



# ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS



21st October 2021

**Sunday Worship 24<sup>th</sup> October 2021**

Last 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 and Tuesday and by  
telephone conference on Wednesdays – at 09.00.  
Please contact Margaret Ives if you would like to join the telephone  
conference.



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

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

This Sunday at St Paul's Scotforth we will be reflecting on the current climate crisis as we look towards the UN Climate Change Conference being held in Glasgow (COP26).

We will be challenged to 'rise to the moment' through wonderful resources from Christian Aid who remind us that "the climate crisis is a storm we all face, but we're not all in the same boat. For some, the storm is stronger and the waves are already breaking."

In the run up to COP26 may we be inspired into action and prayer. Archbishop Justin Welby, Pope Francis, and Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew have written and signed A Joint Message for the Protection of Creation (which you can read here:

([https://www.archbishopofcanterbury.org/sites/abc/files/2021-](https://www.archbishopofcanterbury.org/sites/abc/files/2021-09/Joint%20Statement%20on%20the%20Environment.pdf)

[09/Joint%20Statement%20on%20the%20Environment.pdf](https://www.archbishopofcanterbury.org/sites/abc/files/2021-09/Joint%20Statement%20on%20the%20Environment.pdf)) and have called Christians to:

- Pray for world leaders ahead of COP26
- For individuals: To make meaningful sacrifices for the sake of the planet, working together and taking responsibility for how we use our resources
- For those with far-reaching responsibilities: To choose people-centred profits and lead the transition to just and sustainable economies

As Christians we have a responsibility to care for God's creation and to speak prophetically for climate justice and change.

## **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:** Piccadilly, Shaftesbury Place, Park Court, Piccadilly Close

**From our Church prayer diary:** The Lay Pastoral Team

**We pray for the parents, godparents and family of:** Katie Haley-Rose 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, Kath Beck, Val Gedge, Olive Jenkinson, Mollie Glover

**All who mourn:**

### **Collect for 24<sup>th</sup> October 2021:**

Almighty God,

you have created the heavens and the earth  
and made us in your own image:

teach us to discern your hand in all your works

and your likeness in all your children;

through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,

who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things,  
now and for ever. Amen.

### **Readings for 24<sup>th</sup> October 2021:**

#### **Psalm 98**

O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvellous things. His right hand and his holy arm have gained him victory. <sup>2</sup>The Lord has made known his victory; he has revealed his vindication in the sign of the nations. <sup>3</sup>He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God. <sup>4</sup>Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises. <sup>5</sup>Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody. <sup>6</sup>With

trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord. <sup>7</sup>Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it. <sup>8</sup>Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy <sup>9</sup>at the presence of the Lord, for he is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

### **Acts 10: 44-48**

<sup>44</sup>While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. <sup>45</sup>The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, <sup>46</sup>for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, <sup>47</sup>'Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?' <sup>48</sup>So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

### **John 16: 20-22**

<sup>20</sup>Very truly, I tell you, you will weep and mourn, but the world will rejoice; you will have pain, but your pain will turn into joy. <sup>21</sup>When a woman is in labour, she has pain, because her hour has come. But when her child is born, she no longer remembers the anguish because of the joy of having brought a human being into the world. <sup>22</sup>So you have pain now; but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you.

### **Post Communion Prayer for 24<sup>th</sup> October 2021**

God of all grace,  
your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry  
with the bread of his life  
and the word of his kingdom:  
renew your people with your heavenly grace,  
and in all our weakness  
sustain us by your true and living bread;  
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

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**Readings for next Sunday:  
Deuteronomy 6.1-9; Psalm 119.1-8; Hebrews 9.11-14;  
Mark 12.28-34**

**Praying for COP26:**

The next prayer gathering will be on Tuesday 26 Oct 2021 at 7:30pm at St Luke's Church, Slyne with Hest.

**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.



**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.

## **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 – please remember to get your card signed even if your child isn’t present attendance is based on parent and/or child.

## **Children’s Society Boxes:**

The Children’s Society has now told us that it is ok to empty them and take the cash to the bank. Please would those of you who have a box either bring it to church or the office. We will return your empty box to you as soon as possible. Many thanks.



## **Children's Society Christmas Cards:**

We haven't had any information from the Children's Society about their Christmas cards this year. However, we have found out how to order them online or from their catalogue.



The website is:

<https://www.charitycardshop.com/thechildrenssociety/>

Copies of the catalogue are available at the back of church, Hala and the office. Please order them direct yourselves.

