



# ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS



24<sup>th</sup> November 2022

**Sunday Worship – 27<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

**First Sunday of Advent**

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

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

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

4:00pm – Advent Carol Service at 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:** Highgrove, Parson's Close, Lindbergh Avenue, Alderman Road.

**From our Church prayer diary:** The Reflective Prayer Group

**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, Marit Impey

**All who mourn:** Joyce Davis

### **Collect for 27<sup>th</sup> November 2022:**

Almighty God,  
as your kingdom dawns,  
turn us from the darkness of sin to the  
light of holiness,  
that we may be ready to meet you  
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ  
Amen.

### **Readings for 27<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

#### **Isaiah 2.1-5**

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. <sup>2</sup> In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. <sup>3</sup> Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. <sup>4</sup> He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn

war any more. <sup>5</sup> O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord! This is the word of the Lord.

### **Matthew 24.36-44**

<sup>36</sup> 'But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>37</sup> For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup> For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, <sup>39</sup> and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>40</sup> Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. <sup>41</sup> Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. <sup>42</sup> Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. <sup>43</sup> But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>44</sup> Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

### **Post Communion Prayer for 27<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

O Lord our God,  
make us watchful and keep us faithful  
as we await the coming of your Son our Lord;  
that, when he shall appear,  
he may not find us sleeping in sin  
but active in his service  
and joyful in his praise;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Isaiah 11.1–10; Psalm 72.1–7, 18–19 [ or 72.1–7]; Romans 15.4–13;  
Matthew 3.1–12

## **Christmas Stars:**

Thank you to everyone who has been knitting Christmas stars to send to residents in local care homes. There is a basket at the back of church where they can be left. If you need them collecting please contact Katherine Froggatt on 01524 39018 or e-mail [kaf@phonecoop.coop](mailto:kaf@phonecoop.coop).

## **Toy Appeal:**

This year in particular more families are facing a cost of living crisis. Hala Pantry work hard to provide for local families and this Christmas if you are in a position to help make some more relief by gifting a toy to a local child.



Vikki Pattinson is coordinating the toy appeal and if you feel able to support this please get in touch with her at the end of service or on 07789936406 and Vikki will assign you a gift. We have identified each child's favourite interests to make the gift extra special. Alternatively, if a gift is a stretch but you still want to help, we are also in need of wrapping paper and selection boxes which can be dropped off at the parish office.

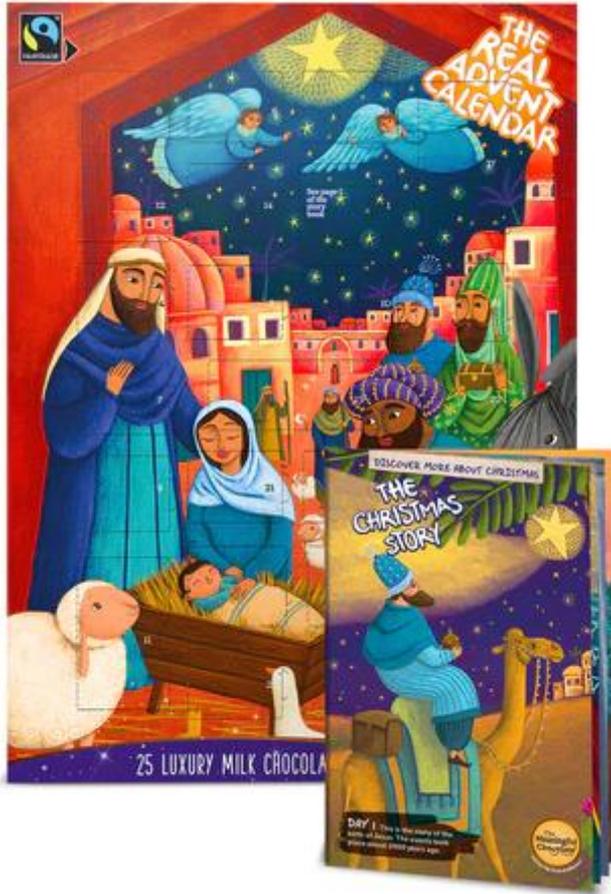
\*Please note the appeal is anonymous to both the recipient and the person gifting.

## **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.



## Real Advent Calendars:



These have now arrived and will be available after the 9.45 service at the back of Church. Real Advent Calendars are Fairtrade and have a line from the Christmas story behind each of the 25 windows. The quality milk chocolate is 35% cocoa solids and is palm oil free. The box and tray are also recyclable. The calendar includes a 24 page Christmas story-activity book. They cost £4.50 each – cash only please.

*Arton Medd*

### **Parish Office Opening Hours Amendment:**

Due to staff holidays the Parish Office will be closed every Thursday during November and on Thursday 1st December.

The office will be open as normal from 9am to 12 noon on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday during November.

Normal office hours resume on Monday 5th December.



