



ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS



30th September 2021

Sunday Worship 3rd October 2021

Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

08.00 BCP Holy Communion at St Paul's Scotforth Road

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

11:15 Service of Holy Communion 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:

Harvest Sunday was a joyous celebration as we welcomed back the 8am Book of Common Prayer Communion service, had pre-Covid numbers of worshippers for the 9.45am service and welcomed Kaarina Leong as our Ordinand on placement with us for 3 years. Please welcome Kaarina as she joins the St Paul's family:



Hello, my name is Kaarina – pronounced like a ‘**car in a garage**’ and I am delighted to be your ordinand at St Paul’s Scotforth. I was born in Britain to a Finnish mum and Chinese dad. I moved to Lancaster in 1996 for university and loved it so much that I never left! I am studying part-time at Emmanuel Theological College, and also teach music at Ripley St Thomas Church of England Academy. I’m a proud mum of three, who likes to cook, crochet, read and sing. I also love to go wild swimming all year round in the lakes, local rivers or the sea at Morecambe. My formation journey has been full of wonderful surprises and joyful laughter. I am really looking forward to getting to know people in the parish and serving and rejoicing in the love of God alongside you all.

Kaarina

A very warm welcome to Kaarina!

Service Provision over the coming weeks:

We are slowly reintroducing some singing 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.

Please note we have reintroduced the Primary and Secondary School 'Green Card' form signing.

Shortly 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: Church Avenue, St Paul's Drive, St Paul's Road

From our Church prayer diary: Our Environmental Witness

We pray for the parents, godparents and family of: Cleo Olivia and Junior Thomas who are 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, Kath Beck

All who mourn: Hazel Hodgson, Margaret Law, Susan Linda Winifred Ogles

Collect for 3rd October 2021:

Almighty and everlasting God,
increase in us your gift of faith
that, forsaking what lies behind
and reaching out to that which is before,
we may run the way of your commandments
and win the crown of everlasting joy;
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 3rd October 2021:

Psalm 8

- 1 O Lord our governor,
how glorious is your name in all the world!
- 2 Your majesty above the heavens is praised
out of the mouths of babes at the breast.
- 3 You have founded a stronghold against your foes,
that you might still the enemy and the avenger.
- 4 When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars that you have ordained,
- 5 What is man, that you should be mindful of him;
the son of man, that you should seek him out?
- 6 You have made him little lower than the angels
and crown him with glory and honour.
- 7 You have given him dominion over the works of your
hands
and put all things under his feet,
- 8 All sheep and oxen,
even the wild beasts of the field,
- 9 The birds of the air, the fish of the sea
and whatsoever moves in the paths of the sea.
- 10 O Lord our governor,
how glorious is your name in all the world!

Mark 10.13-16

- ¹³ People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them.
- ¹⁴ But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs.
- ¹⁵ Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of

God as a little child will never enter it.' ¹⁶And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

Post Communion Prayer for 3rd October 2021

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast:
for here we receive you,
here the memory of your passion is renewed,
here our minds are filled with grace,
and here a pledge of future glory is given,
when we shall feast at that table where you reign
with all your saints for ever.

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Readings for next Sunday:

**Job 23.1-9, 16-end; Psalm 22.1-15; Hebrews 4.12-end;
Mark 10.17-31**

Children in our Church:



Over the last few weeks we have been inspired and delighted by the numbers of children attending our 9.45am service. We are now planning how best to bring back Young Church while also loving the ways in which children have blessed our worship. We are looking for

volunteers to join Rev Rebecca and Kaarina to help offer fulfilled ways of learning about God's love. Please contact Rev Rebecca (vicar@stpauls-scotforth.org) or the Parish Office (office@stpauls-scotforth.org) if you think you can help. All volunteers who work with children and young people have

to be recruited and receive appropriate training in line with our safeguarding practices. If you want to know more about what will be expected then please contact Jayne (life-events@stpauls-scotforth.org) who is our Safeguarding Officer.

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.

The Olive Branch:



At harvest time Lancaster's churches and schools support The Olive Branch very generously with donations of food so that local people can be offered help during a crisis. To make this

happen, The Olive Branch also relies on people giving their time as volunteers. Could you consider being part of this volunteer team? You might choose to help with desk work, or sorting donations, packing food parcels or delivering food to people's homes. The work is interesting and rewarding.

For more information email

info@the-olivebranch.org.uk, or call me (07947 122 249) for an informal chat. Thank you.

Linda Currin

Praying for COP 26:



In November 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.

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.

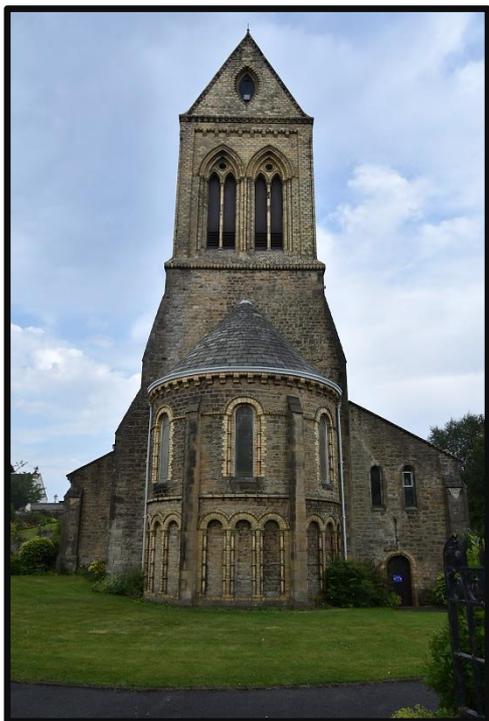
Churches in Lancaster are holding prayer events over the weeks leading up to COP 26 - we will hold events at St Paul's and at Hala. Please do go along to support through prayer the future for our world and all its people.

The events this week are:

6pm Sunday 3rd October

Eucharist with prayers for the climate crisis and Taizé music
Christ Church, Wyresdale Rd

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.

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This Harvest season remember Ruth, who showed her devotion to Naomi.

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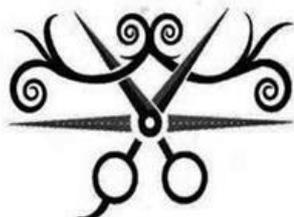
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