



ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS



28th April 2022
Sunday Worship 1st May 2022
Third 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: Holy Communion

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:

Confirmation 2022

After many years St Paul's will be celebrating a Confirmation service on 13th July at 7pm with Bishop Julian, the Bishop of Blackburn.

What is Confirmation?

Confirmation is when a person confirms the promises that were made when they were baptised in a special service. If you were baptised as a child, your parents and godparents made these promises on your behalf. As a young person or adult, you may be ready to affirm these promises for yourself and commit your life to following Jesus Christ. Your friends and family as well as the local Christian community will be there to promise to support and pray for you. If you were not baptised as a child and want to make a commitment of faith, please speak to me. During the Confirmation service Bishop Julian will lay their hands on your head and ask God's Holy Spirit to give you the strength and commitment to live God's way for the rest of your life.

There is no right age for a person to be confirmed. Anyone may be confirmed who has been baptised and if they are old enough to answer responsibly for themselves. Anyone in Year 5 and above who feels ready to confirm their faith is welcome.

Over 5 confirmation classes we'll learn and talk about our faith together (and have some fun and snacks). We are looking at either Thursdays from 4:30-5:30pm or Sunday early evenings.

If you are interested please tell Rev Rebecca (vicar@stpauls-scotforth.org or leave a message on 01524 749693). I will leave some forms at the back of church too.

Adults

As an adult, your experience of the church may be fairly limited or you may have been coming to church for several years. As far as confirmation is concerned, perhaps you have thought about it in the past, or it may be something you are considering for the first time.

The decision to be confirmed is an important one in anyone's life. At confirmation, we take the promises made for us at baptism and make them for ourselves, not privately but in the presence of the bishop who represents the wider church.

Preparation will involve getting together in person to discuss what Confirmation is all about and giving you the opportunity to ask the questions you've always wondered about. Dates and times to be discussed.



Preparation for confirmation will be relaxed and informal and *no previous knowledge of the bible, church history or anything like that is required or assumed!*

Taking part in preparation places you under no obligation to be confirmed if, at the end, you feel that this isn't the right step or the right time for you.

FOR OUR PRAYERS

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

From our Parish prayer diary: Claughton Drive; Hala Road; Cockersands Drive

From our Church prayer diary: The Women's Fellowship Members as they prepare to meet again

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, Dorothy Camm, Denis & Barbara Beetham

All who mourn: Asta Lahtinen, Pirkko Leong, Robert Smith, Emma Jane Lamb

Collect for 1st May 2022:

Risen Christ,
you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope:
strengthen us to proclaim your risen life
and fill us with your peace,
to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Readings for 1st May 2022:

Acts 9.1-6

9Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ²and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' ⁵He asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The reply came, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.'

John 21.1-19

21After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. 2Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin,* Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. 3Simon Peter said to them, 'I am going fishing.' They said to him, 'We will go with you.' They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

4 Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. 5Jesus said to them, 'Children, you have no fish, have you?' They answered him, 'No.' 6He said to them, 'Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.' So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. 7That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!' When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the lake. 8But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards* off.

9 When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. 10Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.' 11So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. 12Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, 'Who are you?' because they knew it was the Lord. 13Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. 14This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

15 When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' 16A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Tend my sheep.' 17He said to him the third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, 'Do you love me?' And he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep. 18Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.' 19(He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, 'Follow me.'

Post Communion Prayer:

Living God,
your Son made himself known to his disciples
in the breaking of bread:
open the eyes of our faith,
that we may see him in all his redeeming work;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

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Readings for next Sunday:

[Genesis 7.1-5, 11-18; 8.6-18; 9.8-13]

Acts 9.36-end; Psalm 23; Revelation 7.9-end; John 10.22-30

ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING:

At the meeting held on Sunday 24th April there were two elections held in addition to some regulatory information being discussed.

The first of these was to elect Churchwardens for the next year; there was only one nomination received and Jayne Weatherill was duly appointed. During the next few months we will begin working to create a team of volunteers who will assist with some of the warden day to day tasks or helping out at services. As Jayne is on holiday soon you will see some well-known faces stepping into this role and we thank them for agreeing to do this.

Thanks were given to Tony Walker for his service to the Parish over the last couple of years as warden and good wishes were given to both him and Chris as they begin their next journey together.

The second election was for PCC members and we welcomed Sammy Dawkins onto the PCC and gave thanks to Sue Croft for her service over her last two terms of office as she stood down. Discussion took place on the Electoral Roll and how you need to be on this to be a PCC member and people's understanding of what the Roll is. John Gedge is to write more about this for the Parish News in coming weeks.

We discussed our financial situation after a review of 2021 and how we need to review our outgoings and carry out a Planned Giving campaign. Work on both of these areas will start very soon.

If anyone would like a copy of the Annual Report it is available on the church website and hard copies are still available at the back of church.

Church Walk - there will be a 4 mile bluebell walk on Sunday May 1st. Meet in Hala Square at 12.15 for a picnic lunch before starting the walk. For further information contact Maureen on 07531285199.



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.

Scotforth St Paul's Church, Scotforth Road, Lancaster

**St Paul's Hala Pantry require a part-time Manager (4 hrs per week)
(Home based working)**



We are seeking to employ a Hala Pantry Manager for 4 hours per week for a twelve-month period in the first instance. There may be an extension to this time period. The hourly rate is £9.90 (Real Living Wage).

The position involves a number of administrative tasks for which you would need a good working knowledge of Microsoft Office packages, be able to work on your own initiative and have excellent communication skills.

For an application pack which contains full details and information please contact Miss Sarah Green, Parish Business Manager, tel: 01524 843135 or email: liferevents@stpauls-scotforth.org



Closing Date: Wednesday 18th May at 10am.
Interview Date: Thursday 26th May



Dates for your Diary:

May 6th at 7:00pm

May 20th at 7:00pm

When there will be a series of 2 short talks in the Parish Hall on Miami Beach and its Art Deco.

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

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.

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.

- **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: lifeyvents@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
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- **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.



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!