



# ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS



21st April 2022  
**Sunday Worship 24th April 2022**  
Second Sunday of Easter

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: Celtic 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.

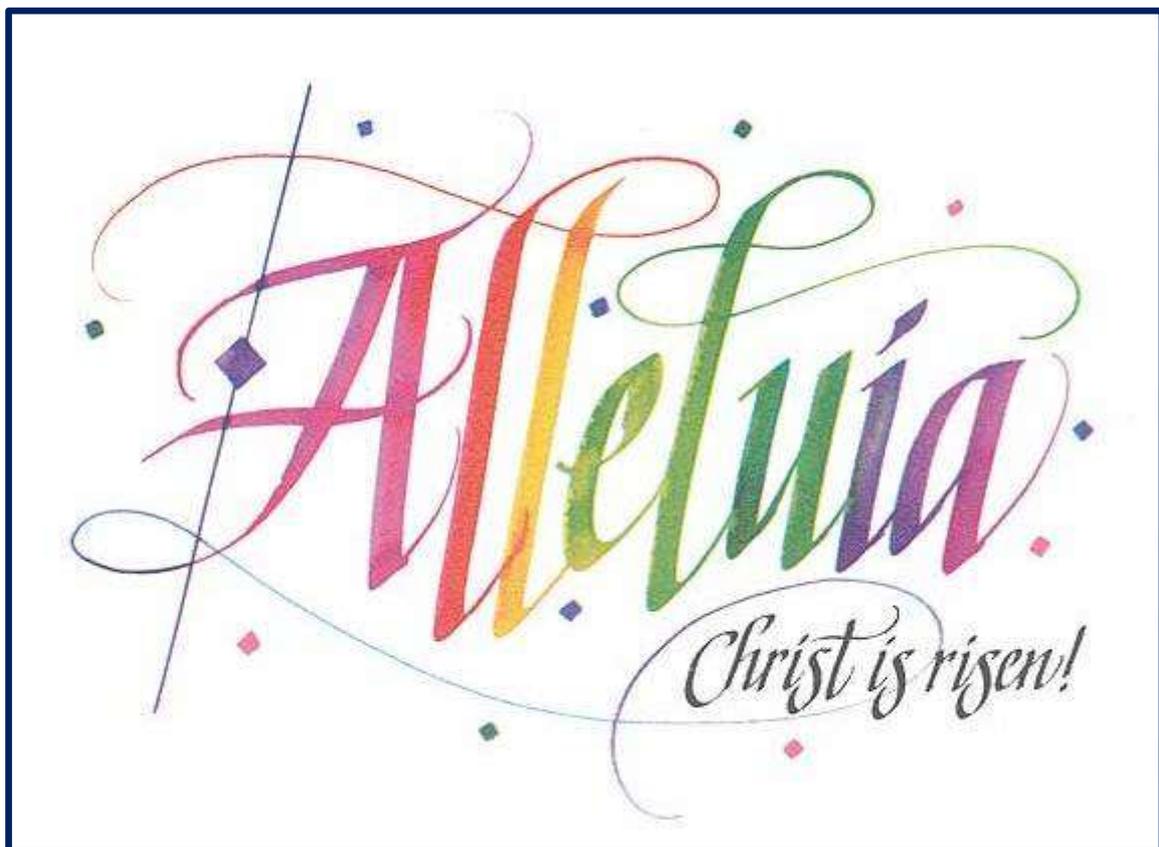
*Worshipping God,  
Growing in Faith,  
Serving the Community.*

## **Message from Reverend Rebecca:**

Christ is risen! Alleluia! Even though Holy Week and Easter Sunday have come and gone, we remain in the Church's Easter season until Pentecost (50 days). It was wonderful to celebrate Holy Week in person for the first time since 2019. Our Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday services were diverse and I hope meaningful. It was great to welcome people to our Easter Family Fun afternoon in the Parish Hall where we could spread out for crafts, singing, a story, and snacks. On Easter Sunday there was a real sense of joy and new life in our parish: our 9.45am Eucharist was the best attended service since Christingle 2019 and we joyfully resumed worship at St Paul's Hala proclaiming that we had seen the risen Lord.

As Christians we are called to be Easter people - to live in the hope and resurrection of Jesus Christ - always.

