



ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS



23rd September 2021

Sunday Worship 26th September 2021
Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity - Harvest

08.00 BCP Holy Communion at St Paul's Scotforth Road

09:45 Harvest Service of the Word at St Paul's Scotforth Road

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

Morning Prayer will resume in church on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday mornings at 9am on 4th October.



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

A message from Reverend Rebecca:

This Sunday we are celebrating Harvest and Climate Sunday and will be following these themes as we approach COP26 (the United Nations Climate Change Conference being held in Glasgow, 31st October to 12th November).

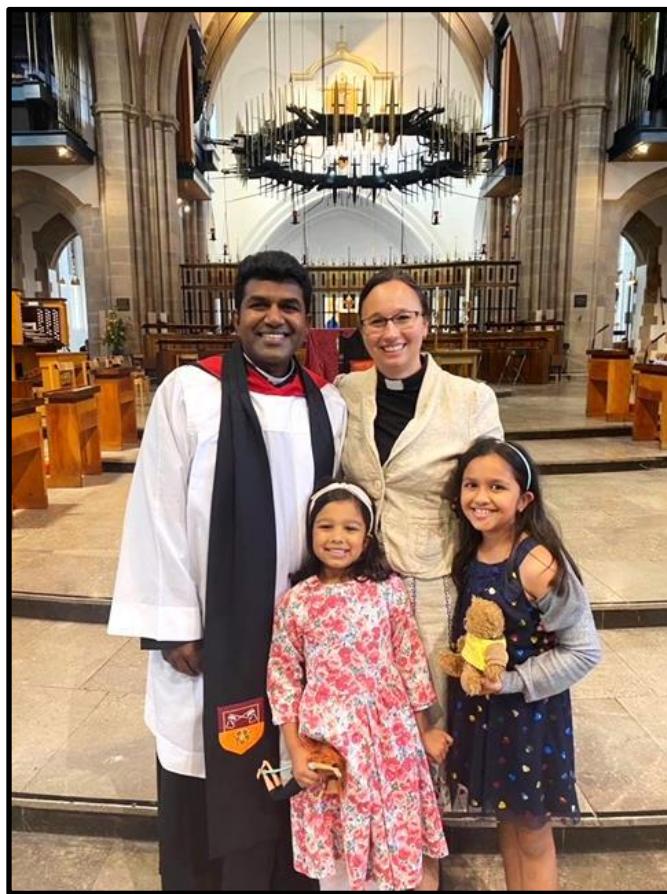
Harvest is a time when we give thanks for God's creation and we respond by giving back to God from our time and money in worship and praise. Last week we had many reasons to give thanks across our parish; on Monday we appointed a new Headteacher for Scotforth St Paul's, on Saturday Jayne and Tony were commissioned as Authorised Lay Ministers, and on Sunday we had pre-Covid numbers of people worshipping at St Paul's Scotforth and St Paul's Hala, and Anderson was made Honorary Canon Theologian. God is moving and blessing us in ways big and small.



Our new Authorised Lay Ministers!

As we approach Harvest may we be thankful and challenged to make changes in our lives that protect God's creation. I leave you with part of our liturgy for this coming Sunday:

Creator God, breathing your own life into our being, you give us the gift of life. You placed us on this earth with its flowers and fruits, minerals and waters, living creatures of grace and beauty. At harvest time the earth reaches the peak of its fruitfulness. It depends on us to praise you by harvesting its goods in ways, which ensure there will be harvests in the future. You gave us the care of the earth and its climate. It depends on us.



Congratulations to Anderson!

Service Provision over the coming weeks:

We are singing one hymn in church. All our current guidelines will still be in place so mask wearing is encouraged and welcomed even whilst singing. Hymn books will be given out with service books and we would ask you to return them at the end of the service.

This Sunday we will be celebrating Harvest at both the 9.45am and 11.15am services and singing two hymns. Harvest is a fitting celebration day to reintroduce the 8am BCP Holy Communion service. We are also going to reintroduce the Primary and Secondary School ‘Green Card’ form signing on this day.

Shortly after this we are planning on reintroducing the Thursday morning service and after some more reflection on our provision, the 6.30pm service. News of when these will be reintroduced will be in the Parish News closer to the time.

Health and Safety over the coming weeks:

We are going to maintain most of the good practice we have followed with the exception of introducing two seating options. At St Paul’s Scotforth we have re-opened the central aisles and side aisle (organ side) so that you can sit where you feel comfortable. We will keep the side aisle (as you come into church by the old font) laid out for social distancing.

This means that there will be no requirement to contact the Parish Office on a Wednesday morning and that you can choose where you would like to sit. However, we all need to consider the feelings and apprehensions that most of us have and by asking a simple question “Do you feel comfortable with me sitting here next to you?” we can all learn to adapt to this new way of being together as a church family.

