



ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS



2nd December 2021

Sunday Worship 5th December 2021

Second Sunday of Advent

08.00 BCP Holy Communion at St Paul's Scotforth Road

09:45 Service of Holy Communion at St Paul's Scotforth Road
Altogether Service

11:15 Service of Holy Communion at
St Paul's, Hala

09.15 Holy Communion at St Paul's Scotforth Road
Thursday 3rd December

Morning Prayer 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:

Advent is upon us. Last Sunday we entered into a new liturgical year with the season of Advent in the wake of Storm Arwen's devastation. Young Church put themselves into God's Big Story as we begin to wait for the birth of Jesus and the Advent Carol service blended a wide variety of music and styles. This week we look forward to the return of the 9.15am Communion Service at St Paul's Scotforth. Everyone is welcome to this quiet midweek service.

Advent is a time when we prepare and wait in expectation of the birth of Jesus on Christmas. More than anything, it is a time of great wonder and mystery. Author Madeleine L'Engle wrote that Advent "is the irrational season, where love blooms bright and wild. If Mary were filled [only] with reason there would have been no room for the child." This Sunday in our Altogether Service (All Age) we will be looking at Mary's Story. From the outside, Mary's life was quite ordinary, but God saw something special in Mary and knew that she was just the right person to give birth to Jesus.

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: Addenbrooke Close, Viscount Drive

From our Church prayer diary: Children's Society

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, Ruth Territt, Pirkko Leong

We pray for the parents, godparents and family of: Oliver Warren who is to be baptised this week

All who mourn:

Collect for 5th December 2021:

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power
and come among us,
and with great might succour us;
that whereas, through our sins and wickedness
we are grievously hindered
in running the race that is set before us,
your bountiful grace and mercy
may speedily help and deliver us;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honour and glory, now and for ever.

Readings for 5th December 2021:

We have three versions of the same passage this week.

Luke 1.46-55

1.
⁴⁶ And Mary said, 'My soul magnifies the Lord,
⁴⁷ and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,
⁴⁸ for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant.
Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
⁴⁹ for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his
name.
⁵⁰ His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to
generation.
⁵¹ he has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in
the thoughts of their hearts.
⁵² He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted
up the lowly;
⁵³ he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away
empty.
⁵⁴ He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy,
⁵⁵ according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham
and to his descendants for ever.'

2.

I praise you, my Saviour, and rejoice in your name,
Throughout all the ages, your mercy's the same.
For me, your lowly servant, great things have been done,
By God the most holy, the Almighty One.
You scatter the proud, but you lift up the meek,
You bring down the strong, but give strength to the weak.
The hungry are filled, but the rich sent away;
You remember your servants with mercy each day.
Now all generations will say I am blessed,
Your power and goodness to me is expressed,
I sing of your promise, your mercy so sure,
May your greatness be glorified, for ever more.
Gill Robertson 2013

3.

God knocks down the proud,
And lifts up the meek,
And does mighty things
For those who are weak.
And blesses the ones
Whose service he seeks.
So sing out his praise,
HE'S AMAZING!
(Bob Hartman's Rhyming Bible)

Post Communion Prayer for 5th December 2021

Father in heaven,
who sent your Son to redeem the world
and will send him again to be our judge:
give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first
coming
that, when he comes again,
we may be ready to greet him
with joyful love and firm faith;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Readings for next Sunday:

Zephaniah 3.14-end; Isaiah 12.2-end [or Psalm 146.4-end];
Philippians 4.4-7; Luke 3.7-18

Holy Communion Service:

As we begin a new liturgical year from the First of Advent, our Thursday 9.15am Communion service will resume from Thursday 3rd December. Everyone is warmly welcome to this quiet service of Holy Communion.



Mystery greetings?

Can the person who sent in a Christmas greeting request on the back of an RNLI ticket please contact Maureen on 01524 61606? You've forgotten to include your name.



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.

The Advent Carol Service



Thank you to those members of St Paul's, especially those with mobility problems, who attended the first of our Sunday 4.00pm services on a snowy, very cold day. The church was warm, even with a door or two open for the necessary ventilation. There was a reduced number in the congregation from previous years, but it was good to see friends from Christ Church, Trinity URC, Lancaster Methodist, Lancaster Baptist and the Quaker Meeting House.

Seventeen church members took part – from Hala, St Paul's 8.00am and 9.45am congregations; ten readers and 7 musicians. So this year's service was somewhat different from previous years and very different from the Youtube presentation last year. The congregation sang (wearing masks!) as if they were enjoying the Advent hymns; the readers spoke loudly and clearly and were easily heard; the musicians gave us a beautiful variety of music and styles.

There were many appreciative comments after the service; but you might like this! One lady said she had been to her own church in the morning and the Christmas tree and all the decorations were up and there had hardly been a mention of Advent. She was so happy to have experienced a full Advent service.

