



ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS



31st March 2022

Sunday Worship 3rd April 2022

Fifth Sunday of Lent

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

09:45 Holy Communion at St Paul's, Scotforth Road

11:15 – the next service at St Paul's Hala will be
on Easter Sunday, 17th April.

16.00 Worship@4: Holy Communion

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:

During the last few weeks many of us have asked 'how' or 'why' does God allow the suffering we're seeing and hearing unfolding in Ukraine, or elsewhere in the world, or even in our own homes.

I have no easy answers in the face of suffering and tragedy. As always, I find great comfort in our stunning church grounds. I encourage you to seek our crocus memorial which is planted up the slope near our main door. There is a small plaque in memory of the covid pandemic and the national lockdown in March 2020. It was a time when all seemed lost, when we were confused, hurting, and people were dying, our church buildings were closed and when people questioned God. The gardeners came up with the idea of planting crocus bulbs as a living, perennial memorial that will blossom every year in an appropriate Lenten purple -to remind us of what we've been through collectively and individually, our losses and our hope. We need to be reminded that new life bursts through, but sometimes we have to plan it, get our hands dirty, and nurture hope into being.



I find myself walking the path between our Lenten cross covered in blue, yellow, and white ribbons and prayers for peace in Ukraine and the crocus memorial. Lent and the journey to Holy Week reminds us that Jesus became one of us, suffered with us and for us, weeps with us and rejoices with us in our journey.

A message from Kaarina:

Young Church is thriving and growing, and we need you!
We are thrilled that our Young Church is blooming, and we are looking for more adult helpers to join our adult team rota.

You don't need any expertise in children or crafts; just to be a willing hand and a friendly heart to join in with the children's activities.

As a part of the YC team, you will need to do some safeguarding training (we can help you to access this), fill out some paperwork and undergo a DBS check. Once those are through, you'll join the rota of regular helpers.

If you think you'd like to join us, please talk to one of the church wardens or Kaarina.

FOR OUR PRAYERS

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

From our Parish prayer diary: Larchwood, Gregory's Court, Bishopgate

From our Church prayer diary: St Paul's Monday Rainbows

We pray for the parents, godparents and family of: Chloe Rae who is to be baptized this week

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

All who mourn: Emma Wearing, Muriel Cresswell, Asta Lahtinen

Collect for 3rd April 2022:

Most merciful God,
who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world:

grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross
we may triumph in the power of his victory;
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.
you gave up your Son
out of love for the world:
lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion,
that we may know eternal peace
through the shedding of our Saviour's blood,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings for 3rd April 2022:

Isaiah 43.16-21

¹⁶ Thus says the Lord,
 who makes a way in the sea,
 a path in the mighty waters,
¹⁷ who brings out chariot and horse,
 army and warrior;
they lie down, they cannot rise,
 they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:
¹⁸ Do not remember the former things,
 or consider the things of old.
¹⁹ I am about to do a new thing;
 now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
 and rivers in the desert.
²⁰ The wild animals will honour me,
 the jackals and the ostriches;
for I give water in the wilderness,
 rivers in the desert,
to give drink to my chosen people,
²¹ the people whom I formed for myself
so that they might declare my praise.

John 12.1-8

12Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ²There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. ³Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them* with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, ⁵'Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii* and the money given to the poor?' ⁶(He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) ⁷Jesus said, 'Leave her alone. She bought it* so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. ⁸You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.'

Post Communion Prayer:

Lord Jesus Christ,
you have taught us
that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters
we do also for you:
give us the will to be the servant of others
as you were the servant of all,
and gave up your life and died for us,
but are alive and reign, now and for ever.

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Readings for next Sunday:

Liturgy of the Palms: Luke 19.28-40; Psalm 118.1-2,19-end [or 118.19-24]

Worship@4

This Sunday afternoon's Worship@4 will be a service of Holy Communion using liturgy from Iona Abbey. Do come and join us for a time of quiet and peaceful worship.

ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING – Sunday 24th April at 4.45pm:

The **Annual meeting** is on Sunday 24th April at **4.45pm** at St Paul's Church – this will follow on from the Worship@4 service which you are very welcome to attend. Copies of the Annual Report and accounts will be available at the meeting, afterwards and on the Church website.



The Annual meeting elects Churchwardens for the coming year. We also **elect the Church Council**. We have four vacancies for a 3-year period and 2 for a 1-year period so if you are interested about the work of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) and only want to give it a trial then maybe the 1-year period would be of interest to you. Please note that you have to be registered on the Electoral Roll for at least six months prior to the AGM to be eligible for election. If you are unsure whether you are on the Roll or would like to go on the Roll then please talk to a Warden.

Beyond the Pandemic:

South Lancaster Churches Together are holding a Lent Reflection morning on Saturday 9th April from 9.45 to 12 noon, in Trinity URC Bowerham. The key speaker will be the Rev Ian Dewar, who is the lead chaplain for Morecambe Bay Hospitals Trust. There will be opportunities to ask questions, to discuss, to pray, to reflect on the past 2 years and to look forward to the next few years with hope and confidence.

Everyone will be very welcome, so do please come and bring a friend.

Any queries, please contact Margaret Ives or Christine Medd. SLCT reps.

Dates for your Diary by Maureen Leach:

April 22nd at 7.00pm

May 6th at 7.00pm

May 20th at 7.00pm

when there will be a series of 3 short talks in the Parish Hall on:

1. Miami and how it all began
2. Miami Beach and its Art Deco
3. Miami, how it became an Hispanic capital, Hurricanes and Now

As many of you will know I have been going to Miami regularly since Matthew moved there in 2002.

I first became interested in its history when I came across an old Indian stone circle in the middle of the financial district. There will be plenty of photos in the talk showing how it used to be and how it is now plus little snippets of my trips there, in fact something for everyone. Hopefully by the end of the sessions you will have a completely different image of what you think Miami is like.

The talks are in aid of church funds, entry will be free but donations at the end would be appreciated.

Hope to see some of you there.

Volunteers needed:

Have you got half an hour a week and walk around Abbeyfield Close, Scotforth Road from Abbeyfield to Toll Bar Garage and up around Piccadilly? We are looking for someone to deliver the Parish News to 7 households each week.



We are also looking for Sidespeople for our 8am and 9.45am services – full training and support given. We do have a rota system in place and it would mean, with more volunteers, a commitment of a duty every 4-6 weeks, hopefully. There is some safeguarding paperwork to be completed for this role. The first impression we give to those who attend all our services is very important so this is a vital role.

If you would like more information on either of these roles then please talk to the wardens.

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.



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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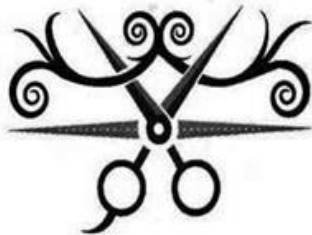
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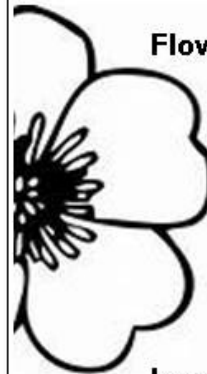
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*Everyone is welcome to join
us for crafts and activities
as we learn about the*

Easter Story

15th April 2022

2PM

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VICAR: Rev Dr Rebecca Aechtner –

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Rest day is Friday – if you have an urgent enquiry then please contact a Churchwarden.

WARDENS:

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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: lifeevents@stpauls-scotforth.org

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<https://stpauls-scotforth.org> then visit the Hiring our Spaces area at the top of the page.

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.



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.