



ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS



21st July 2022

Sunday Worship – 24th July 2022

Trinity 6

8:00am - BCP Holy Communion at St Paul's, Scotforth Road

9:45am – Holy Communion at St Paul's, Scotforth Road

11:15am – Holy Communion at St Paul's, Hala

6:30pm – Evening Worship: Celtic
at St Paul's, Scotforth Road

Wednesday at 9:15am – Morning Prayer
Please contact Margaret Ives if you would like to join the
telephone conference

Thursday at 9:15am - Holy Communion at St Paul's,
Scotforth Road



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



Confirmation Service: Last Wednesday (13th July) our 21 candidates were confirmed in a spirit-filled and joyous service with Bishop Julian. Congratulations to all those who affirmed their faith within our church family. We pray that they continue to shine as lights in the world to the glory of God.

FOR OUR PRAYERS

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

From our Parish prayer diary: Palatine Avenue, Kenilworth Place, York Road

From our Church prayer diary: 9th Lancaster Guides

Those who have asked for prayers for healing: Mary Wilson, Eunice Parkinson, Marion Corkill, Mollie Glover, Reg Wollington, Mary Smith, Peter, Dorothy Camm, Denis and Barbara Beetham, Rev Rebecca, Lee Phillips, Denis Thorpe

All who mourn: Mary Thomas, Ruth McLaughlin, John Wadeson and Maureen Thorpe

Collect for 24th July 2022:

Merciful God,
you have prepared for those who love you
such good things as pass our understanding:
pour into our hearts such love toward you
that we, loving you in all things and above all things,
may obtain your promises,
which exceed all that we can desire;
through Jesus Christ your Son 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 July 2022:

Colossians 2.6-15 [16-19]

⁶ As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives* in him, ⁷rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

⁸ See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe,* and not according to Christ. ⁹For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. ¹¹In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision,* by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; ¹²when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God* made you* alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, ¹⁴erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵He disarmed* the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it. [

¹⁶ Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. ¹⁷These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. ¹⁸Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling* on visions,* puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking,* ¹⁹and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.]

Luke 11.1-13

11He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.' 2He said to them, 'When you pray, say:

Father,* hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.*

3 Give us each day our daily bread.*

4 And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial.*

5 And he said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, "Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; 6for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him." 7And he answers from within, "Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything." 8I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

9'So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. 10For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. 11Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for* a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? 12Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? 13If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit* to those who ask him!'

Post Communion Prayer:

God of our pilgrimage,
you have led us to the living water:
refresh and sustain us
as we go forward on our journey,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Readings for next Sunday:

Hosea 11.1-11; Colossians 3.1-11; Luke 12.13-21



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

Regular giving scheme by Jon Humfrey (PCC member and Planned Giving Officer):

Many people might be surprised to know that St Paul's is entirely self-funded and does not receive any financial support from the Church of England or the Diocese of Blackburn or, indeed, the government. Instead, as well as funding all its own running costs and maintenance, it has to actually send the Diocese what is known as a Parish Share which is currently £59,000 and expected to increase to more than £80,000 within 5 years. Part of this contribution pays clergy stipends (salaries), provides support for our primary school and towards the work of the Church in our Diocese.

Therefore, this is a HUGE thank you to everyone who supports St Paul's via the collection plate/card machine (however large or small), stewardship blue envelopes, gift aided green envelopes, standing order, volunteering or just by choosing St Paul's as their church and place of worship.

Many members of St Paul's congregation prefer to give by monthly Bank Standing Order as an easy and convenient way instead of via the collection plate. If you are willing to regularly give in this way, please feel free to fill in the form and separate Gift Aid form (if you are a UK taxpayer) available at the back of church. Please return the paperwork to the Parish Office or if you would like a form emailing to you, please let the Parish Office know by email: office@stpauls-scotforth.org

In whatever way you choose to help keep St Paul's going financially or just by being there it is much appreciated.....so thank you again.

Parish Walk:

The walk on **Sunday 24th July** will be from **Glasson Dock to Cockersands Abbey**. It is just over 4 miles in length and we will meet at the back of the church gardens at 12.15 for a picnic lunch before driving to Glasson Dock. There will be car sharing if needed.

