



# ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS



20<sup>th</sup> January 2022  
**Sunday Worship 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2022**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany

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: Celtic Worship (Iona) Service at St Paul's  
Scotforth Road

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:**

We're still in the season of Epiphany, when the Church focuses on how God is revealed in the person of Jesus to a world in need. This Sunday we're looking at Jesus' first miracle: turning water into wine at a wedding in Cana. Don't worry, I won't be making any tasteless jokes about lockdown parties running out of wine or our politicians.

This story is only found in John's gospel and is John's first account of a miracle, a sign performed by Jesus to show the breaking in of the kingdom of heaven to earth. Prompted by his mother, Jesus performed a miracle at a wedding, revealing his glory, his power, and that made some people believe in him, see him for who he is, as God. Whether we realise it or not, many of us live with a mindset of scarcity. We ask whether we're good enough, whether we have enough food, clothing, investments, retirement funds, or money to pay for rising energy costs.

Living as we do in a world of scarcity, a world of loss, a world of need, it's often hard for us to cling to God's promise of abundance. Mary gives us a good insight into how to notice, love, and care for people in need, while also trusting in God's abundant love and provision. This trust in God's provision includes our daily needs, including warmth. We now have three quotes for boiler work at the church and will continue to worship in the Parish Hall for the next few weeks. We will be looking to fundraise for part of the boiler so that we can offer a warm welcome at St Paul's Scotforth.

## FOR OUR PRAYERS

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

**From our Parish prayer diary:** Chelmsford Close, Colchester Avenue, Winchester Avenue, The Potteries Evens 2-56, Odds 57-85

**From our Church prayer diary:** The Knitting Group

**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, Mary Smith

**We pray for the parents, godparents and family of:** Louis Alan who is to be baptised this week.

**All who mourn:** David Hennedy, Yesudian Jeremiah, Michael Pearson

### **Collect for 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2022:**

Almighty God,  
whose Son revealed in signs and miracles  
the wonder of your saving presence:  
renew your people with your heavenly grace,  
and in all our weakness  
sustain us by your mighty power;  
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 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2022:**

### **1 Corinthians 12.1-11**

<sup>1</sup>Now concerning spiritual gifts,<sup>\*</sup> brothers and sisters,<sup>\*</sup> I do not want you to be uninformed. <sup>2</sup>You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. <sup>3</sup>Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says 'Let Jesus be cursed!' and no one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit. <sup>4</sup>Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; <sup>5</sup>and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; <sup>6</sup>and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. <sup>7</sup>To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. <sup>8</sup>To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup>to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, <sup>10</sup>to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. <sup>11</sup>All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

### **John 2.1-11**

<sup>2</sup>On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. <sup>2</sup>Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. <sup>3</sup>When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' <sup>4</sup>And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' <sup>5</sup>His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' <sup>6</sup>Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. <sup>7</sup>Jesus said to them,

‘Fill the jars with water.’ And they filled them up to the brim. <sup>8</sup>He said to them, ‘Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.’ So they took it. <sup>9</sup>When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom <sup>10</sup>and said to him, ‘Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.’ <sup>11</sup>Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

### **Post Communion Prayer for 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2022:**

Almighty Father,  
whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world:  
may your people,  
illuminated by your word and sacraments,  
shine with the radiance of his glory,  
that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends  
of the earth;  
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

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### **Readings for next Sunday:**

Ezekiel 43.27-44.4; Psalm 48; 1 Corinthians 13; Luke 2.22-40

### **Parish Office – important information:**

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> January is Sara’s last day with us in the office as she then begins her maternity leave. The new addition to their family is expected at the end of February. We would like to send our best wishes to Sara, Sergio and Sofia as they prepare for their new arrival.

From Monday 31<sup>st</sup> January the office will only be 'open' on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 9.30am until 12 noon. On Tuesday and Thursday we will monitor emails and phone calls and respond to anything that is urgent though this will, in the main, be carried out remotely. It is hoped that this will be a temporary amendment to our opening hours whilst we seek to appoint a temporary administrator.

**Heartfelt thanks for many years of dedicated service to St Paul's:**

*Thank  
You*

***Denis Beetham** – just before Christmas 2021, Denis spoke to us to let us know that, after just over 58 years of dedicated service to St Paul's, he had decided it was the right time for him to step down as an organist with us. Those who know Denis well will appreciate that this wasn't an easy decision for him to come to and, in typical Denis style, he didn't want any fuss. However, Denis we would like to pass on our grateful thanks for all the time you have dedicated to the parish over the years and wish you all the very best in your well-earned retirement.*

***Barbara Beetham** – the Hala Over 60's hasn't met since the first lockdown and, since that time, has lost some of its leading members. Barbara, after discussion with others, had to make the difficult decision that the Over 60's wouldn't be restarting and that they would officially wind up their affairs. Barbara and Denis (as her helper) have for many, many years been the organisers, setters up, administrators for the club and have kept in touch with many of their membership during lockdown. There were some residual funds in their kitty and Barbara and Denis have asked that the church ringfence this donation to the church for future outreach work for the over 60's in whatever form it restarts in. The cupboard and crockery have already been donated to Hala Pantry and are being put to good use.*

***Elsie Stackhouse*** – and before we start to say thank you, Elsie will be saying that it's not just her – Elsie, you led the group of flower ladies, however, we know that includes Veronica, Val, Kathleen, Pat, Maureen to name just a few. Over the years you have shown extreme patience with the 'newbies' – wardens coming along clueless to decorate the Harvest cross for the pulpit, popping along to help with vases of flowers and other displays. You have taught us all so much – you did though, know our limitations, and the cascading flower displays you did yourself! Thank you for being on the end of the telephone to give advice during the lockdowns and for passing on all your wisdom and tips.

