



ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS



12th May 2022
Sunday Worship 15th May 2022
Fifth 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 – Service of the Word at St Paul's, Hala

16:00 Worship@4: Evening Prayer

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:

On Sunday we focused on the disciple Tabitha who lived a life of service (Acts 9.36-end). Tabitha is an example for all of us. She loved God and followed the teachings of Jesus by caring for people in practical ways. After she died, Peter tells her to 'get up' and brings her back to life so that she can keep sharing God's love in her community. In St Paul's Hala and Scotforth we were encouraged to 'get up' and to show our faith through serving others.

I look forward to hearing how people are responding to God's call to 'get up' and live lives of faith in practical and meaningful ways. I am grateful to those people who have put themselves forward to help with Young Church and the St Paul's Hala Pantry.

Christian Aid Week (May 15-21st) begins this Sunday with the theme "hope times of crisis." May we model Tabitha's concern for the most vulnerable and to embody our hope in Christ.

Confirmation

We are looking forward to our Confirmation Service on 13th July at 7pm. If you are interested in being confirmed or have any questions please let me know. Our young people will have five confirmation classes beginning after the next half term. Right now it looks like these classes will be at 4:30pm on Sundays. Adults are also welcome to come forward for confirmation and we will have some separate sessions learning more about our faith together.

Feel free to email me (vicar@stpauls-scotforth.org) or speak to me after church. I will leave some forms at the back of church.

FOR OUR PRAYERS

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

From our Parish prayer diary: Hala Grove, Abbeyfield Close, Hala Crescent.

From our Church prayer diary: Our chalice administrators

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: Robert Smith, Emma Jane Lamb

Collect for 15th May 2022:

Risen Christ,

your wounds declare your love for the world

and the wonder of your risen life:

give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve,

to the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

Readings for 15th May 2022:

Acts 11.1-18

11 Now the apostles and the believers* who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. 2 So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers* criticized him, 3 saying, 'Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?' 4 Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, 5 'I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. 6 As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. 7 I also heard a voice saying to me, "Get up, Peter; kill and eat." 8 But I replied, "By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth." 9 But a second time the voice

answered from heaven, "What God has made clean, you must not call profane." ¹⁰This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. ¹¹At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. ¹²The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us.* These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. ¹³He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, "Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; ¹⁴he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved." ¹⁵And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. ¹⁶And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, "John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." ¹⁷If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?' ¹⁸When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, 'Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.'

Psalm 148

1 Alleluia.

Praise the Lord from the heavens;
praise him in the heights.

**2 Praise him, all you his angels;
praise him, all his host.**

3 Praise him, sun and moon;
praise him, all you stars of light.

**4 Praise him, heaven of heavens,
and you waters above the heavens.**

5 Let them praise the name of the Lord,
for he commanded and they were created.

**6 He made them fast for ever and ever;
he gave them a law which shall not pass away.**

7 Praise the Lord from the earth,
you sea monsters and all deeps;

8 Fire and hail, snow and mist,

tempestuous wind, fulfilling his word;
9 Mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars;
10 Wild beasts and all cattle,
creeping things and birds on the wing;
11 Kings of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the world;
12 Young men and women,
old and young together;
let them praise the name of the Lord.
13 For his name only is exalted,
his splendour above earth and heaven.
14 He has raised up the horn of his people
and praise for all his faithful servants,
the children of Israel, a people who are near him.
Alleluia.

John 13.31-35

31 When he had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him,* God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

Post Communion Prayer:

Eternal God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life:
grant us to walk in his way,
to rejoice in his truth,
and to share his risen life;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

**Readings for next Sunday:
[Ezekiel 37.1-14]
Acts 16.9-15; Psalm 67; Revelation 21.10, 22-22.5;
John 14.23-29 or John 5.1-9**

Parish Diary for the coming week:

Date & Time	Name of the Event
Sunday 15th May at 12.00 noon	Baptism of Margot Evelyn and Elliott Peter

Children's Society:

Thank you very, very, much.

