



ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS



9th September 2021

Sunday Worship 12th September 2021 Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

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

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 Rebecca:

Last Sunday at St Paul's Scotforth we looked at James's letter to members of the early church (James 2. 1-10, 14-17). I gave out St Paul's Scotforth Church postcards and asked people to write a message of advice or encouragement. During our summer holidays my family wrote many postcards as we travelled as far north as the Isle of Bute in Scotland and as far south as Bath in England. Postcards are a challenge, because they force us focus our thoughts and experiences in a limited space.

I've included a version of the postcard in this edition of the Parish News. What advice would you give this worshipping community? You can draw or write whatever you like, you can sign it, leave it anonymous. Please feel free to drop it off at the vicarage, parish office, or send me an email (vicar@stpauls-scotforth.org). This is our church, this is your church; we all need advice and encouragement as we learn to be people of faith and works together.

Service Provision over the coming weeks:

Sunday 5th September was the last 9.45am service that filming and putting the service on YouTube took place. We would like to thank everyone who has contributed to the content of our online worship since March 2020 and a special thanks to the camera operators, editors and YouTube experts. It has been a learning curve for us all but has proved a lifeline to so many.

On Sunday 19th September we are going to reintroduce singing in church, slowly at first and under constant review, by singing one hymn. 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.

On Sunday 26th September we will be celebrating Harvest at both the 9.45am and 11.15am services. Harvest is a fitting celebration day to reintroduce the 8am BCP Holy Communion service and to have two hymns sung in celebration. 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:

As we begin to reintroduce services 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 from Sunday 19th September we are going to re-open 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: Dorrington Road, Heaton Road

From our Church prayer diary: Ecumenical relationships

We pray for the parents, godparents and family of: Toby George 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

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

Collect for 12th September 2021:

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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 12th September 2021:

James 3.1-12

³Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters,* for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ²For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. ³If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. ⁴Or look at ships:

though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! ⁶And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature,* and is itself set on fire by hell.* ⁷For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, ⁸but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters,* this ought not to be so. ¹¹Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? ¹²Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters,* yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

Mark 8.27-38

²⁷ Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, ‘Who do people say that I am?’ ²⁸And they answered him, ‘John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.’ ²⁹He asked them, ‘But who do you say that I am?’ Peter answered him, ‘You are the Messiah.’* ³⁰And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. ³¹ Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, ‘Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.’ ³⁴ He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, ‘If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel,* will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole

world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words* in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

Post Communion Prayer for 12th September 2021:

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy;
and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall,
keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful,
and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Shared from the Lectionary app. Material subject to copyright. Please visit the About this App page for further information.

Readings for next Sunday:

Proverbs 31.10-2end; Psalm 1; James 3.13-4.3, 7-8a; Mark 9.30-37

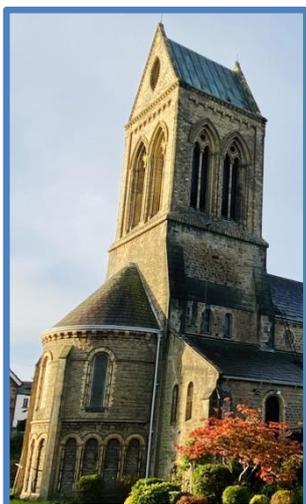
Ripley St Thomas C of E Academy - Admissions for

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.

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.

Uplifting & Energising! by Hugh Kidd:

Hope in Our Hands!



I wrote a piece in the Parish News a couple of weeks back about uplifting & energising initiatives at Claver Hill. There are many other grassroots activities going on locally. I keep

coming across people who are finding something they can do in response to climate change and its related challenges. They are often small scale activities – manageable but also joyful, encouraging, uplifting and energising. Such activities are being celebrated during the upcoming **Great Big Green Week (GBGW) 18 – 26 September 2021** (poster elsewhere in this Parish News). Claver Hill, for example, has Open Days 11am – 3pm on both Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th September. And there are other activities.

One I love is Lancaster's Sewing Cafe's event - **A Joyful Rebellion** - happening in Dalton Square 12:30 - 1:30pm on Tuesday 14th September. You are invited to bring a chair and something you can be mending for an hour! More of an encouragement than a protest!

