



# ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS



1<sup>st</sup> December 2022

## **Sunday Worship – 4<sup>th</sup> December 2022** **Second 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 – Service of the Word at St Paul's, Hala

12:30pm – Holy Baptisms 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:** Addenbrooke Close, Viscount Drive

**From our Church prayer diary:** The work of the Children's Society

**We pray for the parents, godparents and family of** Maisie Janet and Bobby Martin 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, Dorothy Camm, Denis and Barbara Beetham, Lee Phillips, Denis Thorpe, Joan Guenault, John Harding, Marit Impey

**All who mourn:** Joyce Davis, Frank Ellison, Peter Clarke, Sydney Malcolm Humpage

### Parish Diary for the coming week:

Date & Time	Name of Event
4 <sup>th</sup> December at 12:30pm	Baptism of Maisie Janet and Bobby Martin
6 <sup>th</sup> December at 7pm	PCC Meeting in the Parish Hall

### Collect for 4<sup>th</sup> December 2022:

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power  
and come among us,  
and with great might succour us;  
that whereas, through our sins and wickedness  
we are grievously hindered  
in running the race that is set before us,  
your bountiful grace and mercy  
may speedily help and deliver us;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honour and glory, now and for ever.

### Readings for 4<sup>th</sup> December 2022

**Isaiah 11.1-10**

<sup>11</sup>A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. <sup>2</sup> The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. <sup>3</sup> His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; <sup>4</sup> but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. <sup>5</sup> Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. <sup>6</sup> The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. <sup>7</sup> The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. <sup>8</sup> The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. <sup>9</sup> They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. <sup>10</sup> On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

### **Matthew 3.1-12**

<sup>3</sup>In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, <sup>2</sup>'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.'<sup>3</sup>This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight." <sup>4</sup>Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. <sup>5</sup>Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, <sup>6</sup>and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>7</sup> But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? <sup>8</sup>Bear fruit worthy of repentance. <sup>9</sup>Do not presume to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. <sup>10</sup>Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. <sup>11</sup> 'I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to

carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. 12 His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

### **Post Communion Prayer for 4<sup>th</sup> December 2022:**

Father in heaven,  
who sent your Son to redeem the world  
and will send him again to be our judge:  
give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first  
coming  
that, when he comes again,  
we may be ready to greet him  
with joyful love and firm faith;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Isaiah 35.1-10; Psalm 146.4-10 or Magnificat; James 5.7-10; Matthew 11.2-11

### **SIAMS Report for Scotforth St Paul's School:**

We are delighted to celebrate with our Scotforth St Paul's Church of England School on its EXCELLENT SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) report. The report reflects the strong Christian ethos of the school and how staff, students, governors, and families are learning, growing and caring as part of God's family. The report can be found on the school's website: <https://www.scotforth-st-pauls.lancs.sch.uk/about-us/inspection-reports>. On Sunday at church I read out the following comment from the key findings:

*Inspirational collective worship is life-giving and has a transformational impact on pupils and adults. It is invitational and highly inclusive. Prayer and reflection branch out from worship into school and, at times, family life, resulting in phenomenal spiritual flourishing. Exceptional church links are mutually beneficial and enhance the life of school and church. We are proud of our church school and all the schools in our parish who nurture and support our children.*



## **CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT ST PAUL'S SCOTFORTH**

This Christmas season we look forward to welcoming you to St Paul's Church, Scotforth. These services are in addition to our regular 8am and 9.45am services.

**Sunday 18th December at 6.30pm -Christmas Carol Service**

### **Christmas Eve:**

**Crib Service with Christingle at 2.00pm**

**Christmas Eve Holy Communion at 7.30pm**

**(Pew packs for children will be available)**

### **Christmas Day:**

**Holy Communion (BCP) at 8am**

**Holy Communion at 10am**

**There will be no services on Thursday 29th December  
or Sunday 1st January 2023.**

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EVERYONE AT ST PAUL'S  
SCOTFORTH**

  
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## **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.

## **Carol Singing in Marketgate**

For several years there has been an ecumenical group of people singing Christmas Carols in Marketgate to raise money for Lancaster and District Homeless Action Service (Edward Street) Christmas Support. We are booked to sing this year on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December, from 10.30 to 11.30am. Until we arrive we don't know exactly where in Marketgate we will be standing, but last year we were in front of Primark. So do come and join us – young and old, male and female, and help to raise money for a worthy local cause. Words of carols will be provided.

*Christine and Arton*

## **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.



### **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.....**

**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)

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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.

**Scotforth School:** Headteacher – Mrs Katie Walsh – Tel: 01524 65379

**Tea@2 – our new montly meeting group information:** If you would like to volunteer to assist at this club then please do come along to our first meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2022.

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

**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

St Paul's Church

Tea @ 2pm



Drinks and biscuits

Opportunities to  
socialise with others

Games – dominoes,  
cards

Bring your knitting  
or crafts

**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.

### **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 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  
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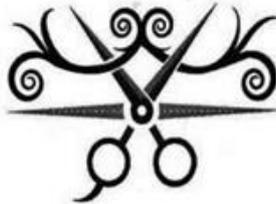
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