



ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS



7th July 2022

Sunday Worship – 10th July 2022

Trinity 4

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

6.30 pm – Evening Worship: Taizé
at St Paul's, Scotforth Road

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

Wednesday 13th July at 7.00pm Confirmation Service
Everyone welcome to attend to support the Candidates; and also an opportunity to say “farewell” to Bishop Julian.

Thursday at 9.15 am - Holy Communion at St Paul's,
Scotforth Road



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

Message from Jayne, Churchwarden:

Last Sunday in Church this announcement was made:

Some of you will have become aware that Rebecca has been suffering a bout of pneumonia in recent weeks, which is linked to her long Covid.

In consultation with Bishop Philip and Archdeacon David, it has been agreed that Rebecca needs an extended time of rest over the summer months. To which end we are grateful that the Revd. Mark Vasey-Saunders has agreed to help provide cover regularly on Sunday morning for the next couple of months. The Area Dean is also providing guidance and assistance about other aspects of cover for weddings, baptisms and funeral ministry.

We are thankful for the opportunity for Rebecca to take some needed rest and look forward to her return in September refreshed and ready to lead us into the autumn.

Rev Mark Vasey-Saunders:

Rev Mark is a tutor at St Hild College (formerly Yorkshire Ministry Course) training people for ministry in the church. He has previously worked as a vicar and university chaplain. He is married to Leah, who is vicar of Lancaster Priory and they moved into Lancaster 9 months ago from Wakefield.

Mark and Leah have four children, three of whom are living at home and go to school at Ripley St Thomas.

FOR OUR PRAYERS

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

From our Parish prayer diary: Belle Vue Avenue, Belle Vue Terrace, Belle Vue Drive, Sharpes Avenue

From our Church prayer diary: All who are seeking to grow in faith

Those who have asked for prayers for healing: Mary Wilson, Eunice Parkinson, Marion Corkill, Maureen Thorpe, Mollie Glover, Reg Wollington, Mary Smith, Peter, Dorothy Camm, Denis and

Barbara Beetham, Rev Rebecca, Lee Phillips

All who mourn: Mary Thomas, Ruth McLaughlin, John Wadson

Collect for 10th July 2022:

O God, the protector of all who trust in you,
without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy:
increase and multiply upon us your mercy;
that with you as our ruler and guide
we may so pass through things temporal
that we lose not our hold on things eternal;
grant this, heavenly Father,
for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Readings for 10th July 2022:

Colossians 1.1-14

1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

2 To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters* in Christ in Colossae:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

3 In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, 4 for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, 5 because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel 6 that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. 7 This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow-servant.* He is a faithful minister of Christ on your* behalf, 8 and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

9 For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's* will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, 10 so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. 11 May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully 12 giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled* you* to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. 13 He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his

beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.*

Luke 10.25-37

²⁵ Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus.* ‘Teacher,’ he said, ‘what must I do to inherit eternal life?’ ²⁶He said to him, ‘What is written in the law? What do you read there?’ ²⁷He answered, ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself.’ ²⁸And he said to him, ‘You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.’

²⁹ But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, ‘And who is my neighbour?’ ³⁰Jesus replied, ‘A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. ³¹Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. ³²So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. ³⁴He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵The next day he took out two denarii,* gave them to the innkeeper, and said, “Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.” ³⁶Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?’ ³⁷He said, ‘The one who showed him mercy.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Go and do likewise.’

Post Communion Prayer:

Eternal God,
comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken,
you have fed us at the table of life and hope:
teach us the ways of gentleness and peace,
that all the world may acknowledge
the kingdom of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings for next Sunday:

Amos 8.1-12; Colossians 1.15-28; Luke 10.38-end

Confirmation Service- 13th July at 7pm:

Everyone is very welcome to attend the Confirmation service on Wednesday 13th July at 7pm in church to encourage and support our 21 candidates. As it is not part of a normal Sunday service with people in attendance knowing the hymns we thought it might be a good idea, if you are thinking of attending, if you could stay behind after the 9.45am on 3rd and 10th July for about 10-15 minutes. We will be able to practise the hymns that have been chosen so that we can sing out confidently and with enthusiasm on the night.