***Thank you to Denis, Barbara and Elsie doesn't say enough, but I hope that you know we really do appreciate all you have continued to give in service to St Paul's over the years.***

***Thank you!***

### **Altar Flowers:**



Kay Perry has agreed to take on the weekly role of ensuring there are flowers on the altar at St Paul's Church, with Maureen and Jayne standing in if Kay is unavailable. If anyone would like to make a donation for altar flowers to mark a special anniversary on a particular weekend then please contact the Parish Office by telephone – or you can send your donation to the office in an envelope marked Altar Flowers and please ensure that you put the date you would like the flowers displaying in the envelope.

## **Parish Walk:**

The next Parish Walk will be on Sunday January 23rd meeting in the church grounds at 12.15 for a picnic lunch before setting off on another allotment tour. Please contact Maureen Leach on 07531285199 for further information.



## **Lancaster Churches Together – Dates for your Diary:**

### **Week of prayer for Christian Unity Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> January.**

Daily devotions at 7.30 pm each evening led by different people from various churches and broadcast live for about half an hour on Lancaster Churches Together Facebook page.

**Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30 pm** Song for Unity at Father's House – an evening of Prayer and Praise.

**Good Friday**, Walk of Witness 15<sup>th</sup> April meeting at 12 noon in Dalton Square and ending in Market Square at 1 pm possibly with a Passion Play

**Easter Sunday** Sunrise Service 6.30 am at Dalton Square

### **Platinum Jubilee Events**

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June evening**–Civic event at Lancaster Castle and service at the Priory - details to be announced.

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June** – Pentecost in the Park and Jubilee Celebration at Ryelands Park. Service 2.00 pm – 3.00pm followed by a community picnic.

In preparation for the latter there will be a monthly Prayer Walk 7.00pm on the last Thursday of the Month around Ryelands Park to pray for the Pentecost in the Park and Jubilee Celebrations. Meet in the car park. Dates 27 Jan, 24 Feb, 31 March, 28 April, 26 May (Ascension Day).

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## **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.

## **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.



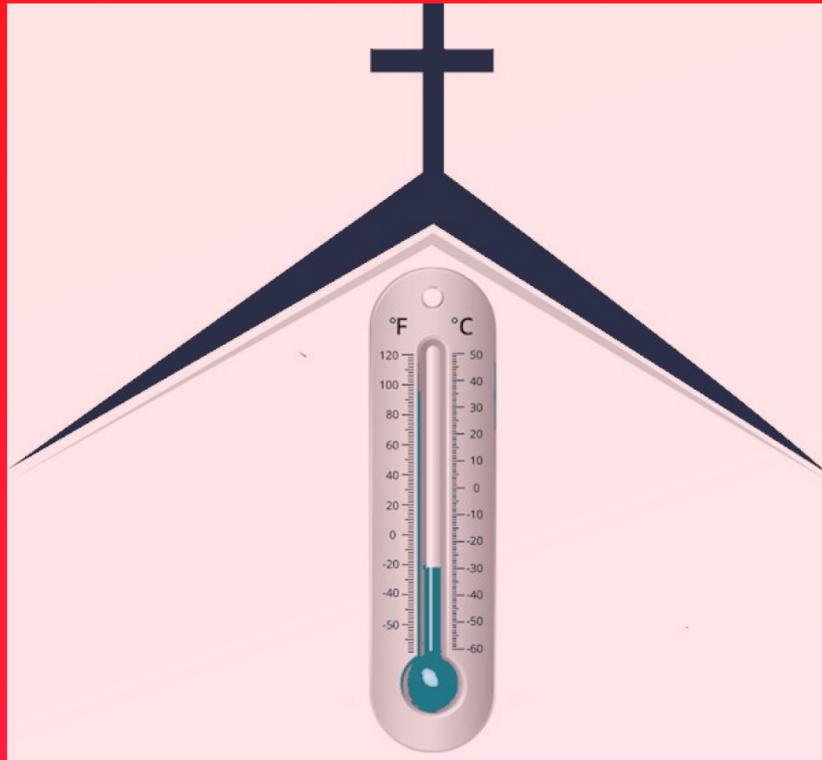
## Church Boiler Replacement:

If you would like to make a donation but don't have access to the internet to scan the QR code then you can send a cheque to the Parish Office, St Paul's Parish Hall, Scotforth Road, Lancaster, LA1 4TS – please write 'Heating 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 boiler replacement 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.

- **VICAR:** Rev Dr Rebecca Aehtner –
- 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.*
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- **CHURCH WEBSITE:**
- <https://stpauls-scotforth.org>
- **FACEBOOK:** regular updates about life at St Paul's can be found: @scotforthstpaulschurch
- **INSTAGRAM:** @scotforthstpauls



## **Help us to offer a warm welcome at St Paul's**

***We need to raise £7000 to replace our church boiler which has stopped working. Most of our services are currently in the Parish Hall but we want our church to be a warm welcoming place for those special life events.***

**You can make a donation online - please use the QR code or contact our Parish Office - telephone 843135 for details on how to make a donation. Thank you.**



# Epiphany Word Search



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