## List of Raffle Prizes for St Paul's Artisan Christmas Fayre

**The raffle will be drawn at 4pm on 10<sup>th</sup> December at the fayre.**

- **Meal for 2 at The Strickland Arms**
- **£50 Voucher at JH Medi-Spa**
- **Painting from local artist, V Pattinson**
- **£45 massage from J Weaver**
- **Voucher from Neptune Chippy**
- **Voucher from Mr Wang**
- **Wash and Blow Dry from Avella**
- **A Pamper Hamper**
- **Hamper from Clearance Direct**
- **Candle from star and sparkle candles**
- **A Limited Edition Christmas Teddy**
- **A bottle of fizz**
- **A box of chocolates and much more.....**

**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.

## Advent Carol Service

Advent is the time of waiting and preparing – awaiting the birth of Jesus Christ and preparing ourselves to celebrate his birth day. The Advent carol service will include readings and hymns of joyful expectation about the coming of the Messiah. There will be people from each of our regular weekly services (8.00am, 9.45am, Hala and Thursdays) taking part and a small group who will be leading the singing. Please do come along to the service this Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> November, at 4.00pm and join together with members of the St Paul's church family, and possibly some from other churches, as we all worship God in thankfulness and praise as we wait for the coming of his Son.

*Christine Medd*

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- **VICAR:** Rev Dr Rebecca Aechtner –
- Tel: 749693; Email: [vicar@stpauls-scotforth.org](mailto:vicar@stpauls-scotforth.org)
- Rest day is Friday – if you have an urgent enquiry then please contact a
- Churchwarden.
- **CHURCHWARDEN:**
- Mrs Jayne Weatherill:
- Tel: 60597 or 07986993007; Email: [sjayneweatherill@gmail.com](mailto:sjayneweatherill@gmail.com)
- **PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS AMENDMENT:** Due to staff holiday's the
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- Monday 5th December.
- Tel: 01524 843135; Email: [office@stpauls-scotforth.org](mailto:office@stpauls-scotforth.org)
- **BAPTISMS AND WEDDINGS:** Booking enquiries - please contact Jayne
- Weatherill through the parish office or Email: [lifeyvents@stpauls-scotforth.org](mailto: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](mailto:pastoral@stpauls-scotforth.org)
- or telephoning Irene on Tel: 64701.
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- **Scotforth School:** Headteacher – Mrs Katie Walsh – Tel: 01524 65379
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## Tea@2 – our new montly meeting group information:

If you would like to volunteer to assist at this club then please do come along and learn a bit more about the role at our first meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2022.

Venue: St Paul's Parish Hall,  
Scotforth Road, LA1 4TS

*St Paul's Church*

## Tea @ 2pm

Monday's - 2pm – 3.30pm:

5<sup>th</sup> December 2022

16<sup>th</sup> January 2023

6<sup>th</sup> February 2023

6<sup>th</sup> March 2023

17<sup>th</sup> April 2023

15<sup>th</sup> May 2023

5<sup>th</sup> June 2023

3<sup>rd</sup> July 2023

7<sup>th</sup> August 2023

4<sup>th</sup> September 2023

2<sup>nd</sup> October 2023

6<sup>th</sup> November 2023

4<sup>th</sup> December 2023



Drinks and biscuits

Opportunities to  
socialise with others

Games – dominoes,  
cards

Bring your knitting  
or crafts



## Parish Christmas Greetings:

Christmas is getting nearer and you have all those cards to write. A frightening thought! One way to reduce your workload



would be to send just one Christmas greeting message to everyone in the parish. This means that it will be sent out in the Parish News and displayed on the Church and Hala notice boards.

Donations will be in aid of Church Funds. If you would like to join us please hand your greeting (no more than 30 words) with a minimum donation of £5 to a sides person, a churchwarden or the Parish Office. The closing date will be December 4th. Any messages arriving later than this date will possibly miss the printing deadline. If you have any queries please contact the Parish Office on 01524 843135; or email [office@stpauls-scotforth.org](mailto:office@stpauls-scotforth.org).



## *Poinsettias for Christmas*

As we once again prepare to go to Bethlehem to worship the Christ-child, we invite you to consider making a gift to St Paul's for the purchase of poinsettias for the decoration of the church at Christmas. You may wish to make your gift as a thanksgiving for the life of a departed family member or friend, or for a particular blessing in your own life.

Forms to complete are available in church from Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November and are also available from the Parish Office. Once you have completed the form please place this, with the suggested donation of £9 (which covers the cost of purchasing the poinsettias) into an envelope with Poinsettia written on it and either place it in the offertory plate, hand to a churchwarden or sides person or take to the parish office by Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December.

Let us take this opportunity to thank you in anticipation of your gift and to wish you and yours the joy and peace of the Christmas Season.

*Jayne, Churchwarden*



ST PAUL'S CHURCH,  
SCOTFORTH

*Advent Carol  
Service*

Sunday 27th November 2022

at  
4pm



# St Pauls Church, Scotforth

# Artisan

# Christmas Fayre

Saturday 10th Dec 2pm-4.30pm  
In the Parish Hall

Enjoy an afternoon of Festive gifts  
crafts, food and cake

Carols being sung at 3pm

**£2 entry per adult** Children free  
including a glass of mulled wine, tea or coffee  
and a slice of cake or mince pie

**Come along!**

General enquiries  
[jenniferpritchardbridal@googlemail.com](mailto:jenniferpritchardbridal@googlemail.com)



# 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>

or

**scan the QR Code**

**Office hours: Monday-Friday, 9.30-12.00**

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