



ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS



2nd September 2021

Sunday Worship 5th September 2021 Fourteenth 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

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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.



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

A message from Reverend Claire:

As we come to the end of summer, there are subtle but natural shifts for all of us.

For some, a return to work after a summer break or a slower pace. Others re-start school in a new year group with new teachers or even new schools. We will all begin to feel the change in weather. The bright colours of our summer gardens will start to fade to make way for new colours to emerge. And of course, we continue to navigate changes in the different ways we gather in our communities.

Yesterday marked my first time attending an open-air music concert in a crowd of people for such a long time. It was wonderful, but a new thing for me there was in showing a negative Covid test or vaccine card as part of our entry requirements. Is this part of the 'new normal' we often speak of?

We really have come so far and faced many changes this past year and a half and hasn't God been faithful in holding us through all that change in his kindness and goodness!

Jesus often shifted the culture where he went. He did this simply by sitting with different people, challenging the status quo, healing the people who were overlooked, pulling to the centre the weakest, most vulnerable and shocking individuals and holding them as an example to us as the inheritors of the Kingdom of God.

For us to continue following Jesus out of this pandemic, I suspect we may need to be ready for more shifts in our communities. As the world around us continues to learn how to re-gather in a post-lockdown world, we - as the church within our local community - will also need to shift again as we learn new things too. Let us keep reminding ourselves of God's faithfulness, kindness and goodness as we trust him to lead us into this next season.

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: Ash Grove, Bridge Road, West Street

From our Church prayer diary: All Emergency Services personnel

We pray for the parents, godparents and family of: Troy 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, Arlene Hunter and all the family

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

Collect for 5th September 2021:

Almighty God,
whose only Son has opened for us
a new and living way into your presence:
give us pure hearts and steadfast wills
to worship you in spirit and in truth;
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 5th September 2021:

James 2.1-10, 14-17

²My brothers and sisters,* do you with your acts of favouritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? ²For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, ³and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, 'Have a seat here, please', while to the one who is poor you say, 'Stand there', or, 'Sit at my feet',* ⁴have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters.* Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? ⁶But you have dishonoured the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? ⁷Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? ⁸You do well if you really fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' ⁹But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. ¹⁴What good is it, my brothers and sisters,* if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? ¹⁵If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, ¹⁶and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill', and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? ¹⁷So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

Mark 7.24-37

²⁴ From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre.* He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, ²⁵but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. ²⁶Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷He said to her, 'Let the children be fed first, for it is not

fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' ²⁸But she answered him, 'Sir,* even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.' ²⁹Then he said to her, 'For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.' ³⁰So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

³¹ Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³²They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. ³⁴Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, 'Ephphatha', that is, 'Be opened.' ³⁵And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶Then Jesus* ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷They were astounded beyond measure, saying, 'He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.'

Post Communion Prayer for 5th September 2021:

Lord God, the source of truth and love,
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Readings for next Sunday:

Proverbs 1.20-33; Psalm 19 [or 19.1-6]; James 3.1-12; Mark 8.27-end

Crocus Appeal:



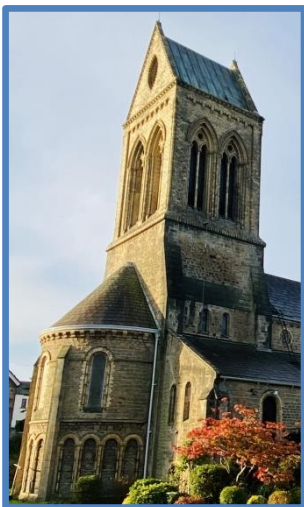
Many thanks to everyone who has contributed to our crocus appeal for a memorial garden in memory of all who died during the pandemic. I am so pleased to tell you that we have raised enough for over a 1000 crocus

bulbs and have also been offered another 1000 bulbs. This is fantastic news and now we have to work out how we are going to plant so many bulbs! All offers of planting will be gratefully received. So, thanks again.

Maureen and the gardening team

16th Lancaster St Paul's Scout Troop 90th Anniversary celebration by Daniella (Group Scout Leader):

Anyone who has been involved with the Scout troop over the last 90 years is welcome to join us for a family fun day celebration on 4th September at Littledale Scouts Activity Centre. Come along for some Scouting activities, BBQ and campfire - and cake! For more details, please email daniella.martin@lonsdalescouts.org.uk



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.



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

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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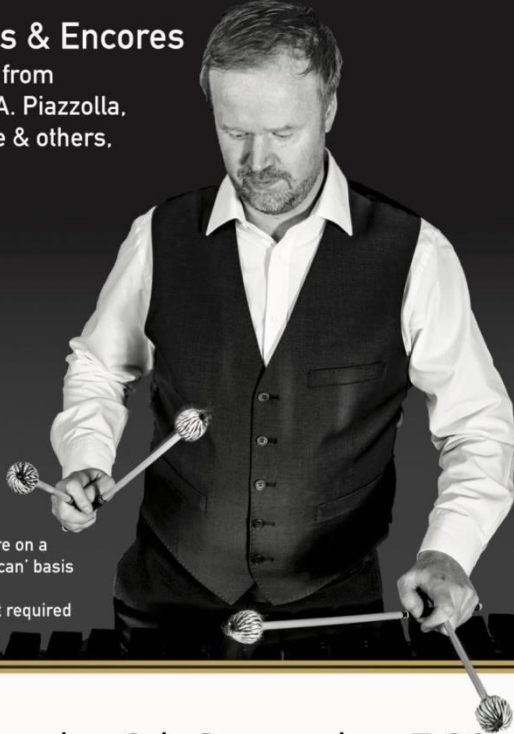
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• **PIONEER MINISTER:** Rev Claire Cooke:

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