



# ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS



26<sup>th</sup> August 2021

## Sunday Worship 29<sup>th</sup> August 2021 Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

09:45 Service of Holy Communion at St Paul's Scotforth Road  
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



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 4<sup>th</sup> October.



*Worshipping God, Growing in Faith,  
Serving the community*

## A message from Reverend Claire:



### **Be still and know I am God**

Psalm 46:10

When we pray the LORD's prayer, we begin together with the words 'Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name'

My favourite informal interpretation of this opening line of the prayer is:

'Hi Heavenly Dad, WOW! You are AMAZING!'

I love that Jesus taught us to

begin our prayer with a reminder of *who* we are talking to.

It captures the closeness and familiarity that God wants us to have with him, yet as we get close to this good father, we realise just who he is... he is GOD... and the only right response is to be in awe and to wonder at him.

The reason we can find the stillness of deep, trusting peace and knowledge that leads to confident, joy-filled hope is the fact that the eternally good and ultimately powerful and holy God-who-is-love is living and active with us.

Here is a short list of who God has shown himself to be, based on some of the stories of God that we find in scripture, particularly in Jesus:

*Creator*

*Saviour*

*Provider*

*Warrior*

*Healer*

*Friend*

*Lover*

*Counsellor*

*Guide*

*Father*

*Peacemaker*

*Holds all authority*

Perhaps take a little time today to look through this list. Where do you see God showing who he is in these ways in scripture?

What about in your life or the lives of the people around you? What ways has God shown us who we is that is not on this list that you would love to add?

I encourage you to spend a moment coming close to God our Father, considering who he is and allowing yourself to be wowed by him in a fresh way today.

We continue to move forwards together through whatever challenges we face in the late summer/early autumn and beyond. Who knows whether there is another sting in the tail of this pandemic to come? Psalm 46 begins 'God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble'. So in all circumstances, let us embrace these simple words from the Psalmist 'Be still and know I am God'. Let us learn to look to God, trusting him with deep peace and put our hope in God with joyful confidence.

## **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:** Brunton Road, Pickard Street, Binyon Court

**From our Church prayer diary:** All staff at Scotforth St Paul's and all schools in our parish as they begin the new school year

**Those who have asked for prayers for healing:** Mary Wilson, Eunice Parkinson, Marion Corkill, Katherine McHale, Eileen Slinger, Jacqueline Gothard, Maureen Thorpe, Rev Rebecca, Arlene Hunter and all the family

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

**Collect for 29<sup>th</sup> August 2021:**

Almighty God,  
who called your Church to bear witness  
that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself:  
help us to proclaim the good news of your love,  
that all who hear it may be drawn to you;  
through him who was lifted up on the cross,  
and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Readings for 29<sup>th</sup> August 2021:**

**James 1.17-end**

<sup>17</sup> Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.\* <sup>18</sup>In fulfilment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. <sup>19</sup> You must understand this, my beloved:— let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; <sup>20</sup>for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. <sup>21</sup>Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. <sup>22</sup> But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. <sup>23</sup>For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are

like those who look at themselves\* in a mirror; <sup>24</sup>for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. <sup>25</sup>But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing. <sup>26</sup> If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless.

<sup>27</sup>Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

### **Mark 7.1-8, 14, 15, 21-23**

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, <sup>2</sup>they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. <sup>3</sup>(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands,\* thus observing the tradition of the elders; <sup>4</sup>and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it;\* and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.~) <sup>5</sup>So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, ‘Why do your disciples not live\* according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?’ <sup>6</sup>He said to them, ‘Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, “This people honours me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; <sup>7</sup> in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.” <sup>8</sup>You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.’ <sup>14</sup> Then he called the crowd again and said to them, ‘Listen to me, all of you, and understand: <sup>15</sup>there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.’\* <sup>21</sup>For it is from within, from the human heart,

that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder,  
<sup>22</sup>adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy,  
slander, pride, folly. <sup>23</sup>All these evil things come from within,  
and they defile a person.'

