herod himself had ordered his soldiers to arrest John and put him in prison. Herod did this to please his wife Herodias. She had been married to Herod's brother Philip, but then Herod married her. ¹⁸John told Herod, "It is not right for you to be married to your brother's wife." ¹⁹So Herodias hated John. She wanted him dead, but she was not able to persuade Herod to kill him. ²⁰Herod was afraid to kill John, because he knew that he was a good and holy man. So he protected him. He liked listening to John, although what John said left him with so many questions. ²¹Then the right time came for Herodias to cause John's death. It happened on Herod's birthday. Herod gave a dinner party for the most important government leaders, the commanders of his army, and the most important people in Galilee. ²²The daughter of Herodias came to the party and danced. When she danced, Herod and the people eating with him were very pleased. So King Herod said to the girl, "I will give you anything you want." ²³He

promised her, “Anything you ask for I will give to you—even half of my kingdom.” ²⁴The girl went to her mother and asked, “What should I ask King Herod to give me?” Her mother answered, “Ask for the head of John the Baptizer.” ²⁵So right then the girl went back in to the king. She said to him, “Please give me the head of John the Baptizer. Bring it to me now on a plate.”

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Readings for next Sunday:

2 Samuel 7.1-14a; Psalm 89.20-37; Ephesians 2.11-end;
Mark 6.30-34, 53-end

A message from Reverend Claire:

At the time of writing this note, I am preparing for our PCC gathering, where +Jill will join us to share more of her vision and commitment to seeing exciting and creative missional opportunities being taken up by churches just like us, here at St Paul's Scotforth and Hala. +Jill is inviting us to take the first steps to learn together how to plant different congregations in our parish to take the hope and life of Jesus to a post-Covid generation.

Imagine if, across our parish, there were people from all walks of life gathering to worship Jesus in a variety of ways and places. Imagine young people coming together to explore their faith and have fun celebrating Jesus, creating an infectious buzz around our faith and life together as the family of God. Imagine us, together as St Paul's Scotforth and Hala, being a bright beacon of Jesus' hope and life to those in our parish who are in despair.

There will be more to share following the PCC conversation. For now, let us continue to ask God to show us the way forwards out of the year and a half we have had. Not that we simply return to what was, but that we have courage to ask Jesus to help us to imagine what his new life on the other side of this season of lockdown and separation might look like.

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.

A message about Ramesh from Pat Illingworth:

On Sunday 11th July Ramesh, the Sri Lankan refugee who attended St Paul's for two years before moving to Leicester, is coming to Church, bringing his family: a wife, two daughters and a son. I hope there will be a few people who remember him to greet the family after the service in the churchyard.

Ordination of Priests by Jayne Weatherill:



Several of us from St Paul's were delighted to accept Rev Chris Walker's invitation to attend her Ordination as Priest service at Blackburn Cathedral last weekend especially as the service was held under restrictions on numbers etc. Many of you will know that Chris was actively involved with children's work in the parish as well as being a Lay Reader with us before undertaking her curacy at Dolphinholme with Quernmore and Over Wyresdale.

Congratulations and all our best wishes for your future ministry go from us all here at St Paul's and we look forward to maybe welcoming you back to lead a service for us in the future. If you wish to view the service then we were told it would be available on the Diocese of Blackburn YouTube channel - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b6b7I1Q1uXQ>).

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

Tower refurbishment news by Tony Walker:

We have appointed Lloyd and Smith to undertake the repairs



to our church tower. They have just finished working on the tower at the Priory.

Scaffolding will start to be put up on Tuesday 13th July. It will take 3 weeks to complete the scaffolding. All work including the removal of the scaffolding will be complete by the end of October.

The work will have no effect on our church services, although there will be times during the week when it will not be possible to walk into the church garden from Scotforth Road. Disruption will be kept to a minimum.

The arrangements will ensure that the site is safe for everyone.

We will be launching a Crowdfunding appeal page in the next week if you feel able to support the refurbishment work on the tower so please look out for further information on the Parish News next week.

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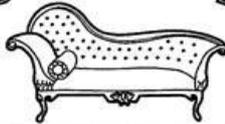
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The deadline each week is Tuesday at noon but we can always add contributions to the following week's Parish News. We look forward to receiving your contributions and supporting each other in the Body of Christ during this time. Please email the parish 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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