



# ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS



12<sup>th</sup> August 2021

## Sunday Worship 15<sup>th</sup> August 2021 Eleventh 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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SCAN ME

11:15 Service of the Word at  
St Paul's Hala Worship Centre

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.

**Wednesday at 09.15: Morning Prayer** by telephone conferencing (please contact Margaret Ives for more information – tel: 67346 – this will be the last meeting before our Summer break)

**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:



### Be still and know I am God

Psalm 46:10

Saying that we 'know' something is more beautifully complex than we maybe think at first. Some say there are eight ways we can 'know' something:

- 1 - Through language, because we have been told.
- 2 - Through our 5 senses as we taste, see, touch, smell, feel.
- 3 - Through our emotions as we know experiences and behaviours.
- 4 - Through reasoning as we work out something for ourselves.
- 5 - In our imagination as we form new ideas or concepts.
- 6 - In our intuition or that 'gut feeling' that is knowing deeply but often unexplainable.
- 7 - In our memory, re-telling the stories of who we are and where we came from to know ourselves and each other.
- 8 - Through faith... as we look upwards and forwards with confidence and trust. Faith causes us to live out of what we know beyond our current reality.

I wonder which of these ways of 'knowing' do you most identify with in the way you know God?

Psalm 139 begins 'You have searched me, LORD, and you *know me*'. What does it mean to you that God, the creator of the universe, knows you? Maybe you could choose one of these different ways we know things and reflect on how God knows you in this way. I encourage you today to thank God for helping you know him in the ways you do.

Perhaps you could also ask God to help you know him in new ways. Sometimes, it helps to be specific when we pray. Why not try choosing one of the ways of knowing from the list above and ask God to help you know him more in that way.

## **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:** Wakefield Drive, Emerson Street, Addle Street, Devon Place

**From our Church prayer diary:** All who Read and lead Intercessions

**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 15<sup>th</sup> August 2021:**

Almighty God,  
who looked upon the lowliness of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
and chose her to be the mother of your only Son:  
grant that we who are redeemed by his blood  
may share with her in the glory of your eternal kingdom;  
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 15<sup>th</sup> August 2021:**

#### **Galatians 4.4-7**

<sup>4</sup>But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup>in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. <sup>6</sup>And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our<sup>\*</sup> hearts, crying, 'Abba!<sup>\*</sup> Father!' <sup>7</sup>So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.<sup>\*</sup>

#### **Luke 1.46-55**

<sup>46</sup>And Mary<sup>\*</sup> said, 'My soul magnifies the Lord, <sup>47</sup>and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, <sup>48</sup>for he has looked with favour on the

lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; <sup>49</sup> for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. <sup>50</sup> His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. <sup>51</sup> He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. <sup>52</sup> He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; <sup>53</sup> he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. <sup>54</sup> He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, <sup>55</sup> according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'

### **Post Communion Prayer for 15<sup>th</sup> August 2021:**

God most high,  
whose handmaid bore the Word made flesh:  
we thank you that in this sacrament of our redemption  
you visit us with your Holy Spirit  
and overshadow us by your power;  
strengthen us to walk with Mary the joyful path of obedience  
and so to bring forth the fruits of holiness;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

**1 Kings 8.1, 6, 10-11, 22-30, 41-43; Psalm 84; Ephesians 6.10-20; John 6.56-69**

***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.***



**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.

## **Corporate Courts and Climate Change by Arton Medd:**



Congratulations on, I hope, going some way towards reducing your household's carbon footprint - but what about the international scene? This week we have had the latest Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change report stressing the urgency of the climate crisis, and most governments are in agreement that actions must be taken, but there are powerful interests that don't see it that way. Big corporations are suing elected governments in corporate courts for millions of pounds to get them to back down on their environmental policies.

Remember Cuadrilla's test-fracking of oil shale in the Fylde which, following a few earth tremors and months of protest, was eventually suspended in September 2019? Through a corporate court a UK fossil fuel company 'Ascent' is suing Slovenia for requiring an environmental impact assessment on their fracking plans, and another company 'Lone Pine' is suing Canada over a temporary ban on fracking in Quebec.

Another UK energy company 'Rockhopper Exploration' is suing Italy over a ban on offshore oil drilling close to the coast, and RWE is suing the Netherlands over the phasing out of coal-fired power stations. These and other firms are an obstacle to a global clean energy transition and to achieving climate justice.

Where do the boards of companies obtain the rights to take these actions? The answer is that corporate court rights can be written into trade deals and they are in our government's proposed new UK-Canada deal. The world's richer countries may be able to afford court actions, but they can be devastating for those that are struggling.

In 2012, Ecuador lost a case against Occidental Petroleum. Ecuador had terminated a contract with the company because it had broken Ecuadorean law, and this the tribunal acknowledged. Nevertheless

it ordered Ecuador to pay Occidental Petroleum US\$1.8 billion. This was the largest known award at the time and is roughly equivalent to the country's entire annual health budget. The threat of this type of court action can be enough to cause a country to either reverse a decision or simply step back from making it in the first place, and Global Justice Now is particularly concerned with the effects of corporate courts on poor countries. More information, and an invitation to sign a petition calling for a ban on such courts, can be found on [www.globaljustice.org.uk](http://www.globaljustice.org.uk)

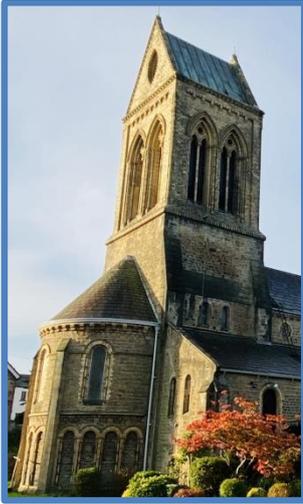
**Probably the most important meeting ever! By Tony Walker:**

The 2021 United Nations Climate Change Conference, also known as COP26, is the 26th United Nations Climate Change conference. It is to be held in Glasgow from 31st October to 12th November under the presidency of the United Kingdom. We have seen this year the effects of climate change on the lives of so many people – fires and heat in the USA and Canada, floods in China, India and mainland Europe. Let us hope and pray that governments make significant progress at this conference.

There will be lots of events run by organisations and churches all over the UK in the run-up to COP26. Plans for what will be happening in Lancaster are well under way – details will be available soon. Here at St Paul's our Hope in Our Hands Group is part of Lancaster Churches Together planning.



Pilgrims are on the move! Christians from Sweden have already started a pilgrimage of 2,000km to Glasgow. The Young Christian Climate Network in the UK started its 1,000km pilgrimage in June from the G7 meeting in Cornwall. The Camino to COP starts from London and Bristol in September (and will be in our area in October). Please pray for all these people as they journey in faith.



## **Church Tower Appeal:**

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; this is the last week for this appeal on Crowdfunder but you can still support the appeal by the other methods below;
- 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.

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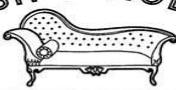
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