## **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.

## 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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• **VICAR:** Rev Dr Rebecca Aechtner –

• Tel: 749693; Email: [vicar@stpauls-scotforth.org](mailto: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](mailto:Claire@stpauls-scotforth.org)

• *Work days are Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday*

• **WARDENS:**

• Mrs Jayne Weatherill:

• Tel: 60597; Email: [sjaynewweatherill@gmail.com](mailto:sjaynewweatherill@gmail.com)

• Mr Tony Walker:

• Tel: 382397; Email: [walkerar@hotmail.co.uk](mailto: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](mailto:office@stpauls-scotforth.org)

• **BAPTISMS AND WEDDINGS:** Booking enquiries - please contact the parish office or

• Email: [lifeyvents@stpauls-scotforth.org](mailto:lifeyvents@stpauls-scotforth.org)

• **CHURCH WEBSITE:**

• <https://stpauls-scotforth.org>

• **FACEBOOK:** regular updates about life at St Paul's can be found:

• @scotforthstpaulschurch  
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## **Church Gardens by the Gardening Team:**

Recently Anderson was teaching at the College of Bishops and was given a Broad-leaf Sapling to mark HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee as part of the Queen's Green Canopy. Anderson and Rebecca decided to gift it to the church rather than plant it in the vicarage garden. After much discussion among the gardening team it was decided to plant it in the middle of the large front lawn where there is plenty of room for it to grow and can also be easily seen both from the vicarage and the main drive up to church. So, when you next come to church don't forget to have a look and see how it's progressing.



We were asked to take a photo of it and it will be put on the official registry of where the Queen's trees have been planted. There will be a map produced in the next few months so that people can visit these trees throughout the UK.

Once again a big thank you for all the donations which have been coming in for our crocus appeal. We are very pleased to report that the first thousand bulbs have been planted and we are now waiting for the next thousand bulbs to arrive. The

gardening team plus a couple of extra pairs of hands have been working extremely hard every Wednesday afternoon.

Meanwhile the everyday work continues and we are still cutting back shrubs, digging and feeding and taking up the Cosmos, the Geraniums and the Dahlias to make room for Wallflowers and Sweet Williams which some of the team have grown from seed. We have also managed to keep an eye on the Parish Hall gardens as they very soon get out of control.

Feeling tired at reading all this well you aren't alone. The sooner we are finished the sooner we will be able to put our feet up for a well-earned rest until next March when it will all start again.

## **United Nations Day Sunday 24 October 2021**

**by Arton Medd:**

On 24 October 1945 the foundational treaty of the United Nations brought the organisation into existence, and in 1946 the first meeting of the General Assembly of the United Nations took place. So where do you think that meeting of representatives from 51 nations happened? Geneva? New York? Washington? None of these – it was in London which, as a stark reminder, in 1946 showed all the scars of war caused by air raids and flying bombs.

Next question where in London did they meet? The Houses of Parliament? Buckingham Palace? Royal Albert Hall? Again a ‘no’ to all these! It was just across the road from Big Ben in Methodist Central Hall Westminster, and that meeting is commemorated by a plaque on the wall outside which states:

*To the Glory of God and in Prayer for peace on earth this tablet commemorates the first meeting of the General Assembly of the United Nations in the Methodist Central Hall Westminster Jan 10 – Feb 14 1946*

The Methodist Central Hall remains a thriving church and community centre. Its international concern continues and Christine and I have been to a number of Christian Aid ecumenical services there in past years. The services preceded marches and rallies which we attended associated with Debt cancellation, Tax avoidance, Climate change and so on, and included speakers who were the victims of those campaign issues. The services gave a Christian perspective on the political protests and strengthened the spirit of unity among the congregation, and even though the church was packed and TV relays were provided for the overflow, they did not make the BBC or other news headlines.

To mark the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first meeting, United Nations Green has been created just outside Methodist Central Hall. There are many monuments and memorials in London, Lancaster and across the country which record occasions of conflict and loss of life, however United Nations Green is a space which encourages us to look forward, committing ourselves to reconciliation and dialogue. Black granite plaques depict the UN symbol and 'United Nations' in the UN's six official languages: Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish, and the green has a sense of peaceful calm in the busy centre of the capital city. It makes a statement for peace, re-emphasising the purpose of the United Nations.

The UN has its problems, but, away from the political posturing of world leaders, its associated organisations such as the World Health Organisation (WHO) and UNICEF (Children's Fund) work for the common good, and have been particularly active during the Covid 19 pandemic. Most of us have had two jobs and many have had three, but the availability of vaccines to the poorer countries, especially those in Africa, is a major concern for both WHO and UNICEF. If you wish to give thanks for your Covid 19 inoculations you can donate to UNICEF to help in their vaccine programme at [www.unicef.org.uk/donate/coro](http://www.unicef.org.uk/donate/coro) and also read of their activities.



**‘Threads Through Creation’ Exhibition – Lancaster Priory Church until 3<sup>rd</sup> November:** You must not miss this spectacular set of twelve huge panels designed and created by textile artist Jacqui Parkinson. The brilliant colours strike you as soon as you enter the doorway and the tapestries brighten up the whole of the church. Each day of the Genesis story of creation has its own panel, one or two of which are quite stark, but the intricate detail of materials and embroidery of all creatures great and small, plants, water, sky and eventually man and woman are amazing. The later panels depict ‘The Fall’ and the serpent, Satan and the fallen angels have similar detail but in dramatic forms. A wide range of material is used from old sheets, silk, metallic leathers and gold leaf. It is no wonder that it took Jacqui nearly three years to complete it, and I can only marvel at her skills and tenacity in producing such an exquisite work of art. *Arton Medd*