From the end of the GBGW up to the start of COP26 several Lancaster churches will be hosting prayer gatherings to pray for COP26 and our planet - in different styles and open to everyone. I hope you might come to some of them. There will be one at St Paul's & one at the Hala Centre - details nearer the time. And there is much else. As Greta Thunberg said - *once we start to act, hope is everywhere!* Come and join in!

Parish Heritage Walk by Maureen Leach:

Our next walk will be on Sunday, September 19th when we will do a heritage walk round town visiting some of the places which are opening up for the Heritage weekend. Meet in the church grounds at 12.15 for a picnic lunch before setting off into town.

Please contact Maureen on 07531285199 for further information. or visit

<https://visitlancaster.org.uk/whats-on/heritage-open-days-2021/>.





Fairtrade/Green Fair
FOR THE 'GREAT BIG GREEN WEEK'
on 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

+

CRAFT AID STALL and LOCAL CRAFTS

For more information contact Simon on 01524 840027



LANCASTER DISTRICT BIG GREEN WEEK

CLIMATE CHANGE DISCUSSION - WHAT CAN WE DO?

DEMO - ELECTRIC CAR CHARGING

SEWING CAFE - MENDING WORKSHOP

CLAVER HILL TOUR - GROWING FOOD SUSTAINABLY

<p>ECO CO-HOUSING TOUR FORGEBANK, HALTON</p> <p>PLASTIC RECYCLING TOUR RELIC PLASTIC</p> <p>GREEN SWAP SHOP DORRINGTON ROAD PLAY PARK</p>		<p>APPLE DAY MILLENIUM ORCHARD</p> <p>GREEN SPACES FORUM LANCASTER UNIVERSITY</p> <p>TREE WALK & LEARN LANCASTER CITY</p>
--	---	--

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!

WWW.GREATBIGGREENWEEK.COM

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



JEFF HARLOW Electrician



Domestic Installations
Commercial Installations
Inspection and Testing
Acoustic Installation
Periodic and Condition
Reports
Portable Appliance Testing

Office Number: 01524 751599
Direct Number: 07753 854557
jeffharlowelectrical@gmail.com



BURROWBECK

“Rated Good in a recent CQC inspection”

We operate a well-established and highly respected home care service.

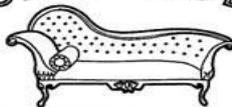
We provide assistance with personal care, housework and shopping plus a Companionship Service.

- * Professional, Fully trained, Friendly staff
- * CQC regulated

Call **01524 846308**

email : enquiries@burrowbeckcare.com

ENGLISH UPHOLSTERY



**ANTIQUE & MODERN
REUPHOLSTERY & REPAIR**

t - 01524 542760 m - 07772 553192
191 Scotforth Rd, Lancaster
mail@englishupholstery.co.uk
www.englishupholstery.co.uk

Time served Craftsman - Free estimates given
Bespoke headboards and footstools made

William Harris Solicitors

Fixed price Conveyancing, Wills,
Probate, Powers of Attorney, Trusts,
Tax and Tax Planning
at competitive rates

For friendly, personal assistance
and advice contact Bill Harris

63A, Scotforth Road, Lancaster, LA1 4SD

Tel: 843336

email: williamharrissolicitors@gmail.com

Laurel Bank Care Home

Westbourne Road, Lancaster
(part of the Barchester Healthcare Group)

Quality Care Home
offering
Nursing and Residential Care

For further details please telephone
Lyndsay Scott (General Manager)
01524 388980

www.barchester.com/laurelbank

TO ADVERTISE HERE

please contact

Anne Quainoo

Tel : 01524 35877

e-mail : anne@quainoo.co.uk

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.

-----*cut here for postcard*-----



“You shall love your neighbour as yourself.” (James 2.8)

“What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works?” (James 2.14)

“Be opened.” (Mark 7:34)

•••••
• **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: sjaynewweatherill@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: @scotforthstpaulschurch

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ at St Paul's Scotforth Church,