



ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS



4th November 2021

Sunday Worship 7th November 2021

Third Sunday before Advent

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 Claire:



**UN CLIMATE
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As the world leaders meet for COP26 in Glasgow this week to make agreements about working towards tackling climate change, the Queen sent a message to them, which included the following words:

None of us underestimates the challenges ahead: but history has shown that when nations come together in common cause, there is always room for hope. Working side by side, we have the ability to solve the most insurmountable problems and to triumph over the greatest of adversities.

There is always room for hope. This is something our faith in Jesus has taught us. Even in death, the hope of the resurrection remains. This gives us a forward lean, looking towards the full and final coming of the Kingdom of God. Jesus is king and we also wait and work towards the coming of his kingdom. This is why we pray 'your kingdom come, your will be done'.

But hope is ushered in with action. We have real hope in Jesus, not because of what we do, but because of the action of God in Jesus' life, death and resurrection and by being filled with His Holy Spirit.

Hope for our world is also ushered in by action: The actions of our governments and our own actions. Without action, hope dies. So let us pray for our world leaders, that they may be filled with hope as they meet this week and that promises made do indeed turn into action. Let us pray for ourselves and ask God to show us what next small change we can each make to expand hope for our planet.

As we act, let us also look to our creator God of hope to give us life, direction and strength to keep going in bringing the long lasting changes we need.

Paul writes:

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."

Romans 15:13

May we know the joy and peace of God as we work together with hope towards a better future.

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: Toll Bar Crescent,
Rays Drive

From our Church prayer diary: All Service Personnel

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, James Outram

We pray for the parents, godparents and family of: Alena Grace Jenny who is to be baptised this week

All who mourn: Annie Atkinson, Doreen Harlow

Collect for 7th November 2021:

Almighty Father,

whose will is to restore all things

in your beloved Son, the King of all:

govern the hearts and minds of those in authority,

and bring the families of the nations,

divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin,

to be subject to his just and gentle rule;

who is alive and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

Readings for 7th November 2021:

Ruth 3.1-5, 4.13-17

^{3.1} Naomi her mother-in-law said to her, 'My daughter, I need to seek some security for you, so that it may be well with you. ² Now here is our kinsman Boaz, with whose young women you have been working. See, he is winnowing barley tonight at the threshing floor. ³ Now wash and anoint yourself, and put on your best clothes and go down to the threshing-floor; but do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking. ⁴ When he lies down, observe the place where he lies; then, go and uncover his feet and lie down; and he will tell you what to do. ⁵ She said to her, 'All that you tell me I will do.

^{4.13} So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife. When they came together, the Lord made her conceive, and she bore a son. ¹⁴ The the women said to Naomi, 'Blessed be the Lord, who has not left you this day without next-of-kin; and may his name be renowned in Israel! ¹⁵ He shall be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age; for your daughter-in-law who loves you, who is more to you than seven sons, has borne him.' ¹⁶ The Naomi took the child and laid him in her bosom, and became his nurse. ¹⁷ The women of the neighbourhood gave him a name, saying, 'A son has been born to Naomi.' They named him Obed; he became the father of Jesse, the father of David.

Mark 12.38-44

³⁸ As he taught, he said, 'Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the market-places, ³⁹ and to have the best seats in the synagogues and the places of honour at the banquets! ⁴⁰ They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.' ⁴¹ He said down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴² A poor widow came and put in two

small copper coins, which are worth a penny. ⁴³ Then he called his disciples and said to them, 'Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. ⁴⁴ For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.'

Post Communion Prayer for 7th November 2021

God of peace,
whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom
and restored the broken to wholeness of life:
look with compassion on the anguish of the world,
and by your healing power
make whole both people and nations;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

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Readings for next Sunday:

Daniel 12.1-3; Psalm 16; Hebrews 10.11-14, [15-18], 19-25; Mark
13.1-8

9.45am All Age Service at St Paul's Scotforth:



This Sunday we will look at the story of the poor woman who gave all she had, two copper coins, to the glory of God (Mark 12:41-44). We will also continue our focus on COP26 and our responsibility as Christians to care for all of God's Creation because 'the tide is rising.' You are welcome to bring some coins (pennies included) to use during our sermon and prayers.

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.



Christ Church - Deputy Night Shelter Co-ordinator:

Do you have a passion for supporting homeless people?

Do you enjoy working within a team?

Christ Church, Lancaster are looking for a Deputy Night Shelter Co-ordinator. You will work with our existing two Co-ordinators and team of over forty volunteers to ensure that the Winter Shelter runs safely and smoothly, offering a warm, supportive and encouraging welcome to our guests. We seek an experienced, mature person who can communicate clearly and effectively, and handle difficult situations well.

Permanent, seasonal contract, working 1st October-31st March each year, with 2 weeks' break over Christmas. Minimum 2 nights per week, plus additional time for meetings, preparation and outreach - approximately 50 working hours per month. £500 per month of the season. Subject to Enhanced DBS clearance, and references. Further training will be available.

