



# ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS



**16th February 2023**  
**Sunday Worship – 19<sup>th</sup> February 2023**  
**Sunday next before Lent**

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

7pm – Licensing of Rev Catherine Haydon,  
St Paul's, Scotforth Road

**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

**Wednesday** at 7pm – Service of Holy Communion for Ash  
Wednesday at St Paul's, Scotforth Road

**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:** Redcar Road, Sandown Road, Newmarket Avenue, Lingfield Close, Thirsk Road

**From our Church prayer diary:** 9<sup>th</sup> Lancaster (St Paul's) Brownies

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

**All who mourn:** Peter Croxall, Marion Corkill, Jennifer Mary Clucas Kilshaw.

*St Paul's Hala Centre*

*11.15 am*

*Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February*

**SING**

**A NEW SONG!**

*Join us for worship*

*learning newer hymns & songs*

*Followed by refreshments*

*All welcome!*

# Lent Challenge



At Scotforth St Paul's Primary and Nursery School we are embarking on a new Lent Challenge this year and it would be fantastic if you could join us. Our Christian value next half term is service and so each school day, during Lent, we are trying to serve God, each other and our community by doing something different. Please see below to find out what we are doing.

Each school day try to serve others in different ways.

Money Monday	Donate money or other useful items to our charity - Animal Care. Cash, blankets, old sheets and towels and pet food brought into school will be given to the charity.
Tins Tuesday	As part of our support for The Olive Branch and Hala Pantry, please bring in tins and packets of food. Any donations will be distributed to help these causes.
Work Wednesday	Today is a day when you help others with a bit of extra work. It could be in school or at home. What can you volunteer to do to help others? Tidying? Washing up?
Thank you Thursday	We always try to remember our manners, but on Thank you Thursday, try to remember all the things others do for us and say thank you. You may also take time to thank God for things He has done for you.
Forgiving Friday	Don't end the week with ongoing problems. Use forgiving Friday to solve issues and reflect on your week. Be prepared to ask for forgiveness and also to forgive others.

Can you think of things to do on Saturdays and Sundays?

## **Collect for 19th February 2023:**

Almighty Father,  
whose Son was revealed in majesty  
before he suffered death upon the cross:  
give us grace to perceive his glory,  
that we may be strengthened to suffer with him  
and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## **Readings for 19<sup>th</sup> February 2023:**

### **Exodus 24.12-end**

<sup>12</sup> The Lord said to Moses, 'Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.' <sup>13</sup>So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. <sup>14</sup>To the elders he had said, 'Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.'

<sup>15</sup> Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. <sup>16</sup>The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. <sup>17</sup>Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. <sup>18</sup>Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

### **Matthew 17.1-9**

<sup>1</sup>Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. <sup>2</sup>And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. <sup>3</sup>Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. <sup>4</sup>Then Peter said to Jesus,

'Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' <sup>5</sup>While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!' <sup>6</sup>When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. <sup>7</sup>But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Get up and do not be afraid.' <sup>8</sup>And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. <sup>9</sup> As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, 'Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.'

### **Post Communion Prayer for 19<sup>th</sup> February 2023:**

Holy God,  
we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ:  
may we who are partakers at his table  
reflect his life in word and deed,  
that all the world may know his power to change and save.  
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Genesis 2.15-17;3.1-7; Psalm 32; Romans 5.12-19; Matthew 4.1-11

### **Half-term Holiday Activity Not to be Missed**

If you have not yet been to see the Slavery Family Trees Community Exhibition in Lancaster City Museum you need to do so before 26<sup>th</sup> February. There are children's activities available and it is also very informative for adults. The material was collected by various community groups, universities and schools across the city and includes stories of families and individuals in Lancaster involved in the Transatlantic Slave Trade. St Paul's was not built at that time but members of the Priory and Friends Meeting House were both traders and slave-trade abolitionists. Both churches are involved in the ongoing work.

*Arton Medd*

## **Tuesday Morning House Group Lent Invitation**

During Lent the Tuesday Morning House Group will be discussing 'The Passion of Edith Cavell'. This is in conjunction with Jesus' way of the cross, using bible readings and paintings portraying her 'Way of the Cross' which are in Norwich cathedral. Edith Cavell was a nurse in Belgium, and during the 1914-18 World War she cared for casualties regardless of national origin. She became part of an underground network which helped allied soldiers escape, but eventually she was caught and executed. As Christ had done from the cross, she prayed for forgiveness of those who would kill her. We begin on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February at 10.00 am for an hour followed by coffee/tea and chat. We meet at 65 Winchester Avenue LA1 4HX and if you would like to join us please let us know at church, by phone 01524 64730 or by email at [arton.medd@btinternet.com](mailto:arton.medd@btinternet.com)

*Christine and Arton Medd*

## **Parish News received by email:**

Reminder to contact us after Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January ONLY IF you do not receive your weekly parish news email.

