



ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS



29th September 2022
Sunday Worship – 2nd October 2022
Harvest Sunday

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

9:45am – Harvest Service (Joint Service)
St Paul's, Scotforth Road

12:30pm - Baptism

11:15am – No Service at Hala today
(Joint Service, 9:45am at St Paul's, Scotforth Road)

6:30pm – Evening Prayer, 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: Church Avenue, St Paul's Drive, St Paul's Road

From our Church prayer diary: Our environmental witness

We pray for the parents, godparents and family of: Seth Daniel Pierre and Joshua Thomas who are 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, Lee Phillips, Denis Thorpe, Joan Guenault, John Harding

All who mourn: Bryan Gerard Farrar

Parish Diary for the coming week:

Date & Time	Name of the Event
Sunday 2 nd October	Baptism of Seth Daniel Pierre and Joshua Thomas
Tuesday 4 th October	PCC Meeting

Women's Fellowship:

We are meeting on the 10th October when the speaker will be Simon Corless speaking about Kilimanjaro. All are welcome.

Collect for 2nd October 2022:

Creator God,
you made the goodness of the land,
the riches of the sea
and the rhythm of the seasons;
as we thank you for the harvest,
may we cherish and respect
this planet and its peoples,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings for 2nd October 2022:

Philippians 4.4-9

⁴ Rejoice* in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.* ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸ Finally, beloved,* whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about* these things. ⁹Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

John 6.25-35

²⁵ When they found him on the other side of the lake, they said to him, ‘Rabbi, when did you come here?’ ²⁶Jesus answered them, ‘Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.’ ²⁸Then they said to him, ‘What must we do to perform the works of God?’ ²⁹Jesus answered them, ‘This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.’ ³⁰So they said to him, ‘What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?’ ³¹Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, “He gave them bread from heaven to eat.”’ ³²Then Jesus said to them, ‘Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³For the bread of God is that which* comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.’ ³⁴They said to him, ‘Sir, give us this bread always.’

³⁵ Jesus said to them, ‘I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.’

Post Communion Prayer:

Lord of the harvest,

with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation

and have shared in the bread and the wine of the kingdom:
by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us
and make us generous and wise stewards
of the good things we enjoy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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**Readings for next Sunday:
Jeremiah 29.1, 4-7; Psalm 66.1-11; 2 Timothy 2.8-15
Luke 17.11-19**

Tea@2pm: We are starting an informal group starting in December that offers hot drinks, cakes/biscuits and an opportunity to socialise. Activities may include playing dominoes, cards, bring along your knitting/crafting, singing etc. We are looking for volunteers to go on a rota to help set up and be at the meetings – which will be monthly. If you would like more information about volunteering then please talk to Jayne (Warden) or contact the Parish Office. If you would like more information about attending this group this will be in the parish news in November.



Knitters:

Can anyone help, please?

At St. Paul's, when a baby is baptized it is given a knitted shawl/ blanket. We have had quite a lot of baptisms since the end of Covid lockdown and have used most of our stock. We have many baptisms scheduled to take place before

Christmas, and ask that anyone who enjoys knitting would be able to knit one for us. We will supply a pattern and if necessary the wool.



Contact either the Parish office or Jean Mount ([tel:- 01524 62020](tel:0152462020))

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 11th October and Wednesday 12th 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

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.

The Church Stained Glass Windows

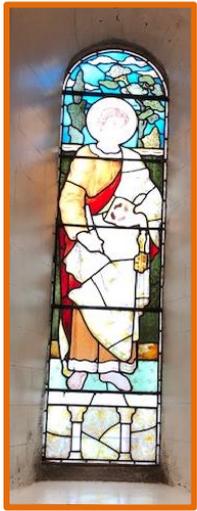
The Windows in the Apse:

As someone who normally sits in the middle pews it is only possible to see the middle of the three windows at the front of Church. Maybe that tells me I have become rigid in my habits!

The centre one, as the three of them, was designed and installed during the Victorian era, (1883) and depicts Jesus. Before examining it closely I had assumed from the heavily draped robes it to be of an angel, but he has nail marks in his hands and feet and is holding a book on which is inscribed "I



am Alpha and Omega” – The beginning and the end. Such comforting words in this time of constant change and uncertainty.



On the left hand side is St Peter, one of Jesus’ first disciples. He was a fisherman on the sea of Galilee, known as Simon. Jesus called him ‘Peter the rock upon which I will build my Church.’ He became a leader of the Christian community, calling upon the strength given to him by the Holy Spirit.

In the window St Peter carries a key, a symbol of authority, a book, and a quill. This representing that he not only spoke boldly, but faithfully wrote the message of Jesus.

During St Peter’s lifetime he was imprisoned, escaped and made long missionary journeys. He was martyred under the Emperor Nero.

The remaining window is that of St Paul after whom our Church is named. He was originally known as Saul, a scholar of the Jewish Law. He was a tent-maker by trade. Having persecuted Christians with a fanatical zeal he had a dramatic conversion when he had a vision of Christ telling him to take the Christian faith to the Gentiles (us, non-Jews). St Paul began great missionary journeys travelling overland and by sea. He was shipwrecked, imprisoned, flogged and put to death. His letters to Christian groups were both admonitory and encouraging. He reminds them to ‘encourage and build each other up’. His symbols in art are a book and a sword. I wonder what each of us would choose as a symbol, and what would determine our choice?



Do go up to the windows to examine them more closely.

Judith Frost



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.

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

• **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: lifeyvents@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

• **INSTAGRAM:** @scotforthstpauls

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

• **Scotforth School:** Headteacher – Mrs Katie Walsh – Tel: 01524 65379
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Do you need a venue?

Are you thinking of organising a function, need a place to rehearse for a show, teach a hobby or even hold a meeting?
Then why not use one of our rooms?

We have a number of rooms available:

Rooms Prices: Start as little as £9.00 per hour

Use of the Kitchen: Rates depend on either booking with or without a room

Our letting hours are:

Monday to Saturday: 8.00 am until 10.30 pm,
Sunday: 8.30am until 8.30 pm



For more information or to make a booking,
please visit our website:

<https://stpauls-scotforth.org>

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