Last month's walk round Caton Open gardens was very successful. We started with a picnic lunch in the children's playground where there were plenty of empty picnic tables. After carefully planning our route we set off hoping to see as many of the gardens as possible. They were all



extremely interesting, many now having ponds and often growing more vegetables than flowers. Obviously they had all been busy during lockdown.

If you would like to know more about the planned walk to Glasson Dock on the 24th please contact Maureen on 01524 61606.

Festival of Hymns in Blackburn Cathedral:

The Hymn Society of Great Britain and Ireland is holding its annual conference at Lancaster University. Some of you may remember that in 2012 the Society held its Conference in Lancaster and a Festival of Hymns, to which many of you came, in the 'old' High Street Trinity URC Church.

The Festival of Hymns this year will be in Blackburn Cathedral on Thursday 28th July at 7.45pm. Though not as easy to get to, we hope that perhaps a few will make the journey to Blackburn and enjoy joining in the singing of favourite hymns and perhaps some new ones.

Any further information is available from Christine or Arton Medd

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 letter box.

Mary Thomas' – volunteering work

Mary's funeral was held last Wednesday on a beautiful sunny afternoon. We met her five nieces (at least a couple of them looked very much like a younger Mary) and their families. It was a happy day in a way as not many people get to 101.

We also met Pat Corke a very old friend of Mary's and she thought you might like to know another side of Mary's life which we had failed to mention.

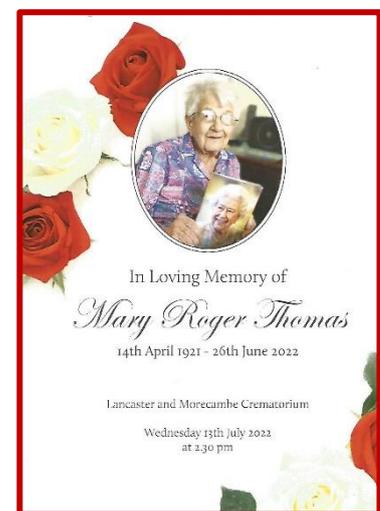
I first met Mary when I began volunteering at the Women's Royal Voluntary Service in 2005. Mary had already been a volunteer for 16 years and she remained for a further 17 years finally retiring at the grand age of 93 years after 38 years of service.

When Mary started at the WRVS it was in the old outpatients with just a counter serving teas and coffees, when she left it was in the current cafe at the RLI. A huge change!

Mary was a lovely person to work with and we became good friends, she was liked by both volunteers and customers, although she could be cantankerous if someone upset her, this didn't happen often.

We shared a love of books, gardening and cats.

It was a privilege to have known her.



Patricia Corke (Pat)

Of Pews, Paint and Plaster – History Revealed:

An 1877 map shows the church (opened in 1876) in fields with few houses anywhere near. In 1871 Scotforth's population was 1663 people, by 1881 it was 2264 and, including patients of the Royal Albert Asylum, 3615 by 1891. St Paul's was too small and in July 1889 it was decided to extend the church from four arches along the nave to six. The work was completed for an opening service in December 1891. So there's the answer. It seems that the walls of the original building were painted before the pews were put in, for the extension it was pews first and painting afterwards and all was revealed 121 years later.

Arton Medd

The historic information is from Wilfrid Wolfendale 'Providence their Guide. A History of St Paul's Church and School + Scotforth. (1975)

The climate is breaking down faster than we've been told
But the world's best scientists are now clear...
More fossil fuels = chaos and collapse; war and food shortages.

So why is our Government exploring 40 new fossil fuel projects?
We can sit around and do nothing...

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Come and hear
Roger Hallam,
co-founder of Extinction Rebellion,
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Wednesday 3 August 7-9pm
Quaker Meeting House,
23 Meeting House Lane,
Lancaster, LA1 1TX

Get the facts and find out what has to be done

**Can't attend?
To find other meetings
and more information:**

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• **VICAR:** Rev Dr Rebecca Aechtner – Rev
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• September; if you have an urgent enquiry
• then please contact the Churchwarden or the
• Parish Office.
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