



ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS



10th February 2022

Sunday Worship 13th February 2022

3rd Sunday before Lent

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: Taize Prayer Service at St Paul's Scotforth
Road

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

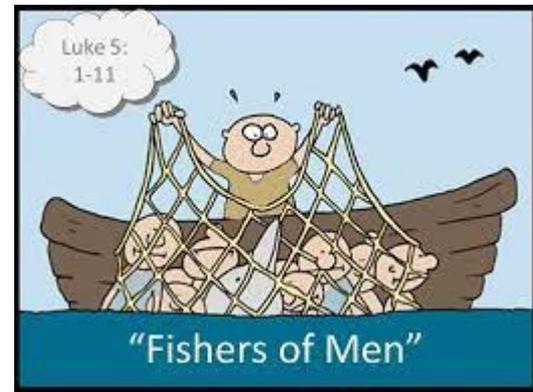
Morning Prayer by telephone conference each Wednesday – at
09.00. Please contact Margaret Ives if you would like to join the
telephone conference.



***Worshipping God,
Growing in Faith,
Serving the Community.***

A message from Reverend Rebecca:

On Sunday in our All Age service we looked at the story of Jesus calling Simon, James, and John to fish for people (Luke 5: 1-11). Jesus invited the fishermen to follow, listen, and learn from him using a metaphor he knew they would understand: "If you follow me, we will catch people instead of fish." Jesus called the people who already knew how to fish - they had the skill, boats, and nets to fish, but he called them to fish for people instead. We wondered how we could use the talents and gifts God has already given us to share God's love with others.



We have been overwhelmed and encouraged by how the local community has rallied around to help raise money to replace our broken church boiler so that St Paul's can continue to offer a warm welcome to everyone. As part of the St Paul's family Vikki and Mandy used their gifts and organisational skills to organise a fundraising raffle. May we be encouraged by this initiative and renew our calling to serve and bless our local community as we are blessed by them. Please support this initiative by buying raffle tickets (£1/strip) through the Parish Office or on Sunday the 13th and 20th at the back of church. The prizes are varied and generous with treats for everyone. Young Church will help us draw the tickets as part of the service on the 20th. There is a poster included in the Parish News with more prizes being added as the news spreads.

O God of abundant love, like fish in the disciples' nets, you have caught our curiosity and wonder. Help us be brave, like the disciples leaving the boat, as we learn to trust and follow you. Amen.

FOR OUR PRAYERS

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

From our Parish prayer diary: Haydock Road, Kempton Road, Goodwood Court, Goodwood Road, Ascot Close

From our Church prayer diary: Our Vergers

The residents and staff of Chirnside House as they live with a COVID outbreak amongst residents and staff.

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, Gwen Gedge

All who mourn: Carol Ann Riding, Alan Smith

Collect for 13th February

Almighty God,
who alone can bring order
to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity:
give your people grace
so to love what you command
and to desire what you promise,
that, among the many changes of this world,
our hearts may surely there be fixed
where true joys are to be found;
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 13th February 2022:

1 Corinthians 15.12-20

¹² Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³ If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; ¹⁴ and if Christ has not been raised,

then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. ¹⁵We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. ¹⁶For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. ¹⁷If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. ¹⁸Then those also who have died* in Christ have perished. ¹⁹If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. ²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.*

Luke 6.17-26

¹⁷ He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. ¹⁸They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

²⁰ Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

‘Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹ ‘Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.

‘Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

²² ‘Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you* on account of the Son of Man. ²³Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

²⁴ ‘But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

²⁵ ‘Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.

‘Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.

²⁶ ‘Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

Post Communion Prayer for 13th February

Merciful Father,

who gave Jesus Christ to be for us the bread of life,
that those who come to him should never hunger:
draw us to the Lord in faith and love,
that we may eat and drink with him
at his table in the kingdom,
where he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

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Readings for next Sunday:

Genesis 2.4b-9, [15-end]; Psalm 65; Revelation 4; Luke 8.22-25

The day King George VI died – 6 February 1952 by Arton Medd:

It was a normal Wednesday morning at school and I was in an A-level Geography class when the deputy head tapped on the door and came in. He spoke quietly to our teacher, Mr Charlesworth, and went out. We were then told that the king, George VI had died and Mr Charlesworth reminded us the king had been in poor health for some time suffering from lung cancer in particular and that he had undergone several operations. This news did not have much immediate impact on me nor, as I remember, the rest of the school; the timetable carried on as normal that day and thereafter. However the BBC had shut down for the day except for the news, and at home after tea we listened to the BBC Home Service News on the wireless at 6 o'clock. Only a few people had television sets then, and we didn't. Details were given that the king had died in his sleep, and that the now Queen Elizabeth was flying back from Kenya. Parliament had been suspended, all cinemas and theatres were closed and sports fixtures cancelled.

For many years the Youth Fellowship at the church where I grew up, St Philip's, Osmondthorpe, in Leeds staged an annual pantomime which was on every night for a week from Monday to Saturday and it happened to be that week, so that night it was cancelled. What I cannot remember is for how long the closure remained in force, but within a day or two our panto continued. A custom at that time, which lasted for decades afterwards, was that after every theatre performance or film show the National Anthem was played. It was at the end of the pantomime when we sang 'God save our gracious Queen' that it seemed real that the King had died and a change had occurred.

It was over a year later that Queen Elizabeth's coronation took place in June 1953, but her Platinum anniversary is being celebrated in the year of her accession, not least by Lancaster Churches Together, when all are

invited to a Pentecost Service and Picnic in Ryelands Park on Sunday 5 June 2022 at 2.00pm.

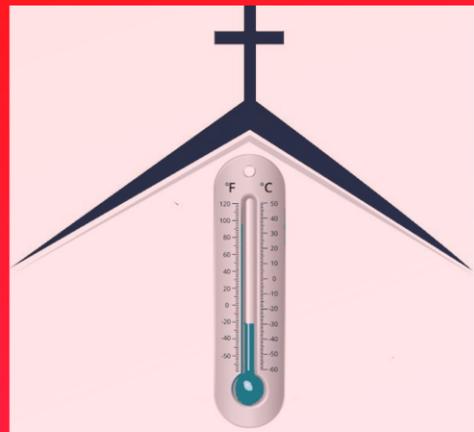
CHURCH WALK

Last month's church walk took us on a few new paths for some to the allotments at the far end of Ambleside Road. They took a bit of finding as they are quite well hidden, We followed the path round walking through the woods beyond the Ridge which border with Lansil golf club before reaching the canal. We then made our way back to church and for some for the 4.00pm Iona service after leaving the canal and coming through Haverbreaks.

The next Church Walk will be on **Sunday 20th February** to see the snowdrops and crocus at Ryelands Park with possibly a few surprises on the way. We will meet at the back of church at 12.15 for a picnic lunch. For further information please contact Maureen on 07531285199.

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.



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.

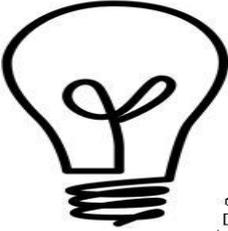
You can make a donation online - please use the QR code or contact our Parish Office - telephone 843135 for details on how to make a donation. Thank you.



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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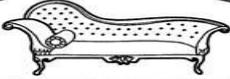
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