



ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS



8th December 2022
Sunday Worship – 11th December 2022
Third 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

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: Pinewood Close

From our Church prayer diary: All those who volunteer in community groups

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: Frank Ellison, Peter Clarke, Malcolm Humpage

Collect for 11th December 2022:

O Lord Jesus Christ,
who at your first coming sent your messenger
to prepare your way before you:
grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries
may likewise so prepare and make ready your way
by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just,
that at your second coming to judge the world
we may be found an acceptable people in your sight;
for you are alive and reign with the Father
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Readings for 11th December 2022

Isaiah 35.1-10

³⁵The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;
like the crocus ²it shall blossom abundantly,
and rejoice with joy and singing.
The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.
They shall see the glory of the Lord,
the majesty of our God.

³ Strengthen the weak hands,
and make firm the feeble knees.
⁴ Say to those who are of a fearful heart,
'Be strong, do not fear!
Here is your God.
He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.
He will come and save you.'

⁵ Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
⁶ then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;
⁷ the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water;
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,*
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

⁸ A highway shall be there,
and it shall be called the Holy Way;
the unclean shall not travel on it,*
but it shall be for God's people;*
no traveller, not even fools, shall go astray.

⁹ No lion shall be there,
nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;
they shall not be found there,
but the redeemed shall walk there.

¹⁰ And the ransomed of the Lord shall return,
and come to Zion with singing;
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;
they shall obtain joy and gladness,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

This is the word of the Lord.

Luke 1: 46-55

46 And Mary said, 'My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has look with favour on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the

Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.

Post Communion Prayer for 11th December 2022:

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts;
kindle in us the fire of your Spirit
that when your Christ comes again
we may shine as lights before his face;
who is alive and reigns now and for ever.

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Readings for next Sunday:

Isaiah 7.10–16; Psalm 80.1–8, 18–20 [or 80.1–8]; Romans 1.1–7;
Matthew 1.18–end

A message from Kaarina:

As part of the training process, ordinands need to experience a breadth of different traditions and contexts, in order to get a full picture of life in the Church of England. Sadly, my time at St Paul's Scotforth is coming to an end, and in the new year, I will move to my next parish placement church. My last service at St Paul's will be Christmas Day.

I'd like to take this opportunity to say that it has been a joy to be part of the ministry team at St Paul's since September 2021, and a privilege to have been your ordinand. I wish you every blessing for the future.

Kaarina



Come and join us here for
all-age

Carols at Mala

Sunday 18th December

11.15am, followed by refreshments.

Everyone welcome

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.



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 17th 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



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.**

**MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM
EVERYONE AT ST PAUL'S
SCOTFORTH**


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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.

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● **VICAR:** Rev Dr Rebecca Aehtner –

● Tel: 749693; Email: 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

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

The raffle will be drawn at 4pm on 10th 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.



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



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Merry Christmas! Kristhu piranda nalvajhthukal!
Wir wünschen Ihnen ein gutes und gesegnetes Weihnachtsfest.
Blessings of hope, peace, joy and love
from **Amali, Sundiya, Rev Rebecca and Rev Anderson**

May you have the spirit of Christmas which is Peace, the gladness of Christmas
which is Hope, and the Heart of Christmas which is Love.
Jayne, Keith and Emily

Wishing you all a happy and peaceful Christmas
and healthy New Year. **Maureen and Stuart Leach**

I would like to send special Christmas Greetings to all my friends and
people who come to St Paul's Church and a special thankyou to all the
helpers at church services.
Happy Christmas to everyone.
Jean Nicholson

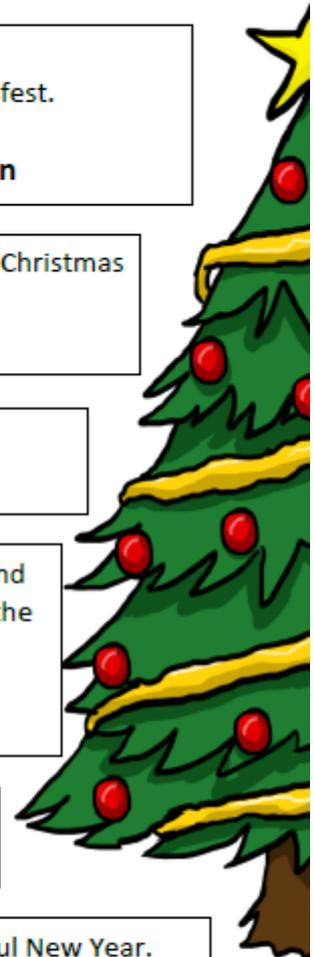
Peace and Goodwill to everyone
Margaret Ives

Wishing all my fellow parishioners a Happy Christmas and peaceful New Year.
With grateful thanks for your invaluable support in the last three years.
Pat Illingworth



Wishing a Happy Christmas
and a happy and Healthy 2023 to all my
friends at St Paul's.
Jean Mount

Wishing everyone a Happy and Peaceful
Christmas.
from **Phillip and Yvonne Simpson**





Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to everyone at St Paul's Scotforth.
from **Ken and Beryl Fawcett**

Wishing all of you peace, hope and joy at Christmas and in the New Year.
With love from **Gwen**

Wishing everyone at St Paul's and Hala Churches peace, joy and hope
at Christmas and good health and happiness in 2023.
Anne Quainoo

Wishing everyone at St Paul's a joyful Christmas
and a New Year full of hope. **Richard and Tricia Impey**

Wishing all at St Paul's and Hala, and people locally, a peaceful and
joyous Christmas. May it be a good year to come for you.
Bob and Barbara Jones

Wishing everyone at St Paul's Church and the Hala Centre a very
Happy Christmas and good health for the coming year.
Sandra (Makinson) Barke and Ian

Arton and Christine Medd
Wish everyone at St Paul's a Happy
Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Mervyn and Vivienne
Send our heartiest wishes for a healthy and
peaceful Christmas
to all at St Paul's Scotforth.

With all good wishes for Christmas and the
New Year.
Brian and Judith Threlfall



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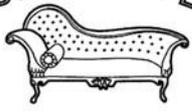
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