



# ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS



26th May 2022

**Sunday Worship - 29th May 2022**

Seventh Sunday of Easter

8.00 am - BCP Holy Communion at St Paul's, Scotforth Road

9.45 am - Holy Communion at St Paul's, Scotforth Road

11.15 am – Holy Communion at St Paul's, Hala

4.00 pm - Worship@4: Evening Prayer (CW) at St Paul's,  
Scotforth

**Wednesday, 9.00 am** - Morning Prayer by telephone conference. Please contact Margaret Ives if you would like to join the telephone conference.

**Thursday, 9.15 am** - 29<sup>th</sup> May - Ascension Day  
Holy Communion at St Paul's, Scotforth Road



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

## **Message from Reverend Rebecca:**

### **Evening Worship:**

Last Sunday during the 9.45am announcements I forgot to mention our Evening Worship Team's request for input. So, I am including the same article this week in the hope to receive some reactions.

St Paul's Scotforth Church aims to meet the worshipping needs of our community. As we began to emerge from Covid restrictions, and with the retirement of our dedicated organist Denis Beetham, we decided to try making changes to our evening services. We trialed moving from 6:30pm to 4:00pm to see if this time was more suitable for a larger number of people and we also introduced a pattern of different worship styles including: Taize, Celtic Worship, BCP Evening Prayer and a monthly quiet Communion service. Our wonderful group of worship leaders include Margaret Ives, Linda Currin, Hugh Kidd and Katherine Froggatt.

As we move forward in worship we want to serve the worshipping life of our congregation as much as possible. So as a group we are asking for your wisdom and preferences. What would you like to see as part of our evening services? Would you like more fellowship and hospitality? Is there a style of worship you would prefer? Please speak to one of the team and share your ideas with us.

Beginning on June 5<sup>th</sup>, as we mark Pentecost and the Platinum Jubilee, our evening services will return to their 6:30pm time until August when we will break for the summer.

## FOR OUR PRAYERS

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

**From our Parish prayer diary:** Collingham Park, Oakwood Gardens and The Hawthorns.

**From our Church prayer diary:** The Fundraising Group.

**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

### Parish Diary for the coming week:

Date & Time	Name of the Event
Saturday, 28 <sup>th</sup> May at 12.00 noon	Wedding of Luke and Abigail

### Collect for 29th May 2022:

Risen, ascended Lord,  
as we rejoice at your triumph,  
fill your Church on earth with power and compassion,  
that all who are estranged by sin  
may find forgiveness and know your peace,  
to the glory of God the Father. *Amen*

### Readings for 29th May 2022:

#### Acts 16.16-34

<sup>16</sup> One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. <sup>17</sup>While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, 'These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you\* a way of salvation.' <sup>18</sup>She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, 'I

order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.' And it came out that very hour.

<sup>19</sup> But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. <sup>20</sup>When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, 'These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews <sup>21</sup>and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe.' <sup>22</sup>The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. <sup>23</sup>After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. <sup>24</sup>Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

<sup>25</sup> About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. <sup>26</sup>Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. <sup>27</sup>When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. <sup>28</sup>But Paul shouted in a loud voice, 'Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.' <sup>29</sup>The jailer\* called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. <sup>30</sup>Then he brought them outside and said, 'Sirs, what must I do to be saved?' <sup>31</sup>They answered, 'Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.' <sup>32</sup>They spoke the word of the Lord\* to him and to all who were in his house. <sup>33</sup>At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. <sup>34</sup>He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

## **John 17.20-end**

<sup>20</sup> 'I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, <sup>21</sup>that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us,\* so that the world may believe that you have sent me. <sup>22</sup>The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, <sup>23</sup>I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. <sup>24</sup>Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

<sup>25</sup> 'Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. <sup>26</sup>I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.'

## **Post Communion Prayer:**

Eternal God, giver of love and power,  
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world  
to preach the gospel of his kingdom:  
confirm us in this mission,  
and help us to live the good news we proclaim;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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## **Women's Fellowship:**

Our next meeting will be on **13<sup>th</sup> June at 2pm in the Parish Hall.**  
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. New members are also welcome, there may even be cake!

## Parish Walk:

There will be a **Parish Walk on 29th May** to Burrow Heights, meeting at the picnic tables by Hala Square at 12:15 pm for lunch. Contact Maureen on Tel: 07531285199 for more information.



## Pentecost at the Priory

**Sunday 5th June**

**3:00pm-5:00pm**

Come and sing some hymns in 'Songs of Praise' style! The Priory Choir and the Forever Amen band will be there to accompany us, and the Anglican and Roman Catholic Bishops of Lancaster, Jill and Michael, will also be there. Bring your voice and your picnic!

 

**PRAISE & WORSHIP TOGETHER**

**PENTECOST**  
*in the Park*

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





**St Paul's Church in Scotforth  
and Hala**  
**Service of Celebration to mark the  
Platinum Jubilee**  
**Sunday 5th June 2022**  
**at**  
**9.45am**  
**at St Paul's Church, Scotforth Road**  
**Followed by 'Bring a Cake' and share with**  
**tea/coffee/juice provided**



**Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> June: Service of Celebration for the Jubilee:**

We need a team of volunteers to help with refreshments after the 9.45 am service, with both St Paul's in Scotforth and Hala congregations joining together, to serve drinks, set out cakes and to tidy away afterwards. If you can help then please sign up on the sheet on the board at the back of church or contact the parish office - thank you.