



# ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS



22<sup>nd</sup> September 2022

**Sunday Worship – 25th September 2022**

Trinity 15

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

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

*Please note, our first Young Church meeting will be Sunday 9th October.*

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

6:30pm – Celtic Worship, 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:** Devonshire Street, Franklin Street, Cheltenham Avenue, Victoria Avenue

**From our Church prayer diary:** All Churches in Lancaster proclaiming the good news of Jesus in our city

**We pray for** Sandra and Ian as they celebrate their wedding 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, Lee Phillips, Denis Thorpe, Joan Guenault, John Harding

**All who mourn:** Ruth Borrowdale

### Parish Diary for the coming week:

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September**



**Wedding of  
Sandra and Ian**

### Collect for 25th September 2022:

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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 25th September 2022:

### Jeremiah 32.1-3a, 6-15

32The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord in the tenth year of King Zedekiah of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar. <sup>2</sup>At that time the army of the king of Babylon was besieging Jerusalem, and the prophet Jeremiah was confined in the court of the guard that was in the palace of the king of Judah, <sup>3</sup>where King Zedekiah of Judah had confined him. Zedekiah had said, 'Why do you prophesy and say: Thus says the Lord: I am going to give this city into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall take it; <sup>6</sup>Jeremiah said, The word of the Lord came to me: <sup>7</sup>Hanamel son of your uncle Shallum is going to come to you and say, 'Buy my field that is at Anathoth, for the right of redemption by purchase is yours.' <sup>8</sup>Then my cousin Hanamel came to me in the court of the guard, in accordance with the word of the Lord, and said to me, 'Buy my field that is at Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, for the right of possession and redemption is yours; buy it for yourself.' Then I knew that this was the word of the Lord. <sup>9</sup>And I bought the field at Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel, and weighed out the money to him, seventeen shekels of silver. <sup>10</sup>I signed the deed, sealed it, got witnesses, and weighed the money on scales. <sup>11</sup>Then I took the sealed deed of purchase, containing the terms and conditions, and the open copy; <sup>12</sup>and I gave the deed of purchase to Baruch son of Neriah son of Mahseiah, in the presence of my cousin Hanamel, in the presence of the witnesses who signed the deed of purchase, and in the presence of all the Judeans who were sitting in the court of the guard. <sup>13</sup>In their presence I charged Baruch, saying, <sup>14</sup>Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Take these deeds, both this sealed deed of purchase and this open deed, and put them in an earthenware jar, in order that they may last for a long time. <sup>15</sup>For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land.

## **1 Timothy 6.6-19**

<sup>6</sup>Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; <sup>7</sup>for we brought nothing into the world, so that\* we can take nothing out of it; <sup>8</sup>but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. <sup>9</sup>But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. <sup>10</sup>For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

<sup>11</sup> But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. <sup>12</sup>Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made\* the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. <sup>13</sup>In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you <sup>14</sup>to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>15</sup>which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. <sup>16</sup>It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honour and eternal dominion. Amen.

<sup>17</sup> As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. <sup>18</sup>They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, <sup>19</sup>thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

## **Luke 16.19-end**

<sup>19</sup> 'There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. <sup>20</sup>And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, <sup>21</sup>who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs

would come and lick his sores. <sup>22</sup>The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham.\* The rich man also died and was buried. <sup>23</sup>In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side.\* <sup>24</sup>He called out, “Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.” <sup>25</sup>But Abraham said, “Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. <sup>26</sup>Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.” <sup>27</sup>He said, “Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house— <sup>28</sup>for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.” <sup>29</sup>Abraham replied, “They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.” <sup>30</sup>He said, “No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.” <sup>31</sup>He said to him, “If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.” ’

### **Post Communion Prayer:**

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy;  
and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall,  
keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful,  
and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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### **Readings for next Sunday:**

**Deuteronomy 26.1-11; Psalm 100; Philippians 4.4-9  
or Revelation 14.14-18; John 6.25-35**

## **Secondary School Admissions Meetings:**

We are now taking bookings for Ripley St Thomas Church School Supplementary Forms to be signed. There will be two evenings – Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October and Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October between 6.00pm and 7.30pm in the Parish Office. Please contact the office by telephone to make an appointment (9.30-12 noon Mon-Fri) or email at [office@stpauls-scotforth.org](mailto:office@stpauls-scotforth.org)

In order to make an appointment we will need the following information:

- Preferred date;
- Your name;
- Your child's name;
- Your child's school;
- Your contact telephone number.

If you email for an appointment you will receive a confirmation email stating the date and time of your appointment. Please remember that you will need to bring your school admission green card with you and the supplemental form you received in your RST prospectus pack. Please note, only one parent needs to attend the meeting in order to reduce any possible congestion in the Parish Hall.

## ***A Royal Maundy Service:***

Her Majesty the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh visited Blackburn Cathedral for the Maundy Thursday Service in April 2014. Maundy is from the Latin word 'mandatum' meaning 'commandment'. This service symbolically re-enacts Jesus washing his disciples' feet at the Last Supper and his commandment 'Love one another as I have loved you.' The Queen visited a Cathedral or Abbey each year to present Maundy money, no longer to the poor in our society as originally, but to 'those over the age of 70 who have been selected because of the Christian service they have rendered to church and community.' It was a very special honour for Dick Nicholson and me, along with 174 others to be 'Recipients' and have our 'Companions' (Jean and Arton) with us. We witnessed an

occasion full of pomp and ceremony together with precision timing and efficiency; a cathedral service of praise and worship in Bible readings, prayers and hymns; and a presentation by the Queen of Maundy money to 88 men and 88 women – the number of years of the Queen's life.



