

ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS



1st September 2022

Sunday Worship -4th September 2022

Trinity 12

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

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

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

12.30pm - Baptism Service, 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.

FOR OUR PRAYERS

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

From our Parish prayer diary: Ash Grove, Bridge Road, West Street

From our Church prayer diary: All Emergency Services Personnel **We pray for the parents, godparents and family of** Logan Louis Michael who is to be baptised this week

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

All who mourn: David Horner, Edna Doris Nixon

Collect for 4th September 2022:

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of 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 4th September 2022: Jeremiah 18.1-11

18The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: ²'Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words.' ³So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. ⁴The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him.

⁵ Then the word of the Lord came to me: ⁶Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the Lord. Just like the clay in the

potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. ⁷At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, ⁸but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. ⁹And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, ¹⁰but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. ¹¹Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the Lord: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

Philemon 1-21

- ¹ Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,*
 To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, ²to Apphia our sister,* to Archippus our fellow-soldier, and to the church in your house:
- ³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
- ⁴ When I remember you* in my prayers, I always thank my God ⁵because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith towards the Lord Jesus. ⁶I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we* may do for Christ. ⁷I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.
- ⁸ For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, ⁹yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus.^{*} ¹⁰I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. ¹¹Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful* both to you and to me. ¹²I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. ¹³I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; ¹⁴but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. ¹⁵Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for ever, ¹⁶no longer as a slave but as more than a slave, a beloved brother— especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.
- 17 So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. 18 If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. 19 I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. 20 Yes, brother, let me have

this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. ²¹Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

Luke 14.25-33

²⁵ Now large crowds were travelling with him; and he turned and said to them, ²⁶ Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. ²⁷ Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸ For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹ Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰ saying, "This fellow began to build and was not able to finish." ³¹ Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³² If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. ³³ So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

Post Communion Prayer:

God of all mercy, in this eucharist you have set aside our sins and given us your healing: grant that we who are made whole in Christ may bring that healing to this broken world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Readings for next Sunday: Jeremiah 4.11-12, 22-28; 1 Timothy 1.12-17; Luke 15.1-10

Congratulations!

Many congratulations to Lucy Harrison on achieving two A* and an A in her recent Advanced level exams. Lucy will now be going to Cardiff University to study Optometry. We wish her a happy and enjoyable time and many more successes in the future.



Parish Diary for the coming week:

Sunday 4 th	Baptism of Logan Louis Michael
September	
Tuesday 6 th	Finance Group Meeting at 7pm in the Parish
September	Hall
Thursday 8th	Pastoral Care Team Meeting at 10am in
September	Church



Children's Society Collection Boxes:

If you have a collection box at home then please could you now return it to Grace Illidge at 11 Greaves Drive, Lancaster. Grace will arrange for a box to be returned to you after the counting has taken place – thank you for your continued support

of this very worthwhile charity.

Women's Fellowship:

Women's Fellowship will have our next meeting on Monday 12th September at 2pm in the Parish Hall. This will be a "mini" AGM with quizzes. Subs will not be collected at this meeting but will be collected in October.

Key Register Audit:

We have nearly completed the required keyholder audit for insurance purposes and have managed to contact most people who we think hold keys to either Church, Hala or Parish Hall buildings. If you have a key for any areas in any of these buildings and have not received either a letter or email from us then please can you let us know as soon as possible. This can either be by telephone (843135)



or by email (<u>office@stpauls-scotforth.org</u>) and no later than Friday 9th September – thank you.



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.

VICAR: Rev Dr Rebecca Aechtner -

Tel: 749693; Email: vicar@stpauls-scotforth.org

<u>Rest day is Friday – if you have an urgent enquiry then</u> please contact a Churchwarden.

CHURCHWARDEN:

Mrs Jayne Weatherill:

Tel: 60597 or 07986993007; Email: sjayneweatherill@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 Jayne Weatherill

through the parish office or Email: lifeevents@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

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<u>PASTORAL CARE TEAM:</u> Our Clergy and Pastoral Care Team are here to listen and to pray. You can contact them by either emailing <u>pastoral@stpauls-scotforth.org</u> or telephoning Irene on Tel: 64701.

Scotforth School: Headteacher - Mrs Katie Walsh - Tel: 01524 65379

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