Christ Church has been running the Shelter for nearly 30 years, and it is the only non-referral Shelter in the North West. It is an expression of the Church's care following Jesus' teaching. We make no faith expectation of guests, and ask that staff and volunteers respect Christ Church's values.

For more details (see attached) and to apply with a CV and covering letter:

For an informal chat, please contact Rev'd Carol Backhouse, 01524 942105, revcarolbackhouse@gmail.com 1 East Road, Lancaster, LA1 3EE

Or Jan Norbury (Night Shelter Lead Co-ordinator) on 07547 717060, coordinator.nightshelter@gmail.com

Application Deadline: Tuesday 16th November 2021

Interviews: Monday, 22nd November 2021

Starting on the 1st January 2022

Hala Food Club:

Do you have a van or a driving licence for a van? If so, you might be able to help us.



We are working towards setting up a food club on Hala. This has two great benefits. Firstly, it is another step in reducing food waste that would otherwise go into landfill. Secondly, with living costs rising, this will give local residents an opportunity to top up their weekly shop with some good quality, short date food for a small membership fee.

But we need drivers to collect the food from the Fair Share hub in Manchester. Collection would be once a week, but if we get a couple of volunteers, this can be shared out. If you are able to help, or you know someone who might, please could you either email Claire at claire@stpauls-scotforth.org or call the church office and leave a message. Many Thanks.

Claire Cooke and Rebecca Long

Prayer for climate justice, November 2021.

In you, Creator, the maker of oceans,

In you, Christ, the calmer of storms,

In you, Holy Spirit, boundless breath upon the waters,

We hold our prayers:

For a rising tide of resolve,

That in these days of global decision

World leaders will turn the tide on climate harm.

For a rising tide of renewal,

That from the pool of promises made

Will flow a river of promises kept.

For a rising tide of response,

That from the ripples of daily choices, prayers, words and deeds,

Of sacrifice and steadfastness,

Even our own,

Will rise a current of enduring change,

As the waters cover the sea. Amen.

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.

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.

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.



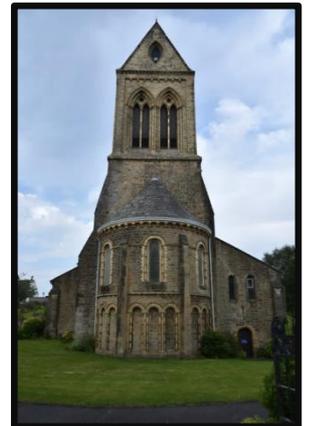
The website is:

<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.

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.



Traidcraft for Christmas



After the coming weekend both Halloween and Bonfire Night will be over, but as we all know commercial Christmas began in early October with talk about shortages and warnings to 'Buy early for Christmas'. We may wish to steer clear of the

anticipated rush, and if you are looking for fairly traded goods unfortunately The Craft Aid shop at St Thomas's has closed. However Traidcraft is very much in existence and orders can be made by phone on **0191 491 0855** or online at www.traidcraftshop.co.uk I have one or two catalogues that you can peruse, and they cover a wide range of goods from Christmas cards to food, drink, clothing and homewares.

Traidcraft tackles injustice from the bottom up. It champions farmers who savour the soil and nurture nature. Traidcraft applauds suppliers who cut emissions, reduce their waste and are resourceful in their energy use, and it celebrates supply chains that match and go beyond Fairtrade standards allowing farmers, producers and artisans and their families to not just survive, but to thrive.

Remember each time you spend it is a vote for the world you would like to see. If something seems too cheap someone down the supply chain is paying the price.

Arton Medd (Tel 01524 64730. Email: arton.medd@btinternet.com)

Christmas Greetings:

Christmas is getting nearer and you have all those cards to write. A frightening thought! One way to reduce your workload would be to send just one Christmas greeting message to everyone in the parish. This means that it will be sent out in the Parish news and displayed on the Church and Hala notice boards.

Donations will be in aid of the Tower Fund. If you would like to join us please hand your greeting (no more than 30 words) with a minimum donation of £5 to myself at 20 Newlands Rd, to a churchwarden or sides person or the Church Office. The closing date will be **December 3rd**. Any messages arriving later than this date will possibly miss the printing deadline. If you have any queries please contact Maureen Leach on 07531285199.



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- **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: sjayneweatherill@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: lifeyvents@stpauls-scotforth.org
 - **CHURCH WEBSITE:**
 - <https://stpauls-scotforth.org>
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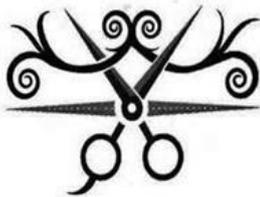
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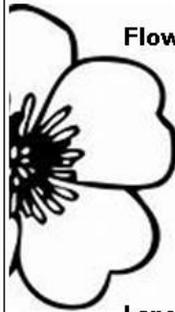
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