



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.

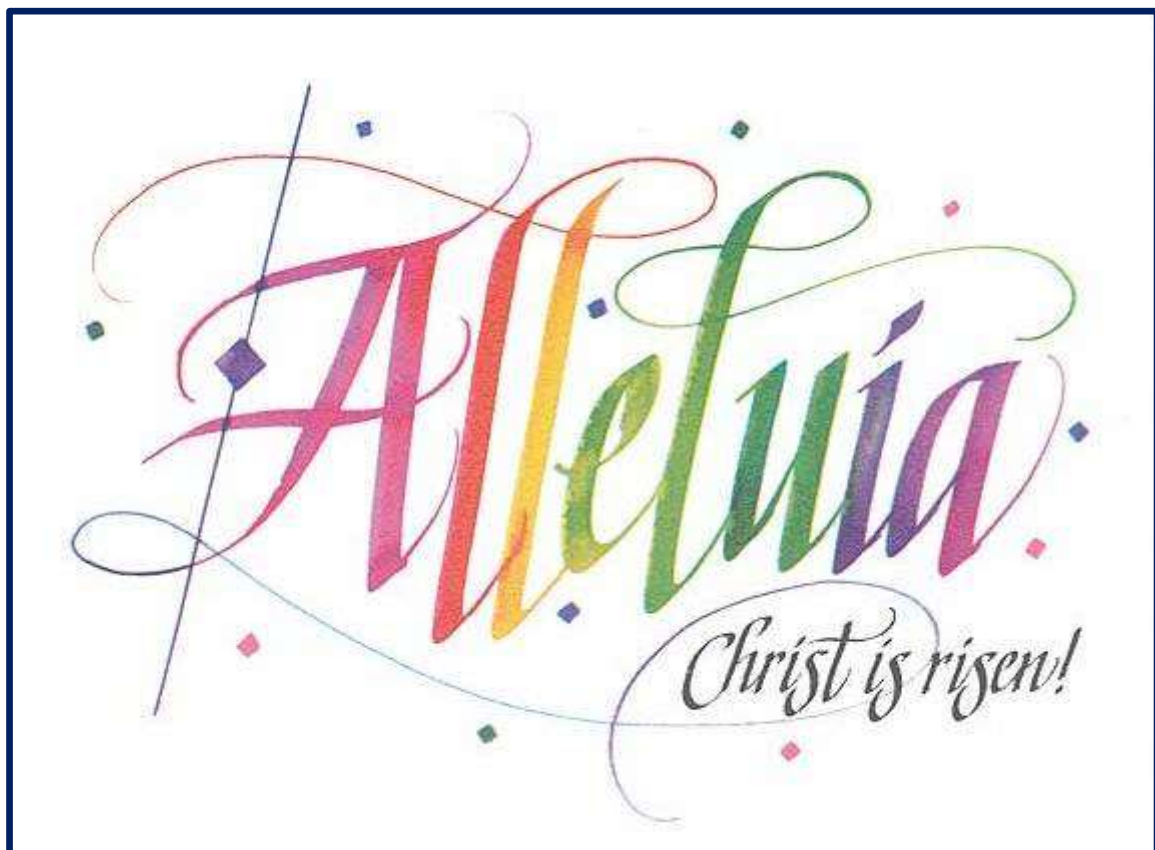
*Worshipping God,
Growing in Faith,
Serving the Community.*

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

²⁷ When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, ²⁸saying, '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.' ²⁹But Peter and the apostles answered, 'We must obey God rather than any human authority.* ³⁰The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour, so that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins.

³²And 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

¹⁹ 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.' ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin*), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So 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.'

²⁶ 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.' ²⁷Then 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.' ²⁸Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' ²⁹Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But 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.

ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING – this 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, they were attached to the weekly emails last 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.

- **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.
- **WARDENS:**
- Mrs Jayne Weatherill:
- Tel: 60597; Email: sjayneweatherill@gmail.com
- **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](https://www.facebook.com/scotforthstpaulschurch)
- **INSTAGRAM:** [@scotforthstpauls](https://www.instagram.com/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.



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 22nd 7.00pm

May 6th 7.00pm

May 20th 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 9th 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 16th May 2022

The Olive Branch: so much more than a foodbank!