



ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS



19th August 2021

Sunday Worship 22nd August 2021 Twelfth 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/UCtJUip8QOUAnLzbhP0rxaJA>

or if your device allows just scan the QR code



SCAN ME

11:15 Service of Holy Communion 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.

Morning Prayer will be taking a break until October. It will resume in church on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday mornings at 9am on 4th October.

A message from Reverend Claire:



Be still and know I am God

Psalm 46:10

'I AM'

This phrase in the Psalm echoes the conversation between Moses and God in Exodus 3. Moses asks God his name, to which God replies 'I AM who I AM.

What is in a name?

Names hold meaning and significance about the character and qualities of a person.

The Israelites already knew God as 'Yahweh' – The LORD, the one who is *their* God and they *His* people, but Moses wanted to know more. To know the name of God would reveal what God is like. The LORD responds, 'I AM who I AM', or it could also read 'I WILL BE who I WILL BE'. One way to understand this short response is to hear an invitation from God to watch and see what he does. By seeing the actions of God, we know the person of God.

The words from Psalm 46:10 are filled with peace, trust and hope because to be still and know that 'I AM' is to know that God is not distant and silent, but fully present and actively revealing himself to us today, as He was present and actively

revealing himself to the Israelites. We can look to him with alert expectancy.

God's works are not often loud and obvious (although they can be). Just as we must sit still, alert to small movements or sounds, if we want to catch a glimpse of rare creatures in the wild, so too must we still ourselves and open our eyes and ears to see and hear the quiet work of God in us and around us.

What is the LORD doing today?

Where do you see him at work around you or around the world?

What does this show you about his nature and character? Perhaps take some time to be still and ask God to show you. Hear the promise of God, in Christ, to you in a fresh way today:

'Surely I AM with you always, to the very end of the age'
or

'Surely I AM is with you always, to the very end of the age'
(Matthew 28:20)

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: Graham Street, Vine Street

From our Church prayer diary: Our cleaning and caretaking staff

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

All who mourn: Alan Beck. All those who have died due to the coronavirus.

Collect for 22nd August 2021:

Almighty and everlasting God,
you are always more ready to hear than we to pray
and to give more than either we desire or deserve:
pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy,
forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid
and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to
ask

but through the merits and mediation
of 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 August 2021:

Ephesians 6.10-20

¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. ¹¹Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹²For our* struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³Therefore take up the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. ¹⁴Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the

breastplate of righteousness. ¹⁵As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. ¹⁶With all of these,* take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. ¹⁸ Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. ¹⁹Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel,* ²⁰for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

John 6.56-69

⁵⁶Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.’ ⁵⁹He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum. ⁶⁰ When many of his disciples heard it, they said, ‘This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?’ ⁶¹But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, ‘Does this offend you? ⁶²Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? ⁶³It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ⁶⁴But among you there are some who do not believe.’ For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. ⁶⁵And he said, ‘For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by

the Father.’⁶⁶ Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. ⁶⁷So Jesus asked the twelve, ‘Do you also wish to go away?’ ⁶⁸Simon Peter answered him, ‘Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.’*

Post Communion Prayer for 22nd August 2021:

God of all mercy,
in this eucharist you have set aside our sins
and given us your healing:
grant that we who are made whole in Christ
may bring that healing to this broken world,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Readings for next Sunday:

Song of Solomon 2.8-13; Psalm 45.1-2, 6-9; James 1.17-end; Mark 7.1-8, 14, 15, 21-23

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.

Crocus Time by Maureen Leach:



I know it is far too early for any crocus to be out now, but during lockdown I really enjoyed going round all the churchyards looking at the spring flowers. The crocus in particular were always a sight to behold at Over Clydesdale, Dolphinholme, Bolton-le-Sands and Heysham. As you can see from the attached photos the purple

carpets of flowers were spectacular. Although we have plenty of shrubs flowering in spring in our own church gardens I thought how lovely it would be if we could have our very own crocus garden in memory of all who have died in the Covid pandemic. The area we have in mind is the grassy triangle to the right of the path leading down to the church from St Paul's Drive.