As a Church you have raised £568.20 for the Children's Society. You will continue to help provide specialist support that empowers young children to make positive changes and rediscover hope for their future, to be something they can look forward to.

The Society will work together with families and the community and promise that they will not rest until all children have a place of safety and peace at their being.

We see more refugees coming to this country on their own and try to help. All they want is a home and a chance to grow up and work. We see teenagers who have been used for trafficking drugs or are being trafficked for sex. The hope within these children may be just hanging by a thread but that thread is where the Society starts. Please keep their work in your prayers.

Grace Illidge

Lancaster, Christianity and Transatlantic Slavery: Exploring the Connections

Friday 20th May 2022, 7.00pm - 8.30pm at Lancaster Priory:
Refreshments from 6.30pm.

Revd Canon Dr Anderson Jeremiah will speak about 'Providential Empires and Transatlantic Slavery', Ann Morgan of Lancaster Quakers presents 'Lancaster Quakers - A Discomforting History', Dr Sunita Abraham shares 'Findings from Lancaster Black History Group's Community Research Project', and the Vicar of Lancaster, Revd Leah Vasey-Saunders, rounds off the presentations with 'Lancaster Priory - Our legacy of slavery'.

Booking advised but not compulsory:

<https://www.trybooking.co.uk/BPYG>

From the Women's Fellowship Secretary:

It was lovely to see so many of our members again at our first meeting in over two years. Also we were delighted to be joined by some new members and give them a warm welcome. If you would like to join us, our next meeting will be on 13th June at 2pm in the Parish Hall when we shall be reminiscing about the Coronation (we got our first TV to watch it) and sharing any memories of street parties, celebrations and even meeting the Queen. There may even be cake!

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.



Date for your Diary:
May 20th at 7:00pm

There will be the final short talk in the Parish Hall '*Hispanics, Hurricanes and Now*' this Friday 20th May at 7:00pm.

The talk is in aid of church funds, entry will be free but donations at the end would be appreciated. There will also be a plant stall. 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.





PRAISE & WORSHIP TOGETHER

PENTECOST

in the Park

And Platinum Jubilee BYO Picnic
at The Priory & Castle, Lancaster
Sunday 5th June
3:00pm–5:00pm

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: lifeyvents@stpauls-scotforth.org



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



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.

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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!

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• **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.

• **WARDEN:**

• Mrs Jayne Weatherill:

• Tel: 60597; Email: sjaynewweatherill@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

• **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.

The Electoral Roll:

As I write this there are 155 people on our church's electoral roll. I can count the number of applications received since 2019 on one hand, so I thought I should put a short note in the Parish News about the electoral roll.

The electoral roll exists to record those who are entitled to vote at the Annual Parish Meeting [APM] which selects the Parochial Church Council [PCC]. Candidates must have been on the roll for at least 6 months before the APM at which they offer themselves for election to the PCC. If you are considering standing for the PCC in 2023, and are not yet on the roll, please join the roll now.

The electoral roll is the foundation of the system of government used by the Church of England. Each parish is allocated a number of seats on its local Deanery Synod based on the number on its electoral roll. The lay members of the Deanery Synod elect the lay members of the Diocesan Synod and the General Synod. The General Synod effectively is the parliament which makes the policy decisions that determine how the Church of England operates.

If you are baptized, at least 16 years old, and regard yourself as a member of our worshipping community, joining the electoral roll is a good way to record that membership. The process is simple: just complete a form. **There is no membership fee.** There should be forms available in church, just ask a sidesperson at a service at Scotforth Road or Hala. If you have any difficulty getting a form, you can email me on jdennyg41@gmail.com

John Gedge, Electoral Roll Officer

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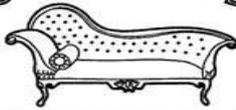
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