Christ is risen!  
He is risen indeed!  
Alleluia!



## FOR OUR PRAYERS

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

**From our Parish prayer diary:** Appletree Drive, Appletree Close, Abbeystead Drive

**From our Church prayer diary:** Our Church Choral Groups

**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, Emma Jane Lamb

### Collect for 24th April 2022:

Almighty Father,

you have given your only Son to die for our sins

and to rise again for our justification:

grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness

that we may always serve you

in pureness of living and truth;

through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,

who is alive and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

### Readings for 24th April 2022:

#### Acts 5.27-32

<sup>27</sup> When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, <sup>28</sup>saying, 'We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name,\* yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us.' <sup>29</sup>But Peter and the apostles answered, 'We must obey God rather than any human authority.\* <sup>30</sup>The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. <sup>31</sup>God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour, so that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins.

<sup>32</sup>And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.'

## **John 20.19-end**

<sup>19</sup> When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

<sup>24</sup> But Thomas (who was called the Twin\*), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

<sup>26</sup> A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' <sup>27</sup>Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' <sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

<sup>30</sup> Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup>But these are written so that you may come to believe\* that Jesus is the Messiah,\* the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

## **Post Communion Prayer:**

Lord God our Father,  
through our Saviour Jesus Christ  
you have assured your children of eternal life  
and in baptism have made us one with him:  
deliver us from the death of sin  
and raise us to new life in your love,  
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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## **Readings for next Sunday:**

[Zephaniah 3.14-end]; Acts 9.1-6 [7-20]; Psalm 30;  
Revelation 5.11-end; John 21.1-19

**Worship@4:** This Sunday at 16.00 we will hold a Celtic Prayer Service using words and songs from the Northumbria Community.

The Celtic tradition of Christianity holds a deep reverence for the natural world and God our Creator; for humanity and Christ our Brother; for the rhythms of our daily lives and the Holy Spirit who breathes through them.

Our intention during this time is to still our hearts and be attentive to God. A pattern of words and responses, readings and silences will help to draw us into an awareness of God's presence.

If you are coming to the Annual Meeting at 16.45 you are very welcome to attend this service.





# MIAMI

HOW IT ALL BEGAN

on

**FRIDAY 22nd APRIL 7.00pm**

at  
St Paul's  
Parish  
Hall,  
Scotforth  
LA1 4TS



Donations  
in  
aid  
of  
church  
funds

**Dates for your Diary:**

**April 22<sup>nd</sup> 7.00pm**

May 6<sup>th</sup> 7.00pm

May 20<sup>th</sup> 7.00pm

When there will be a series of  
3 short talks in the Parish Hall  
about

**Miami and how it all began**

Miami Beach and its Art Deco

Miami, how it became an  
Hispanic capital, Hurricanes  
and Now

The talk itself won't be more than an hour in length and the seating arrangements will be as it was when we were using the hall for church services. Entry will be free but donations for church funds would be much appreciated.

Hope to see some of you there.



**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.

## Women's Fellowship:

Women's Fellowship will be meeting on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May at 2pm in the Parish Hall. This will be a social meeting, with no speaker, so that we can all catch up with one another and discuss future plans.

Anyone who would like to join us would be most welcome, this will be an opportunity to see who we are and what we do.

## 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.



P/T VACANCY:

**ASSISTANT PROJECT  
MANAGER**

Do you have a concern for people in Lancaster who find themselves marginalised or facing hardship?

*So do we!*

The Olive Branch (Faith in Action) is a Christian-based charity operating a foodbank and other initiatives to support people from any faith or background in times of need.

Could **you** join our small and dedicated staff team?

We are currently looking to appoint a new  
**ASSISTANT PROJECT MANAGER (part-time)**  
now that the previous post-holder has moved on.

The post is for 20 hours a week across 3 working days.  
Some flexibility in working hours to suit the right applicant.

Initial 6-month contract with possible extension.

Salary £11,526 p.a. (£23,052 pro rata)

You can find full details of the post and the application process  
on our website: <https://the-olivebranch.org.uk>

or phone us on 01524 555715 for an informal conversation.

Closing date for applications: 9am Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2022

***The Olive Branch: so much more than a foodbank!***