The Life of Mary Thomas:

Mary was born in Liverpool, the youngest of 5 siblings. Her mother died soon after her birth and Mary was brought up by her father's sister in Dalton-in-Furness.

She won a scholarship to Ulverston Grammar School and on leaving school joined the Post Office working in offices in Barrow and Dalton. She worked there during the war and remembered celebrating VE Day by walking along the coast at Ulverston quietly celebrating in her own way.

In the early 1950s she was transferred to Lancaster and moved into Bedford Place with her mother. She was promoted to GPO Telephones (not quite sure when). She had a very successful career within the Post Office and when she reached 60 they tried to persuade her to stay on but Mary was determined to retire which she duly did.

Retirement gave Mary the opportunity to travel more extensively and she visited Australia, New Zealand, Egypt, America and Canada, all as a solo traveller. She described these holidays as her "far-flungs" (as opposed to her UK and European holidays). Canada was her favourite destination and she made several trips there. Mary always made albums of all her holidays incorporating photos, postcards and other ephemera and often gave slide talks to various groups.

She also liked walking and was in Ramblers. She was also a very keen Labour supporter. After her retirement she was a regular attender at the Thursday morning service.

Mary started the church garden group in 1982 with Kathleen Rankin when Gordon Bellinger was vicar. Her first task was to clear the gardens of laurel bushes, not an easy task. She continued leading the gardening team until 2013 when she stepped down to become our tea lady!

She celebrated her 100th birthday in Bedford Place before moving to Chirnside House. She died peacefully in her sleep last week. Her funeral will be at the Crematorium on Wednesday 13th July at 2.30pm

Many thanks to Winnie Clark, who visited her weekly, for most of this information.

Submitted by Maureen Leach

South Lancaster Churches Together Prayer Walk on 30th June 2022:

On a lovely sunny evening, people from all four SLCT churches, St. Bernadette's, Lancaster Methodist, Trinity URC and St Paul's, together with a member each from the Cathedral and the Quakers, met in St. Paul's church garden to take part in this year's prayer walk. From St. Paul's we walked through quiet streets to the Bridge Road allotments, then via Binyon Road to the areas around Pointer Court and Princess Avenue, stopping outside Ripley school, Rosebank surgery and the RLI. We moved on to Greaves Park, along Belle Vue Terrace and finished at the Parish Hall.

At each stop someone led a prayer concentrating on that particular area, so we prayed for our duty of care for the environment; for local homes, families, businesses, retirement and care homes; for school children, play areas, uniformed organisations; for all medical staff and those who work in surgeries and hospitals and for all the patients; for our four churches and all the churches in Lancaster.

Along the way, thanks to Arton, who had brought along some old maps of the area, and Mike Worth (Trinity URC), who pointed out the former telephone exchanges where he had worked, we also learnt a lot about the Greaves area and its role in the history of Lancaster.

Two quotes: 'It was lovely to have the opportunity to chat to and be with the members of the other churches.' 'I found it extremely uplifting and also humbling.'

Thanks to all who took part and to Mervyn and Vivienne Bonnett for serving welcome refreshments in the Parish Hall afterwards.

Margaret Ives and Christine Medd



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

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.

Parish Diary for the coming week:

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| Wednesday 13th July 7.00pm | Confirmation Service Bishop Julian |
| Sunday 17th July | Baptisms of Francesca Ivy and Oakley |

VICAR: Rev Dr Rebecca Aechtner – Rev Rebecca is currently on extended sickness leave; if you have an urgent enquiry then please contact the Churchwarden or the Parish Office.

CHURCHWARDEN:

Mrs Jayne Weatherill:

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PARISH OFFICE: The office is open Monday to Friday from 9.30am – 12 noon.

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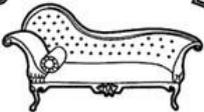
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