



ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS



13th January 2022

Sunday Worship 16th January 2022

2nd Sunday of Epiphany – Baptism of Christ

08:00 BCP Holy Communion at St Paul's Parish Hall

09:45 Holy Communion at St Paul's Parish Hall

11:15 Holy Communion at St Paul's Hala

16.00 Worship@4: Evening Prayer Service at St Paul's
Scotforth Road

NO Reflective Prayer Tuesday 18th January

Thursday – 09:15 Holy Communion at St Paul's Parish Hall

Morning Prayer by telephone conference each Wednesday –
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:

Last Sunday we marked the Epiphany, the wise men finding Jesus in his home at the end of their journey to Jerusalem. On the day of Epiphany, some church traditions use chalk on door frames to bless their homes and churches as a way of remembering when the wise ones visited Jesus' home.

The chalking is written as the current calendar year split in half by the letters C+M+B written in between: 20 + C + M + B + 22.

The letters stand for "Christus mansionem benedicat," which is Latin for, "May Christ bless this home." There is an alternative tradition that the letters are the first initials of each of the kings: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar. Either way, the tradition is a visual prayer on the door frame that Christ will bless the home with his presence.

We worshipped in the Parish Hall on Sunday (and will do so for the next few weeks) until we are able to fix our broken church boiler. In many ways it felt like we had journeyed across the A6. At the end of the service people were given a piece of chalk and a prayer to take home with them. It's been wonderful seeing the photos of those who chaked their door frames. I've included the prayer card that was given out and another alternative of the prayer as we journey into a new year of worshipping God in our church buildings, parish hall, and our homes.

Dear God of our journeying,

Peace be to this space and all who live, play, and visit here. May all who come and go from this space, find welcome, kindness, gentleness, and love, because you, God, live here with us. AMEN.

FOR OUR PRAYERS

Our mission Partners: For Stephen and Marit Impey's work with Wycliffe Bible Translators International.

From our Parish prayer diary: Newlands Avenue, Bowerham Road

From our Church prayer diary: All who contribute to the life of St Paul's Hala

Those who have asked for prayers for healing: Mary Wilson, Eunice Parkinson, Marion Corkill, Katherine McHale, Maureen Thorpe, Jacqueline Gothard, Rev Rebecca, Val Gedge, Olive Jenkinson, Mollie Glover, Ruth Territt, Pirkko Leong, Reg Wollington

We pray for the parents, godparents and family of: Holly Anne and Sofia Elizabeth who are to be baptised this week

All who mourn: David Henney, Yesudian Jeremiah, Kathleen Winder, Michael Pearson

Collect for 16th January 2022:

Heavenly Father,
at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son:
may we recognize him as our Lord
and know ourselves to be your beloved children;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Readings for 16th January 2022:

Isaiah 43.1-7

¹But now thus says the Lord,
he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel:

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.

²When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.

³ For I am the Lord your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour.
I give Egypt as your ransom,
Ethiopia* and Seba in exchange for you.
⁴ Because you are precious in my sight,
and honoured, and I love you,
I give people in return for you,
nations in exchange for your life.
⁵ Do not fear, for I am with you;
I will bring your offspring from the east,
and from the west I will gather you;
⁶ I will say to the north, 'Give them up',
and to the south, 'Do not withhold;
bring my sons from far away
and my daughters from the end of the earth—
⁷ everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made.'

Luke 3.15-17, 21-22

¹⁵ As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah,* ¹⁶John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with* the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

²¹ Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²²and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved;* with you I am well pleased.'*

Post Communion Prayer for 16th January 2022:

God of glory,
you nourish us with your Word
who is the bread of life:
fill us with your Holy Spirit
that through us the light of your glory
may shine in all the world.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Readings for next Sunday:

Nehemiah 8.1-3, 5-6, 8-10; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 12.12-31a; Luke
4: 14-21

Service Locations:

Due to the lack of heating in the church, some services have moved to St Paul's Parish Hall. Until further notice, service locations are:

Sunday

08:00 BCP Holy Communion - St Paul's Parish Hall

09:45 Holy Communion - St Paul's Parish Hall

Baptisms – St Paul's Church

16:00 Worship@4 – St Paul's Church

Thursday

09:15 Holy Communion – St Paul's Parish Hall

Funerals will be held in the church.

The Omicron Variant:

The Church of England has issued new guidelines for us to use to ensure that our services are as safe as practicable for all to attend. We can confirm that the steps that we have in place - sanitising on entry, wearing of masks, ventilation, the one-way system, communion in one kind, singing wearing masks - are still appropriate for the uncertain situation we now face. In line with Government guidance please do consider taking a free NHS Lateral Flow Test (LFT) if you are feeling any Covid symptoms.

Within the Church we believe that everyone is known and loved individually by God and that as many members within one body we are called to be responsible to and for one another, respecting the more vulnerable whose suffering is our suffering (1 Corinthians 12:12-27). Where we are now means we are being asked to take even more personal responsibility around coronavirus. If we all do this as a church family, we can enable as many as possible to join in worship.

Our Holy Communion services at 08.00 on Sundays and 09.15 on Thursdays allow for plenty of space for social distancing. There is no singing at these services. We hope that if you are feeling vulnerable or nervous at this time you may feel that these services would be appropriate for you.

Impeys' Update from Rev Richard Impey:

Stephen and Marit Impey have been given a new role within Wycliffe International - they are no longer relating primarily to Ethiopia, but from the beginning of this year have responsibility for all scripture and academic publications by Wycliffe.

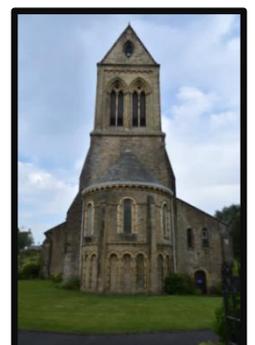


Contactless Giving in Church is now available.

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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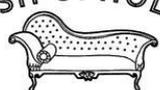
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EPIPHANY HOUSE BLESSING



20 + C + M + B + 22

God of Light, bless this home.

Make it be a haven of rest for all in need
of your warmth and care.

And when we go out from this place, may
we never lose sight of the Epiphany star.

May all who enter, throughout the year,
find love and light; for Christ has come to
dwell in this home and in these hearts.

Amen