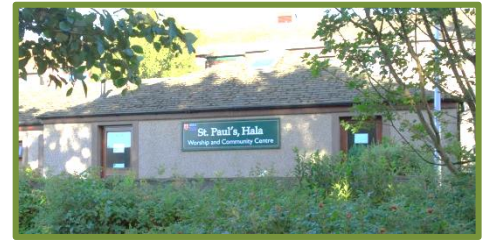




ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS



10th March 2022

Sunday Worship 13th March 2022

Second Sunday of Lent

08:00 BCP Holy Communion at St Paul's, Scotforth Road

09:45 Altogether All Age Service of the Word at St Paul's,
Scotforth Road

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

16.00 Worship@4: Taizé Prayer Service

Reflective Prayer Group on Tuesday 15th March, 7.30-8.30pm
at St Paul's Scotforth Road

Thursday – 09:15 Holy Communion at St Paul's, Scotforth Rd

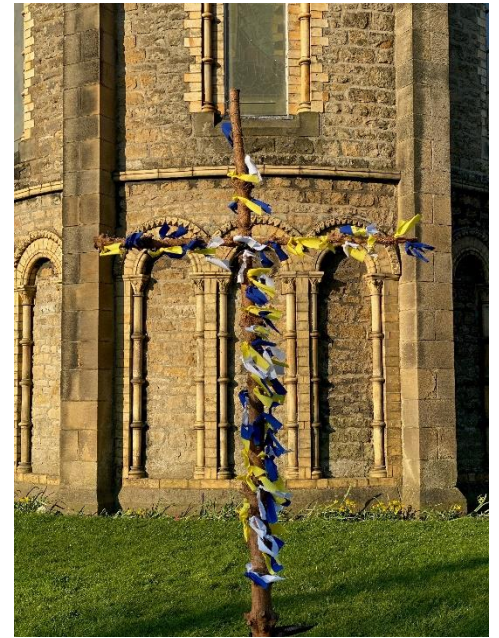
Morning Prayer by telephone conference each Wednesday – at
09.00. Please contact Margaret Ives if you would like to join the
telephone conference.

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



A message from Reverend Rebecca:

Over the last two weeks, I have struggled to find the 'right' words, or even any words, to express the confusion, anger, sorrow, and heartache at the situation unfolding in Ukraine. Rather than feeling hopeless and helpless at the scenes of violence of devastation, I encourage us all to pray and take up acts of service this Lent.



On Sunday we had our first uniformed parade service in over two years. It was a gift to welcome the groups which have such important ties to our church family and to journey into Lent together. As part of the service we talked about 'taking up' acts of service (including collecting for the Olive Branch) and prayer. As we left the church building and went out into our week, we were encouraged to take blue, yellow, and white ribbons to tie on our Lenten tree or gate as a visual prayer for peace. I welcome everyone in our community to join in this act of peace; we have ribbons at the base of the cross available or you can bring your own. Even if you do not have the 'right' words, or you struggle to pray, sometimes simple acts remind us that God hears the cries of our hearts and welcomes us to bring our sorrow and disbelief to the cross.

Online National Worship Service

This Sunday's national service for the Church of England comes from our very own St Paul's Scotforth Church! On Saturday the 5th a small congregation gathered in our beautiful sanctuary to film a service for the Second Sunday of Lent. It will air online this coming Sunday: <https://www.churchofengland.org>.

Items currently in particular need at the Olive Branch:

- tinned vegetables (peas, sweet corn, carrots, tomatoes)
- tinned pasta (spaghetti, hoops, ravioli etc.)
- tinned corned beef & ham.
- tinned rice pudding & custard

- coffee
- cereal
- multipack crisps & bars (e.g. rocky, penguin etc)
- sauce jars (particularly pasta sauce)
- rice (basmati & long-grain)
- oil (olive & veg/sunflower)
- nappies in size 5+ & 6 in particular
- washing powder
- toilet roll
- deodorant & shower gel

FOR OUR PRAYERS

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

From our Parish prayer diary: Knowle Hill Crescent; Heversham Close; Arnside Close

From our Church prayer diary: All our Clergy (Rebecca, Claire Anderson, Richard, Tricia and Barbara)

Those who have asked for prayers for healing: Mary Wilson, Eunice Parkinson, Marion Corkill, Katherine McHale, Maureen Thorpe, Rev Rebecca, Mollie Glover, Pirkko Leong, Reg Wollington, Mary Smith, Arton Medd

All who mourn: Olive Jenkinson, Eric Timlin, Emma Wearing, Muriel Cresswell

Collect for 13th March 2022:

Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings, and by following his Way come to share in his glory; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Readings for 13th March 2022:

Philippians 3.17-4.1

¹⁷ Brothers and sisters,^{*} join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. ¹⁹Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on

earthly things. ²⁰But our citizenship* is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. ²¹He will transform the body of our humiliation* so that it may be conformed to the body of his glory,* by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. ⁴¹Therefore, my brothers and sisters,* whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

Luke 13.31-end

³¹ At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, ‘Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.’ ³²He said to them, ‘Go and tell that fox for me,* “Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. ³³Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem.” ³⁴Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁵See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when* you say, “Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.” ’

Post Communion Prayer for 13th March:

Almighty God,
you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves:
keep us both outwardly in our bodies,
and inwardly in our souls;
that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to
the body,
and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Readings for next Sunday:

Isiah 55.1-9; Psalm 63.1-9; 1 Corinthians 10.1-13; Luke 13.1-9

Worship@4:

This Sunday's Worship@4 is a Taizé prayer service. This is a very different type of service. The focus of the service is prayer. We will sing some Taizé songs. The songs contain few words, and these are repeated several times. Don't worry if you get lost or don't know the tune as you'll soon pick it up - or just listen.

If you've not been before why not give it a try!



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

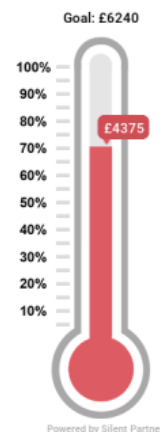
You can make a donation online - please use the QR code or contact our Parish Office - telephone 843135 for details on how to make a donation. Thank you.



Church Boiler Replacement:

As many of you will be aware the church boiler has now been replaced and we have moved all our services back into the church. However, it is not too late if you would like to make a donation towards this unexpected cost. If you 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 make your cheque payable to 'St Paul's Church, PCC' and 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.



CURTAINS AVAILABLE FOR A DONATION TO ST PAUL'S BOILER APPEAL:

We have two sets of curtains which have covered windows of 2 meters and 2.5 meters, both with a drop of 1.20 meters (That is the window size, the curtains are a little larger!) The colour is not easy to describe - orange and reddish brown with some gold. They have done about 20 years' service but are in good condition and have just been dry cleaned, still wrapped in the dry cleaners cover!

Contact Richard or Tricia Impey on 0152436617

Appeal for donations towards the cost of Green Waste

Recycling Bins: The gardening team will be resuming work in April and to make their life easier we would like to ask you to consider making a donation towards the



cost of the green compost bins. We do now have 2 compost heaps but you would be surprised how quickly they can be filled and not everything we pull up is suitable for composting. All donations of any amount will be gratefully received and can be handed in at church, left at the Parish Hall Office or in the letter box in the porch entrance to the hall. Please mark your envelope 'compost bin'. So why not call round and have a stroll through the gardens and see for yourselves what is growing.

The purple spread by Julian Frost:

Once again a purple carpeting
amid these ancient stones
a contrast here of life and death.
Crocuses nod in the breeze
opening to the sun while
the stones stand mute
some a flaking grey
with words almost gone
Yet all too soon the crocuses will be
gone
a brief life like ours
who share its earth.
we too flourish like a flower of the field
then to fade and die.
Yet these bulbs reaching upwards
To make that purple spread
speak of life out of death
the Easter miracle.



“Off yer Bike”: by Arton Medd

Arton Medd very much appreciates the cards, messages and offers of help to him and to Christine following his cycling accident.

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: sjaynewweatherill@gmail.com

Mr Tony Walker:

Tel: 382397; Email: walkerar@hotmail.co.uk

PARISH OFFICE: The office is open Monday to 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>

FACEBOOK: regular updates about life at St Paul's can be found: @scotforthstpaulschurch

INSTAGRAM: @scotforthstpauls

PASTORAL CARE TEAM: Our Clergy and Pastoral Care Team are here to listen and to pray.

You can contact them by either emailing pastoral@stpauls-scotforth.org or telephoning

Irene on 64701.

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.

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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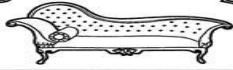
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God of peace and justice,
we pray for the people of Ukraine today.
We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons. We pray for all those
who fear for tomorrow,
that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them. We pray for those
with power over war or peace,
for wisdom, discernment and compassion
to guide their decisions.
Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at-risk and in fear, that
you would hold and protect them.
We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.
Amen.

Archbishop Justin Welby Archbishop Stephen Cottrell
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