So enjoy Advent here at St Paul's as we wait and watch in preparation for the celebrations of the birth of Jesus.

Christine Medd



CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT ST PAUL'S SCOTFORTH

This Christmas season we look forward to welcoming you to St Paul's Church, Scotforth. These services are in addition to our regular 8am and 9.45am services.

Sunday 19th December at 4pm -Christmas Carol Service

Christmas Eve:

Crib Service with Christingle at 2.00pm

Holy Communion at 11.30pm

Christmas Day:

Holy Communion (BCP) at 8am

Holy Communion at 10am

There will be no services on Sunday 26th December.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM
EVERYONE AT ST PAUL'S
SCOTFORTH**

**At the heart
of Christmas**



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Contactless Giving in Church is now available.

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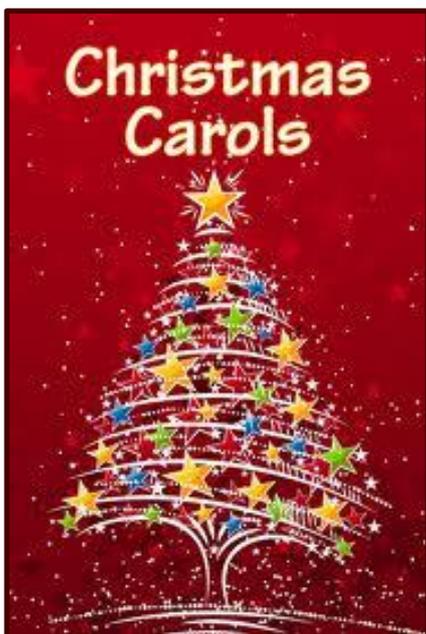
Our Tower is Released:

You will have noticed that our tower has been released from its covering of scaffolding. In the late afternoon sunlight (yes there was some!) it has looked wonderful. The brickwork and terracotta have been cleaned. The moss has gone, and the joints have been repointed. There is quite a lot of new lead to provide protection to flat and sloping surfaces that were being eroded by the weather and letting water run through into church.

The work is proving to be successful. During the recent heavy rain there have been no leaks into church from the tower. It is starting to dry out with flakes of paint and plaster dropping onto the carpet by the altar almost every day. We need to do a quick vacuum at 7.30 on Sunday mornings! It will take quite a while to dry out, but we are happy to deal with paint and plaster rather than water!

The total costs for our architect, structural engineer, the roped-access inspection, and contractor will be £84,463 including VAT. We will be able to claim back the VAT under a scheme funded by the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport for repairs and maintenance to churches. This means that the cost to us will be £70,386. Fundraising has raised £2,949. We will have used £67,437 from our reserves. We have also had to use large sums from our reserves this year just to fund our normal day-to-day expenditure, so our funds are now significantly depleted.

To all who enjoy singing carols:



For a number of years we have raised several hundred pounds for the Lancaster and District Homeless Action Service Christmas Shelter by carol singing (£379 in 2019). In 2020 it was not allowed but this year we are back and welcome anyone who wishes to join us.

We have permission to sing in Lancaster's Marketgate on Saturday 11 December from 10.00am. We sing from 10.00 to 11.00am then have a half hour break, and sing again from 11.30 to 12.30. Copies of the words will be provided but please bring your own Carols for Choirs Bk1 for the harmonies if you wish.

We expect to be in the passageway leading from Market Square opposite the side of Nero's and the dentist's! Do come and enjoy yourself and raise some money for a good cause'

Christine and Arton Medd

Christmas Tree Garlands:

Last week's article referred to trees being collected until 5th December. They will be collected until Sunday 12th December – so get knitting!



Christmas Word Search



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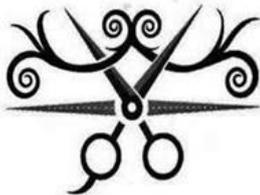
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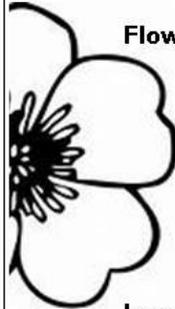


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We are seeking to employ a Clerical Assistant for 5 hours per week to cover a seven-month period of maternity leave in the first instance. There may be an extension to this time period. The hours will be worked from 9.30am-12 noon on Tuesday and Thursday's – hourly rate is £9.50 (Real Living Wage).

The position involves a number of administrative tasks for which you would need an excellent working knowledge of Microsoft Office packages. For further information or an application pack please contact Mrs Jayne Weatherill, Churchwarden OR Miss Sarah Green, Parish Business Manager, tel: 01524 843135 or email: lifeyvents@stpauls-scotforth.org

Closing Date: Wednesday 15th December 2021 at mid-day.

Interview Date: Monday 20th December 2021

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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:

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• *Work days are Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday*

• **WARDENS:**

• Mrs Jayne Weatherill:

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• **PARISH OFFICE:** The office is open Monday – Friday from 9.30am – 12 noon.

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