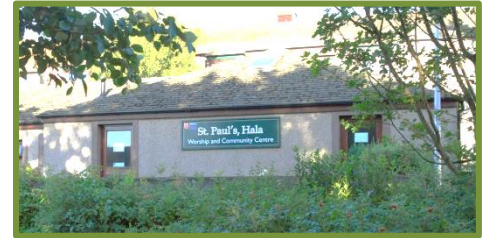




**ST PAUL'S
PARISH NEWS
16th March 2023**



**Sunday Worship – 19th March 2023
Mothering Sunday**

8:00am - BCP Holy Communion at St Paul's, Scotforth Road

9:45am – All Age Holy Communion
St Paul's, Scotforth Road

11:15am – All Age Holy Communion at St Paul's, Hala

12:30pm – Baptism Service at St Paul's, Scotforth Road

Tuesday at 7:30pm – Reflective Prayer Group
St Paul's, Scotforth Road

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: Dunkenshaw Crescent, Shireshead Crescent, Winmarleigh Road

From our Church prayer diary: Maclean Cub Pack (16th Lancaster)

We pray for the parents, godparents and family of Scarlett-Mae Grace who is to be baptised this week

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: Jennifer Mary Clucas Kilshaw, Jacqueline Salisbury

Parish Diary for the coming week:

Date & Time	Name of Event
Mondays 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
Tuesdays during Lent. Lent Discussion Group	10am at 65 Winchester Avenue – group led by Christine and Arton Medd – tel: 64730
Sunday 19 th March at 12:30pm	Baptism of Scarlett-Mae Grace
Tuesday 21 st March at 7:30pm	Reflective Prayer Group

Collect for 19th March 2023:

God of love,
passionate and strong,
tender and careful:
watch over us and hold us
all the days of our life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings for 19th March 2023:

Exodus 2.1-10

2Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. ²The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. ³When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the

child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. ⁴His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

⁵ The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. ⁶When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. ‘This must be one of the Hebrews’ children,’ she said. ⁷Then his sister said to Pharaoh’s daughter, ‘Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?’ ⁸Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, ‘Yes.’ So the girl went and called the child’s mother. ⁹Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, ‘Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.’ So the woman took the child and nursed it. ¹⁰When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh’s daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, ‘because’, she said, ‘I drew him out of the water.’

John 19. 25b-27

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, ‘Woman, here is your son.’ ²⁷Then he said to the disciple, ‘Here is your mother.’ And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

Post Communion Prayer for 19th March 2023:

Loving God,
as a mother feeds her children
you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life:
help us who have tasted your goodness
to grow in grace within the household of faith;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Readings for next Sunday:

Ezekiel 37.1-14; Psalm 130; Romans 8.6-11; John 11.1-45

Support your Church to serve your local community:

Many people might be surprised to know that St. Paul’s is entirely self-funded and does not get any financial support from the Church of England, the Government or the Diocese of Blackburn apart from the vicar’s wages. We also fund our own running costs and maintenance.



Therefore, this is a HUGE thank you to everyone who supports St Paul's via the collection plate/card machine (however large or small), stewardship envelopes, standing order, volunteering or just by choosing St. Paul's as your church and place of worship.

Many members of St Paul's congregation prefer to support our church by monthly Bank Standing Order as an easy and convenient way instead of via the collection plate. As part of our Spring regular giving campaign, we are praying that more people will sign up to donate regularly by standing order.

If you are willing or able to give regularly in this way, there is a bank form and separate Gift Aid form (if you are a UK taxpayer) available at the back of the church which can be filled in and left in the box provided – or sent directly into the Parish Office. All the envelopes containing banker's orders or gift aid declarations are sent to the treasurer, unopened. Apart from the



treasurer, the auditor and the inland revenue, no-one else knows how much any individual regularly gives to the Church. Alternatively - if you would like a standing order form emailing to you then please let the church office know by email:

office@stpauls-scotforth.org

We are thankful for your support of your local Church and its outreach.

Green Bins and news from the Crocus Memorial Garden:

Thank you for all your donations.

Maureen Leach

ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING:

The **Annual meeting (APCM)** is a major event in the parish calendar. This year we are going to incorporate our Annual Meeting within our 9.45am service on Sunday 23rd April at St Paul's Church, there will be no service at St Paul's Hala on this morning. Copies of the Annual Report and



accounts will be available on the website, will be attached to the weekly emails next week and available from the back of church from next week.

The Annual meeting elects Churchwardens for the coming year. We also **elect the Church Council and, this year, Deanery Synod members.** On the Church Council we have four vacancies for a 3-year period, two for a 2-year period and one for a 1-year period so if you are interested about the work of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) and only want to give it a trial then maybe the 1-year period would be of interest to you. On Deanery Synod there are three vacancies each of which is for a 3-year period.

Please note that you have to be registered on the Electoral Roll for at least six months prior to the AGM to be eligible for election. If you are unsure whether you are on the Roll or would like to go on the Roll then please talk to Jayne, Churchwarden. If you would like to learn about being a member of the Church Council or Deanery Synod then please talk to either Rev Rebecca, Jayne or pick up a nomination form from the back of church.

Parish Walk:

Sunday's church walk {4miles} is to Over Wyresdale to see the crocus and possibly daffodils at the nearby Meeting House this Sunday March 19th. We will meet in the gardens at the back of church at 12:15pm for lunch, and then drive up to Christ Church which is known locally as 'The Shepherd's Church'.

Maureen Leach

Lent reading: week 3. Like to chat?

How are you finding the reading exercise this Lent? Are you being stimulated to think about your own Christian faith? Are you challenged by what you have read about Jesus?

I found that that I missed a few days last week, and so was glad that the readings and reflections are dated, as it was easy to catch up and carry on. How have you been getting on? Would you like to chat about it?

Those of us who have been able to make groups have certainly found it rewarding – to the extent of beginning to ask, 'What next?' Anyway, the main thing at the moment is to encourage each other in week 3, with the reading through Luke's Gospel and daily reflection as we do a positive 'thing' this Lent.

So, let's chat about what we are reading. We can encourage each other in reading the Bible, especially while we have the booklet to help us. If you can't get a paper copy from the back of church, visit 'Diocese of Blackburn/seasonal resources' for a PDF. You can also let me know how you are getting on – or have questions you want following up. There are plenty of people around to encourage you in your walk with Jesus. Keep on!

Jim.currin@me.com

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



**ON A ROTA FOR
REFRESHMENTS AFTER 9.45AM
AND
AT OUR TEA@2 GROUP**

JOIN US NOW

**PLEASE TALK TO JAYNE,
CHURCHWARDEN**

**There are forms to be completed as we follow Safer Recruitment
processes for all volunteer roles**

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● **VICAR:** Rev Dr Rebecca Aehtner:
● 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: Tel: 07723 642973; Email:
● catherine@stpauls-scotforth.org
● *Rest day is Tuesday – if you have an urgent enquiry then please contact Rev Rebecca or*
● *a Church warden.*
● **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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Fairtrade Easter Eggs Have Arrived! Available after 9:45am Service this Sunday

Meaningful Milk Chocolate Real Easter Eggs are the only ones in the UK with an Easter story booklet for children. They are Fairtrade, have 35% cocoa (check that against the 20% - 25% of usual brands!), are palm-oil free and no plastic is used in the packaging. **Cost £4.50.** Contact me by email arton.medd@btinternet.com or phone 01524 64730, or sign up on the order form at the back of church by Sunday 19th March to reserve one if you are not at the 9:45am service. **Arton Medd**

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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