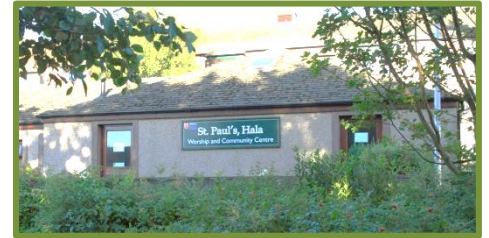




ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS



9th February 2023

Sunday Worship – 12th February 2023 **2nd 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 – 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



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FOR OUR PRAYERS

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

From our Parish prayer diary: Haydock Road, Kempton Road, Goodwood Court, Goodwood Road, Ascot Close

From our Church prayer diary: Our Baptism Vergers

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

Parish Diary for the coming week:

Date & Time	Name of Event
Wednesday 15 th February at 12:15pm	Funeral of Peter Croxall in Church
Sunday 19 th February at 7:00pm	Licensing of Rev Catherine Haydon as Associate Priest at St Paul's Scotforth in Church by Bishop Philip North

Message from Rev. Rebecca:

Great News. I am delighted that Rev Catherine Haydon will be joining the St Paul's family as our Assistant Priest. Rev Catherine was the Curate at Morecambe Parish Church and will be licensed for two years to minister in our parish. I have asked her to write a short introduction for this week's Parish News. The Bishop of Burnley, Philip North (who is also the Bishop Elect of Blackburn), will license Catherine Haydon as Associate Curate of St Paul's Scotforth on Sunday 19th February 2023 at 7pm at St Paul's Scotforth. Everyone is welcome to the service as we welcome Catherine into the St Paul's Scotforth and Hala family.

Message from Rev Catherine Haydon:

My name is Catherine and I'm really looking forward to joining you all soon at St Paul's as Associate Priest. I currently live in Morecambe where I've been serving my curacy at Morecambe Parish Church, which I've absolutely loved. Blackpool is home

originally but I've lived all over the place including Walsall, London and Oxford. Before ordination I was a secondary school teacher, teaching Religious Studies, Philosophy and Ethics, and did my first degree at what was St Martin's. I'm really excited to be moving back to Lancaster after 15 years away, it really does feel like coming home.



I live with my terror terrier Stanley, a loveable 18-month-old who has turned my hair much greyer in the year that I've had him! He's really looking forward to having plenty of grass to run around on in the garden, but will miss being on the beach twice a day. In my spare time I love to cook, chopping away with a glass of wine and some upbeat music really helps me to relax. I'm a massive bookworm, and can often be found with my head in a book and coffee in hand. I love travelling too, and exploring new places and cultures, and try and get away as often as possible. In fact I'm writing this from the airport lounge before heading off for a few days of winter sun on retreat in Lanzarote.

I can't wait to get stuck into life in Scotforth and I'm really excited to see what God has in store for this next stage. I've been praying for you all for a while now, please pray for me as I move and settle. I'm really looking forward to getting to know you all and ministering alongside you in the coming years

Collect for 12th February 2023:

Almighty God,
give us reverence for all creation
and respect for every person,
that we may mirror your likeness in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Prayer for Racial Justice Sunday:

BASED ON A PRAYER BY REVD DR MARTIN LUTHER KING JNR

Eternal God,
out of whose absolute power and infinite intelligence
the whole universe came into being,
draw us together in love and unity for one another.
Help us to first see our own dignity and to unconditionally love
ourselves. Give us the strength to love our neighbours,
and the courage to go the extra mile and love our enemies.
The history of our lives is the history of eternal revolt against You,
So, in the light of Your grace and mercy,
may we learn to love You with all of our hearts, souls and minds.
May we forgive just as You forgive us for what we could have been,
but failed to be.
Give us minds to know Your will,
Give us hearts to love Your will,
Give us the devotion to live out Your ways,
and to be all that we were made to be,
In the name of the Spirit of Jesus we pray.
Amen

Readings for 12th February 2023:

Genesis 1.1-2.3

¹In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

⁶ And God said, 'Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.' ⁷ So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. ⁸ God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

⁹ And God said, 'Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.' And it was so. ¹⁰ God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. ¹¹ Then God said, 'Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.' And it was so. ¹² The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. ¹³ And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

¹⁴ And God said, 'Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, ¹⁵ and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.' And it was so. ¹⁶ God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. ¹⁷ God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, ¹⁸ to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹ And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

²⁰ And God said, 'Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.' ²¹ So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. ²² God blessed them, saying, 'Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.' ²³ And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

²⁴ And God said, 'Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.' And it was so. ²⁵ God made the wild animals of the earth

of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

²⁶ Then God said, 'Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.' ²⁷ So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. ²⁸ God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.' ²⁹ God said, 'See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. ³⁰ And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.' And it was so. ³¹ God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

2 Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. ² And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. ³ So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

Matthew 6.25-end

²⁵ 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷ And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁸ And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹ yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ³⁰ But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive

today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? ³¹Therefore do not worry, saying, “What will we eat?” or “What will we drink?” or “What will we wear?” ³²For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things.

³³But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

³⁴ ‘So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today.

Post Communion Prayer for 12th February 2023:

God our creator,

by your gift

the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise,

and the bread of life at the heart of your Church:

may we who have been nourished at your table on earth

be transformed by the glory of the Saviour’s cross

and enjoy the delights of eternity;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings for next Sunday:

Genesis 11.1-9; Psalm 33.10-15; Mark 8.34-9.1

Women’s Fellowship

Women's Fellowship will be meeting on Monday 13th February at 2pm in the Parish Hall when Pat Ashcroft will be giving a talk.

All are welcome to attend.

Jean Mount

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 26th 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 28th 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

Christine and Arton Medd

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.

Parish News received by email:

Reminder to contact us after Thursday 26th 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.

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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.

● **Scotforth School:** Headteacher – Mrs Katie Walsh – Tel: 01524 65379
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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



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
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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

Lent Discussion Groups

Two groups are planning to use booklets provided for Lent Discussion for 6 weeks on a Monday evening starting 27th February. Everyone is welcome, especially newcomers. More details next week but do plan to join us. Jim.Currin@me.com

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



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 **19th February**.

Our last walk along the canal to look for the lost mills of Lancaster proved very interesting. One of the biggest talking points was about coconut matting which our walkers remembered well. Albion Mills used to make this matting before it closed down. (see picture)

If you were unable to join us but would like to try it out for yourself or just read up about the mills, all the information can be found in the link below

<http://www.lancastercivicsociety.uk/guides-and-walks-lancaster-and-district/>

Click on the link and then go into guided walks no.21. We have Gordon Clark, who lives in Scotforth, to thank for all this valuable information.

Maureen Leach



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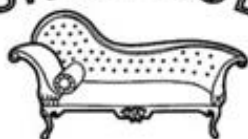
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