



ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS



19th January 2023

Sunday Worship – 22nd January 2023 Epiphany 3

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 restarts today**

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: Chelmsford Close, Colchester Avenue, Winchester Avenue, The Potteries Evens 2-56, Odds 57-85

From our Church prayer diary: Our Parish Office staff

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

All who mourn: Sheila Bellinger, Helen Wolfendale

Parish Diary for the coming week:

Date & Time	Name of Event
Thursday 19 th January at 7pm	Finance Group Meeting in Parish Office

Collect for 22nd January 2023

Almighty God,
whose Son revealed in signs and miracles
the wonder of your saving presence:
renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your mighty power;
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 22nd January 2023:

Isaiah 9.1-4

9* But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

2 *The people who walked in darkness

have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined.

³ You have multiplied the nation,
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.

⁴ For the yoke of their burden,
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

1 Corinthians 1.10-18

10 Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters,* by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you should be in agreement and that there should be no divisions among you, but that you should be united in the same mind and the same purpose. ¹¹For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters.* ¹²What I mean is that each of you says, 'I belong to Paul', or 'I belong to Apollos', or 'I belong to Cephas', or 'I belong to Christ.' ¹³Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴I thank God* that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) ¹⁷For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. 18 For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Matthew 4.12-23

12 Now when Jesus* heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the lake, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali,

¹⁴so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

¹⁵ ‘Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,

on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—

¹⁶ the people who sat in darkness

have seen a great light,

and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death

light has dawned.’

¹⁷From that time Jesus began to proclaim, ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.’*

¹⁸ As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. ¹⁹And he said to them, ‘Follow me,

and I will make you fish for people.’ ²⁰Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹As he went from there, he saw two other

brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them.

²²Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

²³ Jesus* went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news* of the kingdom and curing every

disease and every sickness among the people.

Post Communion Prayer for 22nd January 2023:

Almighty Father,

whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world:

may your people,

illuminated by your word and sacraments,

shine with the radiance of his glory,

that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth;

for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

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Readings for next Sunday:

1 Kings 17.8–16; Psalm 36.5–10; 1 Corinthians 1.18–end;

John 2.1–11

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.

Parish News received by email:

We are just completing our annual review of data held for data protection purposes. If, after this week, you no longer receive the parish news by email



but would like to, then you will need to contact the office by email stating that you would like to receive the parish news by email giving your name, address, telephone number and that you give us permission to send information to you by email relating to St Paul's. As part of the annual review process, we have to remove any email contacts that we do not hold current data protection permissions for. There is no need to contact us until after Thursday 26th January and only then if you do not receive your weekly parish news email.



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.

- **VICAR:** Rev Dr Rebecca Aechtner:
• 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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