



ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS



12th January 2023

Sunday Worship – 15th January 2023 Epiphany 2

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

9:45am – Holy Communion, St Paul's, Scotforth Road
Please note that Young Church will not be restarting until Sunday 22nd January

11:15am – Service of the Word at St Paul's, Hala

Monday at 2:00pm – Tea @ 2 in the Parish Hall

Tuesday at 7.30pm – Reflective Prayer 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.***

Announcement of the new Bishop of Blackburn:

At 10am on Tuesday 10th January 2023:

The Right Reverend Philip North has been announced by 10 Downing Street as the next Bishop of Blackburn.

Bishop Philip currently serves as the Bishop of Burnley in the Diocese of Blackburn, and as Bishop of Blackburn he will lead the whole Diocese, serving people and communities across Lancashire.

The King approved the nomination of Bishop Philip, who will succeed the Right Reverend Julian Henderson following his retirement last year.

The announcement was made this morning as Bishop Philip visited St Christopher's Church of England High School in Accrington, where he spoke with pupils about his vision for the Church in Lancashire.

Speaking about the announcement, Bishop Philip said:

"I believe with all my heart that God has called me to carry Jesus across Lancashire, to bear witness to his love and peace here in this county. I have done that for the past eight years as Bishop of Burnley, and I will go on doing that as Bishop of Blackburn. I am delighted to be staying in a county that I love very deeply indeed, delighted also that we will be able to carry on the work here in Blackburn Diocese.

"There are three things for which I will be labouring tirelessly in the years to come. Firstly, I am committed to continuing the growth of the church in Lancashire, helping to build joyful Christian communities. Secondly, I would love to see the Church of England in Lancashire being an ever-stronger voice for justice, especially for the poorest.

"And thirdly, I believe children and young people need to be at the very heart of all that we do. The current generation of young people is such an impressive one, with a real desire to build a better world. Yet at the same time I know that life is not always easy for them. There are such exciting opportunities for young people in Lancashire – we need to see more.

If you would like to hear more from Bishop Philip then there is an official YouTube video available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dsVWJ6LXSmc>

FOR OUR PRAYERS

Our mission Partners: For Stephen and Marit Impey's work with Wycliffe Bible Translators International.

From our Parish prayer diary: Newlands Avenue, Bowerham Road

From our Church

prayer diary: All who contribute to the life of St Paul's, Hala Worship Centre

Those who have asked for prayers for healing: Mary Wilson, Eunice Parkinson, Marion Corkill, Reg Wollington, Mary Smith, Dorothy Camm, Lee Phillips, Denis Thorpe, Joan Guenault, John Harding, Marit Impey,

All who mourn: Ivy Oversby-Davies, Sheila Bellinger, Helen Wolfendale

Parish Diary for the coming week:

Date & Time	Name of Event
Friday 13 th January at 12.30pm	Funeral of Sheila Bellinger in Church
Thursday 19 th January at 6.30pm	Finance Group Meeting in Parish Office

Collect for 15th January 2023

Almighty God,
in Christ you make all things new:
transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace,
and in the renewal of our lives
make known your heavenly glory;
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 15th January 2023:

1 Corinthians 1.1-9

¹Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

²To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord* and ours: ³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴ I give thanks to my* God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— ⁶just as the testimony of* Christ has been strengthened among you— ⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. This is the word of the Lord.

John 1.29-42

²⁹The next day he saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, 'Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me." ³¹I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.' ³²And John testified, 'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³I myself

did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, “He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.” ³⁴And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.’*

³⁵ The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, ‘Look, here is the Lamb of God!’ ³⁷The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, ‘What are you looking for?’ They said to him, ‘Rabbi’ (which translated means Teacher), ‘where are you staying?’ ³⁹He said to them, ‘Come and see.’ They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. ⁴⁰One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. ⁴¹He first found his brother Simon and said to him, ‘We have found the Messiah’ (which is translated Anointed*). ⁴²He brought Simon* to Jesus, who looked at him and said, ‘You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas’ (which is translated Peter*).

Post Communion Prayer for 15th January

God of glory,
you nourish us with your Word
who is the bread of life:
fill us with your Holy Spirit
that through us the light of your glory
may shine in all the world.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Readings for next Sunday:

Isaiah 9.1–4; Psalm 27.1, 4–12 [or 27.1–11]; 1 Corinthians 1.10–18;
Matthew 4.12–23

Sheila Bellinger - thoughts from her friends:

Sheila was a prime example of a typical Vicar’s wife. She always kept in the background but was like an unpaid curate and secretary. She was always there for the girls, to answer the phone and the front door. An excellent Vicar’s wife! When people phoned the vicarage Sheila would listen carefully and could always be relied upon to relay the

messages accurately to her husband. Her memory for names was amazing which Gordon really appreciated.

In church or elsewhere when she met people, she was kind, friendly, caring and interested in them and their families. We miss her.

Parish Walk:



Our first walk this year, on January 22nd, will be to learn what happened to Lancaster's eight textile mills. It is about 4 miles in length and shouldn't be too muddy. We will meet at

the back of church at 12.15 for a picnic lunch. Contact Maureen Leach 07531285199 for further details.

Marit Impey Update:

'Thank you all so much for your prayers for Marit. Having spent most of last year suffering from what was thought to be severe depression, it was discovered in November that she had a non-malignant tumour, the size of an orange on her brain. Once discovered the German health system was extremely good, within 10 days she was operated on and is now slowly recovering at home. Back to her old self in spirits, a real answer to prayer. However, it is going to take another couple of months to recover from such an operation, so please continue to remember her, Steve and all the family who have been on this journey with her in your prayers'.

Tricia & Richard Impey

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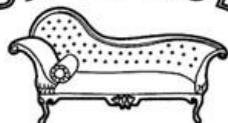
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Young Church: it is wonderful that our Young Church is a vibrant and welcoming place for all the children who attend each week during term time. However, in order for us to provide consistent weekly sessions for our young people we are in desperate need of more Leaders. The more leaders we can recruit the less the demand each month it is for every leader – we are currently operating with minimum numbers on the rota and we may have to cancel sessions at short notice, as we have done this

month, if we don't get more volunteers. There is, with any post working alongside children, a safer recruitment process to follow. If you have any questions at all then please talk to Jayne – either at the end of a service or contact either by email: safeguarding@stpauls-scotforth.org or telephone the parish office: 843135.

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

Monday's - 2pm – 3.30pm:

- 5th December 2022
- 16th January 2023
- 6th February 2023
- 6th March 2023
- 17th April 2023
- 15th May 2023
- 5th June 2023
- 3rd July 2023
- 7th August 2023
- 4th September 2023
- 2nd October 2023
- 6th November 2023
- 4th December 2023

St Paul's Church

Tea @ 2pm



- Drinks and biscuits
- Opportunities to socialise with others
- Games – dominoes, cards
- Bring your knitting or crafts

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 – currently away on annual leave – please contact
• our 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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