



ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS



14th April 2022
Sunday Worship 17th April 2022
Easter Day

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

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

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

16:00 Worship@4: Evening Prayer at St Paul's, Scotforth
Road

Tuesday 19th April – 7.30pm – Reflective Prayer at St Paul's,
Scotforth Road

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

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.*

Message from Reverend Rebecca:

It's hard to believe that this is my third Holy Week as Vicar of St Paul's but only my first where we can journey together in person! Holy Week began with Palm Sunday and Jesus' entry into Jerusalem riding on a donkey. On Sunday our Young Church helped us celebrate by

leading our procession outside church to our garden cross encouraging us all to: 'Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna to the King of kings!'



Our journey through Holy Week continues on Maundy Thursday when Jesus became a servant, washing the feet of the disciples. At our 9.15am service we will hear the dramatic reading of the Passion Gospel and a creative alternative meditation on foot washing focusing on the towel Jesus wrapped around his waist.

On Good Friday Jesus died a painful and public death on a cross; with Jesus we stand alongside those who suffer and live in the shadow of the cross today. We will mark Good Friday with a quiet Service of the Word at 10am followed by an All-Age Easter Fun gathering in the Parish Hall at 2pm with crafts, the retelling of the Easter story, and some snacks - all are welcome!

Easter Sunday is a day of great rejoicing as we rediscover the good news of Jesus' resurrection and our hope in him. We will celebrate Easter in our 8am BCP Holy Communion, 9.45am Parish Eucharist (with treats for everyone), 11.15am Holy Communion at St Paul's Hala, and our Worship@4 will be BCP Evening Prayer.

I pray that this week offers everyone space and opportunity to reflect on Jesus' forgiving love for us through a variety of worship and activities. Our Lenten cross will remain in place as we continue to pray for peace in Ukraine and other parts of the world. May we proclaim together: Christ is Risen!

FOR OUR PRAYERS

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

From our Parish prayer diary: Beck View, Slaidburn Drive

From our Church prayer diary: We pray for St Paul's Hala as worship resumes this Easter season. Give us joy in proclaiming the Easter message that Christ is risen.

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

All who mourn: Asta Lahtinen, Pirkko Leong, Robert Smith

Collect for 17th April 2022:

God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell:

fill your Church with faith and hope;

for a new day has dawned

and the way to life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Readings for 17th April 2022:

Acts 10.34-43

³⁴Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation everyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ – he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead.

⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him received forgiveness of sins through his name.'

John 20. 1-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ²So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' ³Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. ⁴The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples returned to their homes.

¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; ¹²and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' ¹⁴When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus said to her 'Woman why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away. ¹⁶Jesus said to her 'Mary!' she turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."' ¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and

announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Post Communion Prayer:

God of Life,
who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son
to the death of the cross,
and by his glorious resurrection
have delivered us from the power of our enemy:
grant us so to die daily to sin,
that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Readings for next Sunday:

Acts 5.27-32; Revelation 1.4-8; John 20.19-end

Worship@4:

This Sunday's service at 4pm will be Evening Prayer in accordance with the Book of Common Prayer led by Margaret Ives.

A permanent feature of the Church of England's worship and a key source for its doctrine, the Book of Common Prayer is loved for the beauty of its language.

From earliest times, Christians gathered at regular hours during each day and night to respond to God's word with praise on behalf of all creation and with intercession for the salvation of the world. Please join us and take part in this privilege and duty which belongs to all God's people.

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 are available on the website, will be attached to the weekly emails next week and from the back of church.



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.

From the Gardening Team:

Happy 101st birthday Mary

Mary Thomas, founder of the church gardening team in the 80's is 101 on Thursday 14th April. A year ago the gardening team were celebrating her 100th birthday at her home on Bedford Place. Since then she has moved into Chirnside House, where she is being well looked after and still keeping reasonably well. It takes more than a pandemic to beat Mary. We all wish her a very happy birthday even though we can't be with her this year.



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FRIDAY MAY 6th 7.00pm

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St Paul's
Parish
Hall,
Scotforth
LA1 4TS



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Volunteers needed:

We are 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 then please talk to the wardens.



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.

- **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
- **CHURCH WEBSITE & HOW TO HIRE OUR ROOMS:**
- <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.