### **Post Communion Prayer for 29<sup>th</sup> August 2021:**

God our creator,  
you feed your children with the true manna,  
the living bread from heaven:  
let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage  
until we come to that place where hunger and thirst are no  
more;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

**Proverbs 22.1-2, 8-9, 22-23; Psalm 125; James 2.1-10,  
[11-13], 14-17; Mark 7.24-end**



**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.

## Claver Hill by Hugh Kidd:



*“one of the most exciting and energising happenings in Lancaster”*

On Monday afternoons, Katherine & I are often at Claver Hill connecting with people, working on the land and bringing home fresh, locally grown organic vegetables. People have asked about Claver Hill so here is a short explanation. It started out of two Lancaster residents looking to do something useful in response to climate change and its related challenges. They wanted to strengthen community in ways that help us become more resilient and they wanted to focus on food and growing. Seven years ago some rough grazing land at Ridge Lane on the northern edge of Lancaster became available – the site is beyond Central High School. Their idea was to use the land in regenerative ways and to do new things there from the bottom up - so that it is a community-based response to the challenges.



The site has changed unrecognisably – transformed from a mono-culture of grass it now buzzes with a great diversity of plant and animal life as well as producing a lot of delicious food!

Claver Hill is primarily a place – a place where people come together to use a piece of local land in wholesome ways. It is one of the most exciting and energising happenings in Lancaster as well as being a great resource during the challenges of Covid.

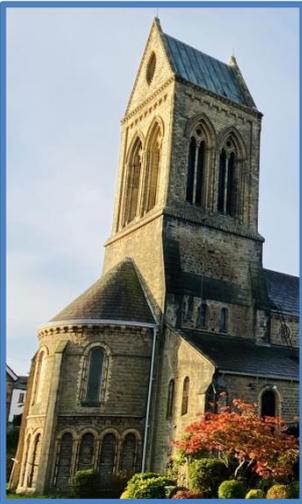
Claver Hill is home to various initiatives. The most visible is Spud Club – a community grown agricultural project - where we grow food - for Spud Club members, for the community and for Lancaster. Anyone can join. Also on site is a small flower farm <https://horseshoefarmflowers.co.uk> who produce local flowers to sell - grown without any chemicals or artificial heat and light. Like Spud Club they use the no-dig method to encourage good soil health and have mini-meadows where insects love to forage amongst wildflowers. Their flowers come without plastic wrapping and if an order is for a local address it will often be delivered by electric bike!

Also on site are vegetable beds used by our asylum seekers and refugee friends making their home in Lancaster and growing vegetables and developing skills. There are also beds used by Lancaster Seed Library, a local seed-saving initiative. Lancaster Sewing Cafe are trialling plants for natural dyes <https://sewingcafelancaster.com/natural-dye-project/> which are less damaging than conventional dyes. Claver Hill also has a fruit tree nursery, bee hives and a nature trail.

Over seven years Claver Hill community has grown organically (in two senses!). Its members range in age, growing experience, nationality and motivation. People are drawn to the site for all sorts of reasons: exercise, getting away from life's troubles, enjoying the richness of the natural world, re-connecting with land and where our food comes from, learning to grow organic vegetables, meeting new people, getting out of the house during a lockdown, learning how to cook.



## Church Tower Appeal:



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.

