



# ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS



14th October 2021

## **Sunday Worship 17<sup>th</sup> October 2021**

Twentieth 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** in church on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday  
and Friday mornings at 9am.

**Reflective Prayer Group** is on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> October, 7.30–  
8.30pm in Church. Everyone is welcome to come and explore a  
more contemplative way of praying.



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

## **A message from Reverend Rebecca:**

After church on Sunday I had a conversation with a remarkably observant boy who asked me why I was wearing a green stole. He had been to a baptism in September when he saw me wearing my favourite white stole.

It made me smile because on Saturday one of my daughter's friends made me a loom band bracelet with the liturgical colours: green, purple, white, and red. Right now the church liturgical colour is green because we are in 'Ordinary time,' a season that makes up half of the calendar year. This is a time for us to focus on the life and growth of the Church in the world and in our community. The 12th century mystic Hildegard von Bingen captured the essence behind our current season when she wrote "The Holy Spirit is the greening power of God. Our task is to blossom."

## **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:** Eden Park, Hall Park

**From our Church prayer diary:** All who work in areas of food production and delivery during these difficult times

**We pray for the parents, godparents and family of:** India Emily who is to be baptised this week

**Those who have asked for prayers for healing:** Mary Wilson, Eunice Parkinson, Marion Corkill, Katherine McHale, Maureen Thorpe, Jacqueline Gothard, Rev Rebecca, Sheila Bellinger, Kath Beck, Val Gedge, Olive Jenkinson

**All who mourn:** Susan Linda Winifred Ogles

## **Collect for 17<sup>th</sup> October 2021:**

God, the giver of life,  
whose Holy Spirit wells up within your Church:  
by the Spirit's gifts equip us to live the gospel of Christ  
and make us eager to do your will,  
that we may share with the whole creation  
the joys of eternal life;  
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 17<sup>th</sup> October 2021:**

### **Job 38.1-7, 34-36**

- <sup>1</sup> Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind:  
<sup>2</sup> 'Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?  
<sup>3</sup> Gird up your loins like a man,  
I will question you, and you shall declare to me.  
<sup>4</sup> 'Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?  
Tell me, if you have understanding.  
<sup>5</sup> Who determined its measurements—surely you know!  
Or who stretched the line upon it?  
<sup>6</sup> On what were its bases sunk,  
or who laid its cornerstone  
<sup>7</sup> when the morning stars sang together  
and all the heavenly beings\* shouted for joy?  
<sup>34</sup> 'Can you lift up your voice to the clouds,  
so that a flood of waters may cover you?  
<sup>35</sup> Can you send forth lightnings, so that they may go  
and say to you, "Here we are"?  
<sup>36</sup> Who has put wisdom in the inward parts,-  
or given understanding to the mind?\*

## **Mark 10.35-45**

<sup>35</sup> James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, 'Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.' <sup>36</sup>And he said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' <sup>37</sup>And they said to him, 'Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.' <sup>38</sup>But Jesus said to them, 'You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?' <sup>39</sup>They replied, 'We are able.' Then Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; <sup>40</sup>but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.'

<sup>41</sup> When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. <sup>42</sup>So Jesus called them and said to them, 'You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. <sup>43</sup>But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, <sup>44</sup>and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. <sup>45</sup>For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.'

## **Post Communion Prayer for 17<sup>th</sup> October 2021**

God our Father,  
whose Son, the light unfailing,  
has come from heaven to deliver the world from the darkness of  
ignorance:  
let these holy mysteries open the eyes of our understanding  
that we may know the way of life,  
and walk in it without stumbling;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

**Isaiah 55: 1-11; Psalm 19: 7-end; 2 Timothy 3: 14 – 4: 5; John 6:  
36b-end**

## **Praying for COP26:**

The next prayer gatherings will be on:

Tuesday 19 Oct 2021 at 5:15pm - the Anglican and Free Church Chapel, Chaplaincy Centre at Lancaster University.

An Ignatian Contemplation

Wednesday 20 Oct 2021 at 7:30pm - Hala Centre

The Rising Tide: Celtic Evening Prayer using liturgy from the Northumbria Community. This short service will include space for reflection and intercession for a rising tide of action on climate change as we move towards COP 26.

Wednesday 20 Oct 2021 at 7:30pm - Lancaster Methodist Church, Scotforth Road

Reflect In the City: In Praise of Creation: A service of song, scripture, prayer and silence using music from the Iona and Taizé communities.

## **All Soul's Service on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November at 6.30pm in Church:**

November is traditionally a time of remembering, when we gather in church to think about those we have loved but see no longer, and then later in the month, we think of those who have died or been injured in active service. We will be reading out the names of people whose funerals we have taken in the last year and any you would like to submit to the church office by Wednesday 27th October (either by telephone [843135] or email [office@stpauls-scotforth.org]). We hope you can join us and experience the love and peace of God at this special time of year.



## Parish Walk:



Our next walk will be on October 17th meeting at the back of church at 12.15 for lunch. As Cop26 draws closer there has been much emphasis on growing your own vegetables.

During lock-down I was surprised just how many allotments I came across in our own area. So this month's walk will be to see how many allotments we can visit. The walk can be as short or as long as you like so bring your bus pass in case you want to shorten it. Contact Maureen Leach on 07531285199 for more details. November's walk will be on November 28th



## 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.

## Church Acton on Poverty 'Challenge Poverty Week' 11 – 18 October

**2021 BY Arton Medd:** This past week was Challenge Poverty Week and I wrote to our MP asking for her support, as we are encouraged to do. It is good to know that we have a voice in parliament sharing the concerns of those who are marginalised as shown in her reply below:

Hello Arton,

I've had a few emails from constituents on the Challenge Poverty Week and I am pleased to represent so many people in Westminster who share my passion for social justice. All your emails are an encouragement. Thank you. All best wishes, Cat

## **Service Provision (8am & 9.45am) and Health and Safety:**

- the church building will be sanitised before the start of each service;
- we have two seating options – the central aisles and side aisle (organ side) there is ‘open seating’ – please do sit anywhere you feel comfortable. The side aisle (as you come in by the font) is laid out so that you can choose to be socially distanced.
- You will be asked to use hand sanitiser on entering church.
- We encourage everyone to wear a mask whilst attending a service.
- You can pick up service materials on the way into the building from the table at the door; we ask that you return these to the table at the back on your way out.
- Our one-way system of movement around the church is still in place both for going up to take communion and entering and exiting the building. Please follow the direction of the steward or warden present. We will sign green cards at the back of church on the way out.



**An inspector came to call:** We have all heard much about buildings being Covid-secure and spot checks being made and wondering if this was indeed the case. Well, a couple of weeks ago an Environmental Health Officer paid a surprise visit to our Parish Hall for an

Infection Control inspection; as a public building it comes under their remit. As with our church buildings the hall has been subject to all the same Health and Safety requirements, and more, over the last 19 months and behind the scenes an immense amount of work has, and continues, to be undertaken to ensure we can continue to operate. We are pleased to be able to say that we ‘passed’ with flying colours and that we achieved 100% in all the areas that were examined. We have worked closely with all the group leaders to make sure the hall is as ‘safe’ as it possibly can be for everyone coming through the doors.

The hall has seen almost all of its groups and some new ones re-open; providing a variety of classes for mental and physical health and well-being for adults; activity groups for children and much more. Being in the office we have seen how much attending the groups has meant to so many people and the difference it has made