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: Devonshire Street, Franklin Street, Cheltenham Road, Victoria Avenue

From our Church prayer diary: The Social Responsibility Group

We pray for the parents, godparents and family of:
Arthur James who is to be baptised this week

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

All who mourn: Hazel Hodgson

Readings and prayers for this week can be found in the Harvest Services sheet.

Readings for next Sunday:

Job 1.1, 2.1-10; Psalm 26; Hebrews 1.1-4, 2.5-12; Mark 10.2-16

Sunday 26th September - Harvest Services:



We will be celebrating Harvest on Sunday 26th September and if you would like to bring up 'Harvest Gifts' as part of the service this will be very much appreciated. Any canned/dried produce will be donated to The Olive Branch to assist them in their work in Lancaster.

Crocus update:

Many thanks for your kind donations. The first 1,000 crocus have arrived and we started planting last week. If anyone would like to help with this task please come along to the church gardens any Wednesday afternoon from 2-4 or contact me (07531285199) to collect some bulbs for planting at your convenience. Thank you all again.



Maureen Leach

Heritage Weekend Church Walk:



The forecast for the 19th was for a fine afternoon but as we met for our picnic lunch a steady drizzle began to fall and continued for most of our walk. We decided to follow the Lancaster health history trail, published by Bryan Rhodes at the end of July, finishing with a tour of the Judge's Lodging.

Although we were a small number and one of us had an errand of mercy to perform at

our booked time of 2.30pm, we set off on our quest backwards in time starting at the Royal Infirmary: opened in 1894 but still over its main entrance is the Coade stone plaque of the Good Samaritan that had graced the first public medical building – a dispensary on Castle Hill opened in 1785. Inside the handsome porch are two

Shrigley and Hunt stained glass windows depicting New Testament stories of healing miracles.

Before the RLI, 6 Thurnham Street was purchased in 1832 and served as Lancaster's hospital until 1894, with resident medical staff, including consultant surgeon Christopher Johnson who was also Lancaster's Mayor. Here the first operations with anaesthesia were performed. Thurnham Street was also the site of Robert Owen's birthplace in 1804. A handsome information board gives details of his life and work where his parents' house once stood. He was apprenticed to a surgeon at the castle and learned his anatomy carrying out post mortem examinations on deceased prisoners. He studied in Edinburgh and London and became famous for his skill in recreating the skeletons of extinct animals from fossil bones and for coining the word dinosaur to describe them.

In 1815 after the Battle of Waterloo there was a public meeting to support the building of an infectious disease hospital. A 5 bedroom house was built on the junction of Sulyard Street and Bulk Road and became our first fever hospital, known as a House of Recovery. Treatment was mainly rest and red wine, which does not sound too bad! The cholera epidemic of 1831 showed that larger premises were needed, hence the move to Thurnham Street in 1832.



We then tracked back in time to the Dispensary on Castle Hill, which had a resident Apothecary paid by subscribers. At the Judge's Lodging – built in 1694 on the site of an earlier house – we explored the cellars open to the public for the first time, revealing decorative beams from the earlier building and a blocked up medieval window. An even more

surprising discovery was the patent medallion in the cellar floor for George Jennings and Co., famous for installing public toilets in London's Great Exhibition in 1851, so probably the site of Lancaster's first flushing public toilet — men only of course.

Pat Illingworth

Praying for COP 26:



In 5 weeks' time world leaders will meet in Glasgow for COP 26 - at what will probably be the most important meeting to determine the future for our planet, our children, grandchildren and future generations.

This week has been Great Big Green Week - with lots of events in our City and country highlighting the immense challenge we face from climate change and what we can all do about it. We've all seen the impact of global warming this summer - fires, floods and storms - with many made homeless, losing their livelihoods, their communities destroyed, and loved ones killed. We are called to respond and support.

Churches in Lancaster are holding prayer events over the weeks leading up to COP 26 - we will hold events at St Paul's and at Hala. Please do go along to support through prayer the future for our world and all its people.

The events this week are:

3pm Sunday 26th September

St Thomas' Church, Penny Street

Launch of the Pray for COP26 initiative

Prayer gathering with stations

7:30pm Tuesday 28th September

St Paul's Church

A Celtic Liturgy

The Urgent Earth

Celtic Evening Prayer using liturgy from the Northumbria Community. This short service will include space for reflection and intercession towards urgent action on climate change and the health of the planet.

Details of events over the next weeks will be included in Parish News each week



Appeal for materials for a Prayer Wall Hanging:
We are looking for donations of pieces of material and bright, medium/large buttons to construct a prayer wall hanging for church similar to the one in the picture. If you have any items you could donate please can you pass them to Jayne or Jean Harrison – thank you.

