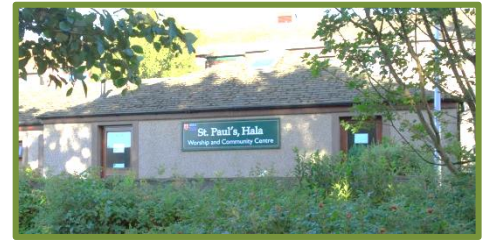




ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS



4th August 2022

Sunday Worship – 7th August 2022

Trinity 8

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

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

11:15am – Service of the Word at St Paul's, Hala

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.*

FOR OUR PRAYERS

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

From our Parish prayer diary: Bedford Place, Rutland Avenue, Gloucester Avenue

From our Church prayer diary: All who lead us in Evening Worship

We pray for the parents, godparents and family of Albie, Freddie and Harlan who are to be baptised this week

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: Maureen Thorpe, Alan Anderson

Parish Diary for the coming week:

Sunday 7th August	Baptism of Albie, Freddie and Harlan
Tuesday 9th August	Finance Group Meeting
Thursday 11th August	Baptism Preparation Meeting in Church

Collect for 7th August 2022:

Almighty Lord and everlasting God,
we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies
in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments;
that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever,
we may be preserved in body and soul;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Readings for 7th August 2022:

Isaiah 1.1, 10-20

1The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

¹⁰ Hear the word of the Lord,
you rulers of Sodom!

Listen to the teaching of our God,
you people of Gomorrah!

¹¹ What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices?
says the Lord;

I have had enough of burnt-offerings of rams
and the fat of fed beasts;

I do not delight in the blood of bulls,
or of lambs, or of goats.

¹² When you come to appear before me,^{*}
who asked this from your hand?

Trample my courts no more;

¹³ bringing offerings is futile;
incense is an abomination to me.

New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation—

I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity.

¹⁴ Your new moons and your appointed festivals
my soul hates;

they have become a burden to me,

I am weary of bearing them.

¹⁵ When you stretch out your hands,

I will hide my eyes from you;

even though you make many prayers,

I will not listen;

your hands are full of blood.

¹⁶ Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean;

remove the evil of your doings

from before my eyes;

cease to do evil,

¹⁷ learn to do good;

seek justice,

rescue the oppressed,

defend the orphan,

plead for the widow.

¹⁸ Come now, let us argue it out,

says the Lord:

though your sins are like scarlet,

they shall be like snow;

though they are red like crimson,

they shall become like wool.

¹⁹ If you are willing and obedient,

you shall eat the good of the land;
²⁰ but if you refuse and rebel,
you shall be devoured by the sword;
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

Luke 12.32-40

32 'Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

35 'Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

39 'But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he* would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

Post Communion Prayer:

Strengthen for service, Lord,
the hands that have taken holy things;
may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute;
may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit;
may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope;
and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fullness of your life;
glory to you for ever.

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Readings for next Sunday:
Isaiah 5.1-7, Hebrews 11.29-12.2, Luke 12.49-56

Church Gardens Report by The Gardening Team:

As usual we have been busy in the gardens. Despite all the dry weather our bedding plants have all flourished and we are very pleased with the colourful displays especially as it hasn't cost us anything. The geraniums and dahlias were all overwintered from last year, the marigolds and lavatera were grown from last year's dried flower seed heads. Cosmos and sun flowers were grown from packets of seeds. The



impeccably cut lawns and hedges help to make the gardens such a pleasure to the eye. Some of the more observant of you will have noticed the fruit bushes which have appeared behind the back of the church kitchen. They have been given to us by a



gardener from the U3A Gardening group. To date we have 3 blackcurrant and 3 gooseberry bushes. Hopefully they will fruit next year and you will be welcome to help yourself to any fruit which may appear as you are with the herbs.

Another 1000 crocus are on order and should be arriving any day now. So, if you would like to be

part of the bulb planting team then please get in touch with us.

Finally, there is the possibility that we may be starting a small orchard on the lawn near the vicarage and main road. We have already planted the Queen's Silver Jubilee tree there and thought that a few fruit trees in that area may work quite well. If the plan goes ahead then we are thinking of calling it Mary's orchard in memory of Mary Thomas.

If anyone enjoys looking round the gardens and wishes to help then please, please get in touch with Maureen on 61606 or come along on a Wednesday afternoon from 2.00pm. We can always do with an extra pair of hands. No experience at all is needed.

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