



ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS



2nd February 2023

Sunday Worship – 5th February 2023
3rd Sunday 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

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: Barton Road

From our Church prayer diary: Our 'Young Church' leaders

We pray for the parents, godparents and family of Arthur Mark and Harriett Susan who are to be baptised this week

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: Helen Wolfendale, Anthony Stephen Walker, Peter Croxall, Andrew Wilson

Parish Diary for the coming week:

Date & Time	Name of Event
Sunday 5 th February at 12:30pm	Baptisms of Arthur Mark and Harriett Susan

Collect for 5th February 2023:

Almighty and ever-living God,
clothed in majesty,
whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple,
in substance of our flesh:
grant that we may be presented to you
with pure and clean hearts,
by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Readings for 5th February 2023:

Isaiah 58.1-9a

58 Shout out, do not hold back!
Lift up your voice like a trumpet!

Announce to my people their rebellion,
to the house of Jacob their sins.

² Yet day after day they seek me
and delight to know my ways,
as if they were a nation that practised righteousness
and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;
they ask of me righteous judgements,
they delight to draw near to God.

³ 'Why do we fast, but you do not see?
Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?'
Look, you serve your own interest on your fast-day,
and oppress all your workers.

⁴ Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight
and to strike with a wicked fist.
Such fasting as you do today
will not make your voice heard on high.

⁵ Is such the fast that I choose,
a day to humble oneself?
Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush,
and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?

Will you call this a fast,
a day acceptable to the Lord?

⁶ Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the thongs of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?

⁷ Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover them,
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

⁸ Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up quickly;
your vindicator* shall go before you,
the glory of the Lord shall be your rearguard.

⁹ Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer;
you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

1 Corinthians 2.1-12

Proclaiming Christ Crucified

²When I came to you, brothers and sisters,* I did not come proclaiming the mystery* of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. ²For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. ³And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. ⁴My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom,* but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

The True Wisdom of God

⁶ Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. ⁷But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. ⁸None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹But, as it is written, 'What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him'—
¹⁰these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. ¹²Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

Matthew 5.13-20

¹³ 'You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

14 'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. 15No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. 16In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

The Law and the Prophets

17 'Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfil. 18For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter,* not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. 19Therefore, whoever breaks* one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. 20For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

Post Communion Prayer for 5th February 2023:

Merciful Father,

who gave Jesus Christ to be for us the bread of life,

that those who come to him should never hunger:

draw us to the Lord in faith and love,

that we may eat and drink with him

at his table in the kingdom,

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

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Readings for next Sunday:

Genesis 1.1—2.3; Psalm 136 or Psalm 136.1–9, 23–end;

Romans 8.18–25; Matthew 6.25–end

Parish News received by email:

Reminder to contact us after Thursday 26th January ONLY 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.

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.

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.
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• **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.

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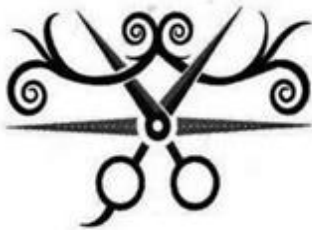
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