



ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS



23rd February 2023
Sunday Worship – 26th February 2023
First Sunday of Lent

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: Greenacre Court, Hala Hill

From our Church prayer diary: Church Musicians

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.

Parish Diary for the coming week:

Date & Time	Name of Event
Monday's during Lent. Lent Discussion Groups:	11am at the Hala Centre – group led by Jim Currin 7.15pm at 22 Hala Grove – group led by Richard and Tricia Impey – tel: 36617 7.30pm meeting on Zoom – contact Hugh Kidd at hugh@phonecoop.coop
Tuesday's during Lent. Lent Discussion Group	10am at 65 Winchester Avenue – group led by Christine and Arton Medd – tel: 64730
Thursday 2 nd March at 11am	Funeral of Marion Corkill at Beetham Crematorium

Message from Reverend Rebecca:

Alleluia

We have so many reasons to shout 'Alleluia' (God be praised) in our parish. On Sunday evening we welcomed Rev Catherine who was licensed as our full-time Assistant Priest by Bishop Philip in a joyous service of Evening Prayer. Earlier that day I introduced the idea of 'burying the Alleluia' or 'locking the Alleluia' for Lent.

Have you ever noticed that we don't say or sing the words 'Alleluia' in Lent? 'In medieval England 'locking the Alleluia' - meant symbolically locking the word away for Lent, until it was unlocked, freed, along with the risen Christ at Easter.

On Sunday I invited everyone to colour in (see back page) or make their own Alleluia, Hallelujah to bring to church this coming Sunday. You may want to use stickers, colours, or write the names of loved ones who have died as a reminder that we all share our lives with the risen Christ. Bring them back on Ash Wednesday or next Sunday and without saying the 'A' word (because it will be Lent) we will bury them in our wicker hamper.

Sometimes refraining from something, keeping it separate, makes it all the more beautiful. **Alleluia**

Collect for 26th February 2023:

Heavenly Father,
your Son battled with the powers of darkness,
and grew closer to you in the desert:
help us to use these days to grow in
wisdom and prayer
that we may witness to your saving love
in Jesus Christ our Lord

Readings for 26th February 2023:

Romans 5.12-19

¹² Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned— ¹³sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. ¹⁴Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

¹⁵ But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. ¹⁶And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgement following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. ¹⁷If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

¹⁸ Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. ¹⁹For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

Matthew 4.1-11

⁴Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ²He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. ³The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' ⁴But he answered, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."' "

⁵ Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."' ⁷Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."' "

⁸ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; ⁹and he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.' ¹⁰Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan! for it is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."' ¹¹Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Post Communion Prayer for 26th February

Lord God,

you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven;

by it you nourish our faith,

increase our hope,

and strengthen our love:

teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread,

and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Readings for next Sunday:

Genesis 12.1-4a; Psalm 121; Romans 4.1-5,13-17; John 3.1-17

CAP Money Budgeting Course Starting 2nd March, Lancaster

The FREE CAP Money budgeting course is for ANYONE who would like to have more control over their finances.

Three friendly, informal sessions include pointers for setting your budget and making it balance, tips to save money £££, and provides a fantastic free online tool that does all the adding up for you, empowering you to stay in control, and out of debt for a secure financial future. This course will run alongside the WARM SPACE Café at Kings Community Church.

VENUE: [King's Community Church](#)

Phoenix Street, Lancaster, LA1 1DD (behind Currys PC World)

Session 1: Thursday March 2nd, 1.30pm - 3.00pm

Session 2: Thursday March 9th, 1.30pm - 3.00pm

Session 3: Thursday March 16th, 1.30pm - 3.00pm **

** we note that schools will be closed for a strike on the 16th, so we may postpone until the following week.

SIGN UP ONLINE NOW:

<https://capmoney.org/.../joinaco.../63ea744936cec4f34c0cda02>

OR EMAIL our office: lmdebtcentre@gmail.com

(MORE DATES ARE AVAILABLE IN OUR DIARY:

Do send our administrator, Amanda an email if you have any queries)

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.

ASSISTANT PRIEST: Rev Catherine Haydon: contact information to follow

Rest day is Tuesday

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



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



 All proceeds to 

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



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