Of course this will involve some expense plus quite a lot of work planting all the bulbs needed (1000 for a start). I am only asking for **small** donations and they can be sent to me in the form of cash or a cheque made payable to M Leach

- Via church or the parish office (envelopes marked crocus appeal)
- Or direct to 20 Newlands Road, LA1 4JF
- Or by bank transfer to Garden(11-18-11 A/c no. 18112086)

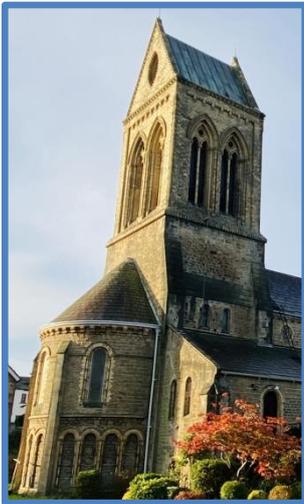


I hope you will respond to this small request which should provide all who enjoy walking through the church gardens with much pleasure in the years to come as well as being a memorial to all those who died from Covid. Should we receive more money than is needed, the surplus will go towards providing

more flowers and bulbs for the church gardens. Thank you

Thank you all:

I've had a very happy 90th birthday. Thank you to the any friends who sent me cards and good wishes! *Pam Simon*



Church Tower Appeal:

Our Crowdfunder appeal comes to an end this week; however, we are still need your help with our fundraising efforts.

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 about our appeal. 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.

Recycling information from Margaret Ives on behalf of the Hope in our Hands Group:

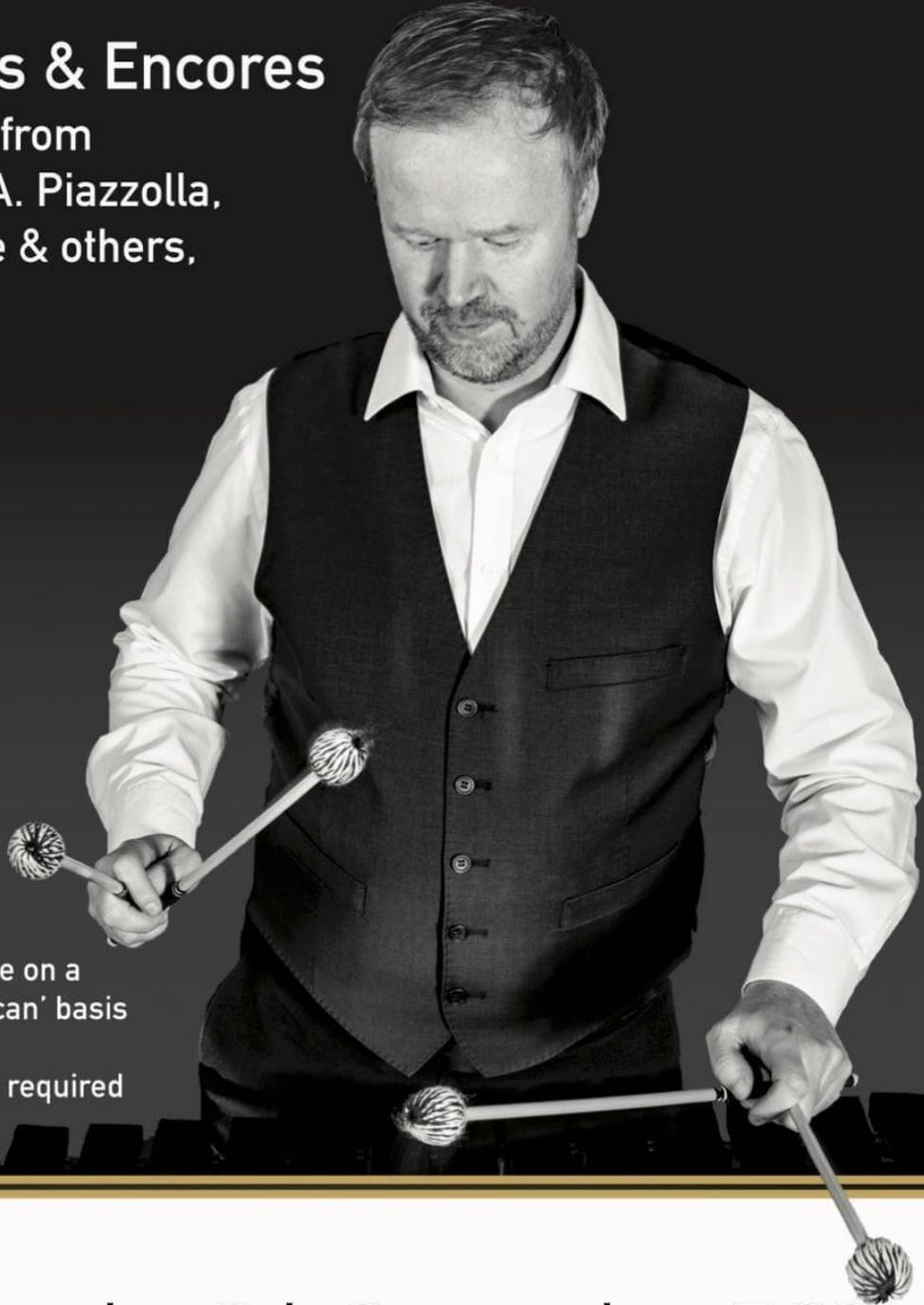
Did you know that you can now help cut down on plastic waste by re-cycling many soft plastic items such as kitchen roll and toilet roll wrappers, frozen veg and microwave rice pouches, plastic sauce sachets, carrier bags, sweets and crisps wrappers, cling film and much, much more ? The Co-op store on Quernmore Rd has a collection point.