## 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.

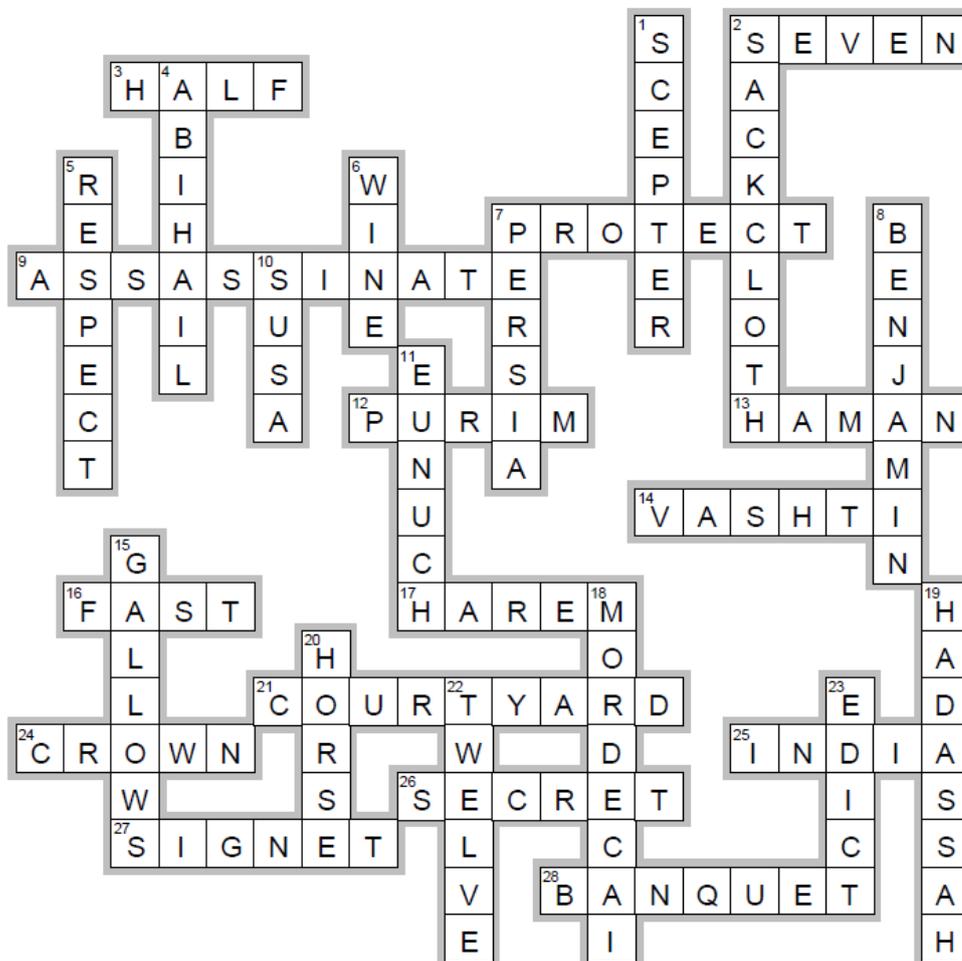
Of course this will involve some expense plus quite a lot of work planting all the bulbs needed (1000 for a start). I am only asking for **small** donations and they can be sent to me in the form of cash or a cheque made payable to M Leach

- 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

**Answers to last week's Queen Esther crossword:**

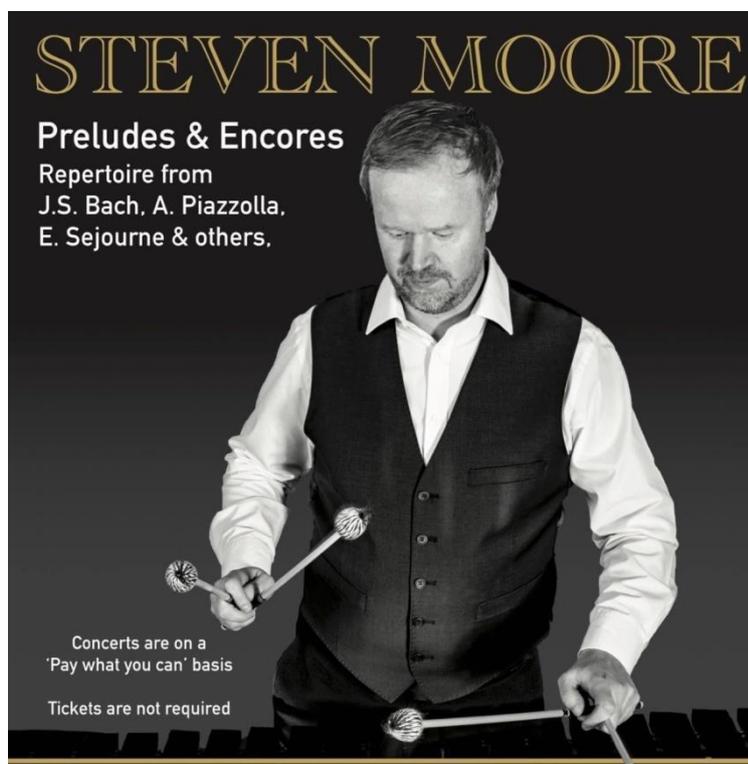


## Christian Aid Haiti Earthquake Appeal:

‘The destruction and loss caused by the earthquake can affect multiple aspects of peoples’ lives and well being, both physically and socially. We see families moving to wherever they can stay safe with nothing but the clothes on their backs. The people of Haiti are resilient. But how much more can we take?’ Marc Pascale Desmornes (Christian Aid’s Regional Programme Manager in Haiti)

People who have lost everything need emergency shelter, food, drinking water and access to healthcare. Christian Aid’s partners are on the ground now delivering relief to people who need it most, but they urgently need our help in giving people the strength to survive, shelter to protect elderly people from sleeping on the streets and urgent medical treatment to help children recover from their injuries.

Donations can be made online at [www.christianaid.org.uk](http://www.christianaid.org.uk) or by phone to Supporter Relations on 0207 75232493



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## 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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