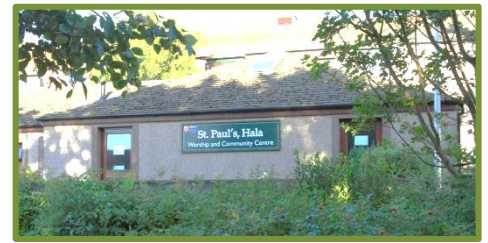




ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS



7th October 2021

Sunday Worship 10th October 2021

Nineteenth 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

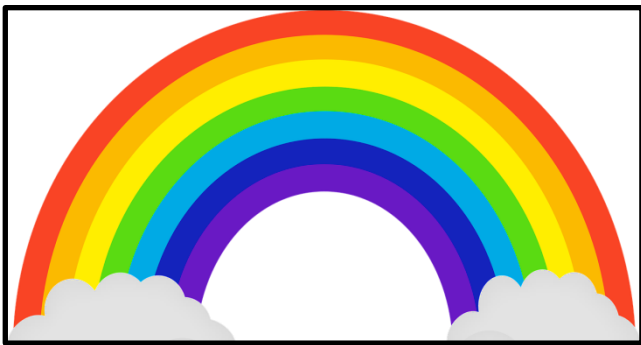
Morning Prayer in church on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
and Friday mornings at 9am.



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

A message from Reverend Claire:

One of the things I love about our church family across this Parish is the variety of ways we gather to worship Jesus and discover more of who He is. We use a range of liturgies and styles of music; some of us use crafts and colours to explore the stories of Jesus, others of us listen to wisdom and learning and ponder upon the teachings of Jesus. In Hala last week, we listened to the Holy speak to us through scripture by borrowing the creative practice of St Ignatius of Loyola and used our imaginations to enter the biblical scene... all this in one Sunday across our church family.



It reminds me of a rainbow - we have been treated to a few these past few days as the rain has come and the sun has shone. The multi-coloured nature of a rainbow is its

beauty! As the different colours hang together in the sky it forms one beautiful rainbow, symbolising hope & the promises from God.

Psalm 133 says 'How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity! ... For there the Lord bestows his blessing, even life forevermore.'

We at St Paul's Scotforth and Hala express our worship of Jesus differently - each a different colour, but we do worship and celebrate the same person, in the one God. If we hang together as one family, we too point to hope in God and the promises of God to those living in our parish. Not only that, but we too may also find new words and new ways to

express our love for Jesus and gratitude for all he has done for us. Let us celebrate the beauty found in each expression of worship, the familiar and the new. But above all else, let us live together in unity of heart, as one St Paul's family, that we may enjoy the blessing of God together.

Service Provision over the coming weeks:

Our current guidelines are still 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.

We have now resumed the Primary and Secondary School 'Green Card' form signing.

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 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.

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.

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: Rossmoyne Road, Ardengate, Chatsworth Road

From our Church prayer diary: Fabric Committee

We pray for the parents, godparents and family of: Albert Thomas 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, Rev Rebecca, Sheila Bellinger, Kath Beck, Val Gedge

All who mourn: Margaret Law, Susan Linda Winifred Ogles

Collect for 10th October 2021:

O God, forasmuch as without you
we are not able to please you;
mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit
may in all things direct and rule our hearts;
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 10th October 2021:

Hebrews 4.12-16

¹² Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³ And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account. Jesus the Great High Priest ¹⁴ Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. ¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested* as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶ Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Mark 10.17-31

¹⁷ As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, 'Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' ¹⁸ Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ¹⁹ You know the commandments: "You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honour your father and mother." ' ²⁰ He said to him, 'Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.' ²¹ Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, 'You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money* to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven;

then come, follow me.’ ²²When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

²³ Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, ‘How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!’ ²⁴And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, ‘Children, how hard it is*—to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.’ ²⁶They were greatly astounded and said to one another,* ‘Then who can be saved?’ ²⁷Jesus looked at them and said, ‘For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.’

²⁸ Peter began to say to him, ‘Look, we have left everything and followed you.’ ²⁹Jesus said, ‘Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news,* ³⁰who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.’

Post Communion Prayer for 10th October 2021

Holy and blessed God,
you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son
and filled us with your Holy Spirit:
may we honour you,
not only with our lips
but in lives dedicated to the service of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings for next Sunday:
Job 38.1-7, 34-end; Psalm 104.1-10, 26, 35c; Hebrews
5.1-10; Mark 10.35-45

A note from Eileen Slinger:

I am now feeling so much better and was able to attend church on Sunday, which was a real milestone. My grateful thanks go to our NHS.

We're very happy to welcome Eileen back.

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.

Praying for COP 26:

Churches in Lancaster are holding prayer events over the weeks leading up to COP 26. The events this week are:

Friday 15 Oct 2021 at 11:00am

St Martin's Chapel, Cumbria University, Bowerham Road.
Praying using Lectio Divina with a focus on Isaiah 61.

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.

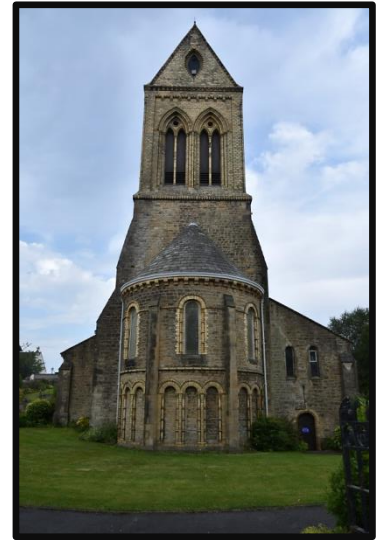
November's walk will be on November 28th



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.

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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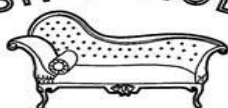
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Memories of St Paul's, by the late Frank Parkinson



Frank was born at 6, Langley road, Primrose, Lancaster and moved to Ashford road, Scotforth in 1935 where he attended St Paul's Sunday school. In 1938 he joined the choir when the organist was Mr Thompson. He also helped to pump the organ, no easy feat as there was a lead weight on the front of the organ and Mr Thompson

used to shout at him to go faster. He rang the church bells if Mr Scarfe, the Verger, was unable to attend and was also in the Cubs, which took place in the Parish Hall, as it was in the days before Dorrington road Scout hut were years many later he would take on the role of Akela.

In his teens joined SPARC which was both a youth club and concert party. So as well as playing table-tennis he took part in several productions, the largest being Desert Song. Here he played Red Shadow and Jean Barnfield played the female lead. Another popular pastime in the hall was the Saturday evening country dances. After church on Sunday evenings the youths would congregate in the café above Threlfall's bakery. During the war years, when the parish hall was used as a transit camp for evacuees, Frank would go along to help out with all the bewildered children.

By 1950 he left Lancaster for his National Service in the RAF, but returned in 1955 to be married at St. Paul's by the Rev

Birney. As his wife Eunice was Methodist he then began attending Lancaster Methodist church at Greaves and were both active members.

Frank didn't cut all connections with St. Paul's however, as his Daughter Michelle and Son-in-law David Gahan are Side-people. He was very proud that his Grandchildren and Great grandchildren attend St. Paul's also.

Thank you Michelle for submitting this article.

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

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• *Work days are Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday*

• **WARDENS:**

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• or

• Email: lifeevents@stpauls-scotforth.org

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• <https://stpauls-scotforth.org>

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