STEVEN MOORE

Preludes & Encores

Repertoire from
J.S. Bach, A. Piazzolla,
E. Sejourne & others,



Concerts are on a
'Pay what you can' basis

Tickets are not required

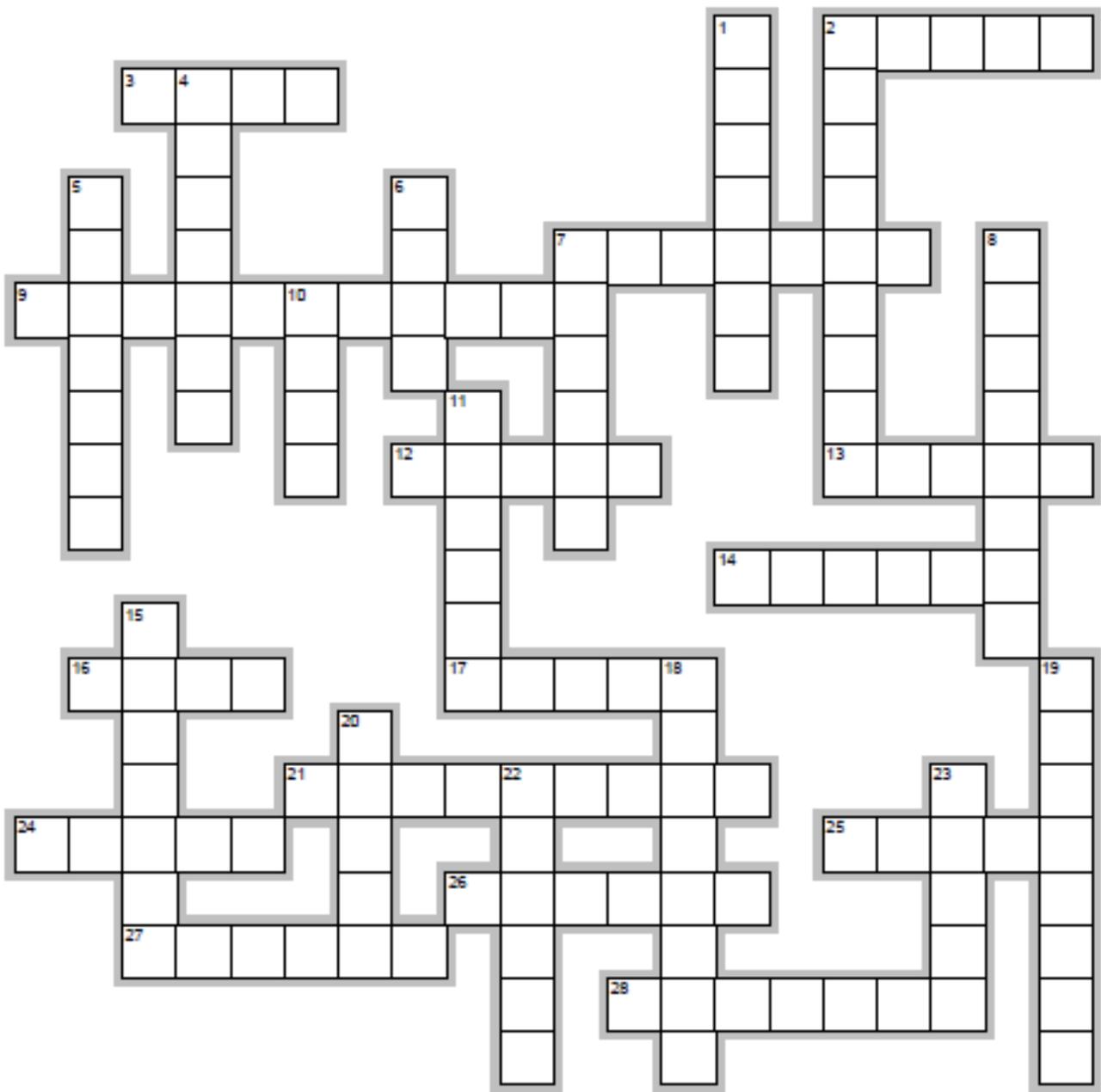
Wednesday 8th September 7:30pm
Christ Church

Wyresdale Road, Lancaster, LA1 3EA

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Crossword:

This week's crossword focuses on the story of Esther, who became queen because she was beautiful but remained queen because of her faith and wisdom.



Crossword Clues:

Across

2. Number of days the king's banquet lasted before his queen was deposed
3. The king offered this portion of his kingdom to Esther.
7. The king's second edict allowed the Jewish people to ___ themselves.
9. Esther's cousin uncovered a plan to ___ the king.
12. Celebration that marks the month when Jewish sorrow was turned to joy
13. Pompous royal official to whom everyone was told to bow
14. Queen who refused to obey the King's summons
16. What Esther did for 3 days before approaching the king
17. Beautiful girls were brought into the king's _____.
21. Where Esther's cousin often waited to learn about her status
24. What the King set upon Esther's head
25. Xerxes ruled from ___ to Cush.
26. Esther kept her family background ___ from the king.
27. Type of ring used by the king to seal all orders
28. Event to which Esther invited the King before she presented her petition

Down

1. One could only appear before the king if the king extended his _____.
2. What Esther's cousin wore when he learned of the deadly edict
4. Name of Esther's father
5. The king wanted to teach all women to ___ their husbands.
6. Banquet beverage
7. A decree was written in the laws of _____ and Media.
8. Tribe from which Esther's family was descended
10. Capital from which the King ruled on his throne
11. Hegai was the king's _____, placed in charge of the women.
15. Where two disloyal officials were hung
18. The cousin who had raised Esther
19. Esther's alternate name
20. A robe and ___ were to be given to the man the king chose to honor.
22. Number of months of beauty treatments prescribed before women were allowed to go to the king
23. An _____ was decreed to annihilate the Jewish people.

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.

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