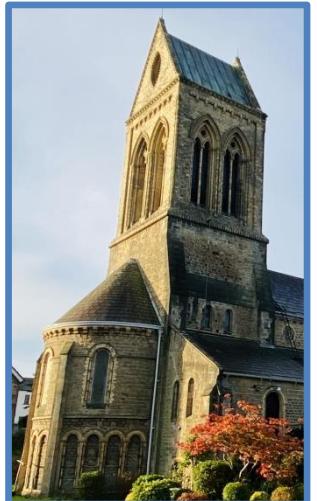
Contactless Giving in Church is now available.

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



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.

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.

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.

Ripley St Thomas C of E Academy - Admissions for September 2022: We are now taking bookings for Ripley St Thomas Church School Supplementary Forms to be signed. There will be two evenings – Tuesday 12th October and Thursday 14th October between 6.30pm and 8pm in the Parish Office. Please contact the office by telephone to make

an appointment (9.30-12 noon Mon-Fri) or email at office@stpauls-scotforth.org, In order to make an appointment we will need the following information:

- Preferred date
 - Your name
 - Your child's name
 - Your child's school
 - Your contact telephone number

If you email for an appointment you will receive a confirmation email stating the date and time of your appointment. Please remember that you will need to bring your school admissions green card with you and the supplemental form you received in your RST prospectus pack. You will also need to bring your own pen to sign the form. We would like to request that only one parent attends the meeting in order to reduce any possible congestion in the parish hall.

- **VICAR:** Rev Dr Rebecca Aechtner –
● Tel: 749693; Email: vicar@stpauls-scotforth.org
● Rest day is Friday – if you have an urgent enquiry then please contact a Churchwarden.
 - **PIONEER MINISTER:** Rev Claire Cooke:
● Email: Claire@stpauls-scotforth.org
● Work days are Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday
 - **WARDENS:**
 - Mrs Jayne Weatherill:
● Tel: 60597; Email: sjayneweatherill@gmail.com
 - Mr Tony Walker:
● Tel: 382397; Email: walkerar@hotmail.co.uk
 - **PARISH OFFICE:** The office is open Monday – Friday from 9.30am – 12 noon.
● Tel: 01524 843135; Email: office@stpauls-scotforth.org
 - **BAPTISMS AND WEDDINGS:** Booking enquiries - please contact the parish office or
● Email: lifeevents@stpauls-scotforth.org
 - **CHURCH WEBSITE:**
<https://stpauls-scotforth.org>
 - **FACEBOOK:** regular updates about life at St Paul's can be found: @scotforthstpaulschu

Fairtrade/Green Fair

Saturday 25th September, 10am-4pm

The Cornerstone, Sulyard St. Lancaster



FILM: 'GUARDIANS OF THE RAIN FOREST'

Showing every 30 minutes from 10.30am - 4.00pm

The 15 minute film shows how sustainable Fairtrade farming is working with naturalists to conserve and extend the Gola rainforest in Sierra Leone. The farmers are growing their own, as well as local market, food crops, and producing Fairtrade cocoa which is sold in the UK and Europe.

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For more information contact Simon on 01524 840027

A promotional poster for The Great Big Green Week Lancaster District. It features a yellow sunburst graphic on the left and right sides. The title "THE GREAT BIG GREEN WEEK" is at the top center, with a green heart symbol. Below it, a dark green bar contains the text "LANCASTER DISTRICT BIG GREEN WEEK". The main body is yellow and lists events: "CLIMATE CHANGE DISCUSSION - WHAT CAN WE DO?", "DEMO - ELECTRIC CAR CHARGING", "SEWING CAFE - MENDING WORKSHOP", and "CLAVER HILL TOUR - GROWING FOOD SUSTAINABLY". The bottom section is teal and lists more events: "ECO CO-HOUSING TOUR FORGEBANK, HALTON", "PLASTIC RECYCLING TOUR RELIC PLASTIC", "GREEN SWAP SHOP DORRINGTON ROAD PLAY PARK", "APPLE DAY MILLENIUM ORCHARD", "GREEN SPACES FORUM LANCASTER UNIVERSITY", and "TREE WALK & LEARN LANCASTER CITY". At the very bottom, an orange bar contains the text: "THERE ARE MANY OTHER EVENTS GOING ON ACROSS LANCASTER AND DISTRICT IN YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY SPACES. CHECK OUT THE GREAT BIG GREEN WEEK WEBSITE OR TRANSITIONCITYLANCASTER.ORG FOR MORE INFORMATION. EVENTS ARE STILL BEING ADDED!" and the website "WWW.GREATBIGGREENWEEK.COM".