## **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.



**Parish Walks:**

The next **Parish Walk** will be a local 4-mile, snowdrop walk. We will meet at the back of church for a picnic lunch at 12.15 on Sunday **19<sup>th</sup> February**.

*Maureen Leach*

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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:** The office is open Monday to Friday from 9.30am – 12 noon.
- 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: [lifeevents@stpauls-scotforth.org](mailto:lifeevents@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
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## Green Bins and news from the Crocus Memorial Garden:

If you appreciate all the hard work the gardening team do to keep on top of the gardens and regret that you aren't able to help. Here is your chance. Once again it is time to pay the council £41 (over £200 for 5) to have a green bin emptied. On average we can fill 4 bins a session so they are vital to our work. A donation of any amount would be much appreciated so that we can continue to keep on top of the gardening. I hasten to add that we do have 2 compost heaps as well.

Don't forget to keep an eye out for our crocus memorial garden, they should be coming into flower in the next few weeks. This year we planted another 1000 bulbs!

The Gardening Team



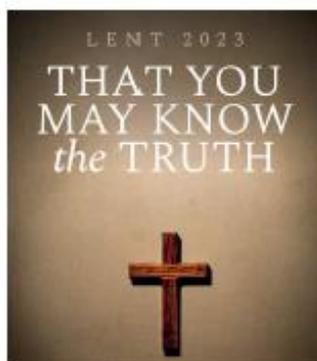
### Discussion Groups for Lent

Our Diocese of Blackburn have sent St Paul's parish 80 copies of this booklet. It is free for all to read during Lent. You can get your free copy from the back of church. In it you will find a daily bible passage and reflection based on a part of Luke's Gospel, which is about the life of Jesus.

The booklet is for you to use in your own time at home, but there is also an opportunity for 6 weeks to meet with others and think together about what you have read. Everyone is invited and welcome to join one of the following discussion groups:

- 11am at the Hala Centre, at the bottom of Hala hill.
- 7.15pm-8.30 Richard and Tricia Imprey's house 22 Hala Grove
- 7.30pm -8.30 Zoom – contact for the link [hugh@phonecoop.coop](mailto:hugh@phonecoop.coop)

These times are all on a Monday, starting on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February and ending on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April.



Previous booklets from the diocese have been brilliantly produced and well written by a range of local contributors. Many of us have found the daily readings thought-provoking and stimulating to our faith.

Do pick up your free copy from church.

If you would like to join one of the groups, do get in touch (details below) or just come along to the group that suits you best.

Jim Currin ([jim.currin@me.com](mailto:jim.currin@me.com)) 07944897872



## **The Olive Branch – on the move!**

The Olive Branch is a treasured focal point in Lancaster for Christian action to support people facing hardship. Members of St Paul's make a significant contribution to its work, whether with food items, financial donations or as volunteers. Thank you! Since Covid, The Olive Branch has worked solely as a foodbank. Our current location for this is off the Caton Road – great for cars but difficult for people! So I'm delighted to announce that we'll soon be moving to the White Cross estate, where we can offer a drop-in centre alongside the foodbank. This face-to-face support will bring us closer to our vision in sharing the love of God, so is an exciting new chapter.

Please pray for us – for wisdom in the operational decisions to be made, for energy through all the work to be done and for a smooth transition over the coming weeks.

If you'd like to visit our new premises and see where donations can be delivered in future, do join us at White Cross between 6 and 7 pm on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March. Contact me on [linda.currin@the-olivebranch.org.uk](mailto:linda.currin@the-olivebranch.org.uk) for further details.

Meanwhile, please continue to bring any food donations to the warehouse at Lansil for the time being. We'll be sending further information about how and when to find our new location in due course.

Lastly – a huge thank you again for the loyal, generous and loving support so many of you give to the work of The Olive Branch.

**THANK YOU!**

Linda Currin (Chair of Trustees)

ST PAUL'S CHURCH  
WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP



# Afternoon Fair

SAT 18th MARCH 2023

2pm to 4pm



**In the Parish Hall**

Various stalls—Raffle—Cakes  
etc.

Price £1.00 including drinks and a biscuit

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All proceeds to

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St Paul's, Hala Centre

# Volunteers Needed!

**Have you  
got a couple  
of hours to  
spare on a  
Friday to go  
on our rota?**

We need drivers, meet  
and greet, setting up  
help, clearing away help.



**St Paul's, Hala  
Centre - Hala  
Square, Lancaster,  
LA1 4RW**

Friday's - times vary  
according to  
volunteer role



St Paul's Hala Pantry is a food club which runs every Friday at St Paul's Hala. It sources food that would otherwise have gone to landfill. Members of Hala Pantry can help reduce food waste whilst topping up their weekly shop.

For more information, contact [halapantry@stpauls-scotforth.org](mailto:halapantry@stpauls-scotforth.org)

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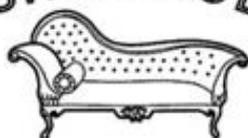
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