Her Majesty walked to the Recipients and quietly and smilingly presented 2 purses to each person. We were all standing, so when it came to my turn I curtsied and said 'Thank you Ma'am' as she took a red purse and a white purse from the Royal Almoner and then gave them to me. Then she walked on to the next person.

The red purse contained a £5 coin commemorating the 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Queen Anne's reign, and a 50p coin commemorating the 20<sup>th</sup> Commonwealth Games in Glasgow. The white purse contained the uniquely minted Maundy Money consisting of silver pieces of 1, 2, 3, and 4p coins, the sum of these equalling 88p, the Queen's age.

It was a movingly dignified and humble service, full of deeply spiritual and emotional content – and though there was pomp and ceremony, it was without fuss and did not intrude upon the simple nature and relevance of the occasion.

I am sure that Jean, Arton and I will never forget the experience of being so close to the Queen; small, beautifully attired, smiling, but definitely majestic and regal.

*Christine Medd*

### ***Gardening Update - 1 Wedding, 1 Retirement and 1 Funeral:***

It has been a busy few weeks on the gardening scene. The remaining 900 crocus bulbs have now been planted thanks to a few extra pair of hands. Always much appreciated.

Earlier last month we were very sorry to hear about the sudden death of John Wadeson who had been helping us out for the last couple of years. He was an extremely handy helper and will be sadly missed

We are also finally saying goodbye to Bill Pye who has been a stalwart of the gardening team. His skill at cutting back the shrubs

and hedges and keeping the lawn edges neat and tidy will be sorely missed. He hasn't been in the best of health and after isolating during lockdown feels that it is time to call it a day. Plus he is kept rather busy at home growing all his own veg! Thankfully Veronica is still happy to continue. He has been with us since the 1990's and we desperately need to find a replacement.

SO IF ANYONE WOULD LIKE TO JOIN US please, please don't hesitate to come along on a Wednesday any time between 2 and 4 just to see how you may be able to help or contact me on 07531 285199

Last but not least we have a gardening wedding to celebrate and we send Sandra and Ian our very best wishes. As this is a first for the gardening team we couldn't let it pass without a hen party which was also a first for some of the gardening team. So last Wednesday



we all went to the Apple Store for an extremely enjoyable afternoon tea. A Quaker celebration has already taken place but if any of you are free I'm sure that Sandra would be thrilled if you could come along to St Paul's on Saturday (24<sup>th</sup>) at 2.00 to see her walking down the aisle.

*Maureen Leach*

### ***The Church Stained Glass Windows:***

The members of the Tuesday house group spent a morning looking at, studying and discussing the stained glass windows in church. There was an article about the windows in a 2015 church Magazine, which concentrated on the firms which made the windows and why they were in church. We decided to look at the content of the pictures portrayed, in relation to their Biblical and spiritual story telling. At the end of a very interesting and revealing morning we thought we would write about these beautiful and descriptive windows for this and the next few editions of the Parish News, in the hope that you will be encouraged to take a really close look at them. They are inspiring!

*Christine Medd*

St Paul's, Hala Centre

# Volunteers Needed!

**Have you got a couple of hours to spare on a Friday to go on our rota?**

We need drivers, meet and greet, setting up help, clearing away help.



**St Paul's, Hala Centre - Hala Square, Lancaster, LA1 4RW**

Friday's - times vary according to volunteer role



St Paul's Hala Pantry is a food club which runs every Friday at St Paul's Hala. It sources food that would otherwise have gone to landfill. Members of Hala Pantry can help reduce food waste whilst topping up their weekly shop.

For more information, contact [halapantry@stpauls-scotforth.org](mailto:halapantry@stpauls-scotforth.org)

## Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October – Joint Harvest Service:



Our 9.45am and 11.15am congregations will be celebrating Harvest altogether on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October at St Paul's, Scotforth at 9.45am. If you would like to bring up 'Harvest Gifts' as part of the service this will be very much appreciated. Any canned/dried produce

will be donated to The Olive Branch to assist them in their work in Lancaster.

Immediately after the service we will be having refreshments – tea/coffee/squash and cake. If you can bring along some home baked goodies please give your name to Jayne or one of the assistant wardens (Jon, Keith, Dave or Phil) before then.



## 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.

Dear Parishioners,

I wonder if you are able to help a young Christian refugee who is about to be made homeless? His name is Hardie and his present landlady has decided she wishes to live alone and he now feels uncomfortable staying there. He can afford to pay £400 per month. If you know of anyone who could rent him a spare room under the rent a room scheme (no tax on income). He is in the process of getting a job in Bury so it would be short term (until Christmas). He is a lovely young man - honourable, clean and softly spoken, if you can help that would be wonderful.

You can contact him via myself Val Gedge on 01524 33480

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