



ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS

23rd March 2023



Sunday Worship – 26th March 2023 Lent 5

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

FOR OUR PRAYERS

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

From our Parish prayer diary: Gressingham Drive, Gressingham Walk

From our Church prayer diary: All those in Lay Ministry

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: Jacqueline Salisbury, Janet Sloan

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

Collect for 26th March 2023:

Gracious Father,
you gave up your Son
out of love for the world:
lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion,
that we may know eternal peace
through the shedding of our Saviour's blood,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings for 26th March 2023:

Psalm 130

1 Out of the depths have I cried to you, O Lord;

 Lord, hear my voice; •

 let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.

2 If you, Lord, were to mark what is done amiss, •

 O Lord, who could stand?

3 But there is forgiveness with you, •

 so that you shall be feared.

4 I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him; •

in his word is my hope.

5 My soul waits for the Lord,
more than the night watch for the morning, •
more than the night watch for the morning.

6 O Israel, wait for the Lord, •
for with the Lord there is mercy;
7 With him is plenteous redemption •
and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

John 11.1-45

11 Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ²Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. ³So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, ‘Lord, he whom you love is ill.’ ⁴But when Jesus heard it, he said, ‘This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God’s glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.’ ⁵Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, ⁶after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

⁷Then after this he said to the disciples, ‘Let us go to Judea again.’ ⁸The disciples said to him, ‘Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?’ ⁹Jesus answered, ‘Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. ¹⁰But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.’ ¹¹After saying this, he told them, ‘Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.’ ¹²The disciples said to him, ‘Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.’ ¹³Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. ¹⁴Then Jesus told them plainly, ‘Lazarus is dead. ¹⁵For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.’ ¹⁶Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow-disciples, ‘Let us also go, that we may die with him.’

¹⁷ When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. ¹⁸Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, ¹⁹and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. ²⁰When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. ²¹Martha said to Jesus, ‘Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²²But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.’ ²³Jesus said to her, ‘Your brother will rise again.’ ²⁴Martha said to him, ‘I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.’ ²⁵Jesus said to her, ‘I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live,’ ²⁶and everyone who lives

and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' ²⁷She said to him, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.'

²⁸ When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, 'The Teacher is here and is calling for you.' ²⁹ And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. ³⁰ Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. ³¹ The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. ³² When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' ³³ When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴ He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' ³⁵ Jesus began to weep. ³⁶ So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' ³⁷ But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?'

³⁸ Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹ Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.' ⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' ⁴¹ So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' ⁴³ When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' ⁴⁴ The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.'

⁴⁵ Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

Post Communion Prayer for 26th March 2023:

Lord Jesus Christ,
you have taught us
that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters
we do also for you:
give us the will to be the servant of others
as you were the servant of all,
and gave up your life and died for us,
but are alive and reign, now and for ever.

Readings for next Sunday:

Matthew 21.1-11; Psalm 118.1-2.19-end [or 118.19-end]

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. 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.

Women's Fellowship:

I would like to thank all those who took part in the Afternoon Sale last Saturday. People who attended and bought, people who donated and all the helpers, it was a friendly occasion and enjoyable as well as raising £540 for the Galloways society. Many thanks to all who contributed in any way

Jean Mount

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, and are attached to the parish news weekly email and available from the back of church.



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.

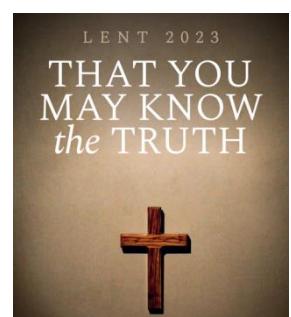
Daily readings during Lent:

Many of you will have been reading the booklet given away at the back of church called, 'That you may know the truth'. We have looked at sections from the Gospel of Luke during Lent and a comment from a different Christian each day. We are now half way through.

So, how has it been for you?

Last week in the Parish News I was encouraging you to chat with someone else about what you have been reading. This week I want to think a bit about what we have been reading of Jesus – and encourage you to pray.

We have now reached the part of the Gospel where Jesus' ministry has become well known. He has become famous and word has got out that there is a celebrity around. We have read of thousands gathering to hear him preach and heal the sick. Expectations are rising about what Jesus is going to do next – and then we



are shocked and startled to read some difficult passages and critical words from him as the teacher.

If you are reading alone and want to ask for help understanding some of the difficult passages and sayings of Jesus, do ask. None of us have all the answers but, as I wrote last week, there are plenty of people around to encourage you in your walk with Jesus. We are all wrestling with some big questions.

And then we can pray! We have been reading in the Lent course about prayer, so let's encourage one another to pray. We can pray as Jesus taught us in what we now call the Lord's Prayer. We can also use the Collects of the church provided for each Sunday. Here is the one for Bible Sunday which I hope helps you pray with the course. Blessed Lord,

who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them,

to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life,

which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever. Amen

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Easter Creative Crafts:

Come and help make decorations for church to celebrate Easter Sunday.



Saturday April 1st 2023

14.00 -16.00

St Paul's Hala Centre

All ages welcome - children to be accompanied by a responsible adult

Any queries contact Katherine Froggatt on kaf@phonecoop.coop or 01524 39018

Bunting, Banners, Flowers

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.



- **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: 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: liffeevents@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

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 11.30am, 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. 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.



MUSICIANS REQUIRED

We are looking for a team of people to play piano or organ at our 9.45am service each week. There will also be the opportunity to play for occasional offices (weddings and funerals).

If you are interested and would like further information please call

- 📞 Rev Rebecca on 749693 or
- ✉️ Jayne (Churchwarden) on 843135



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**

Lancaster Churches Together

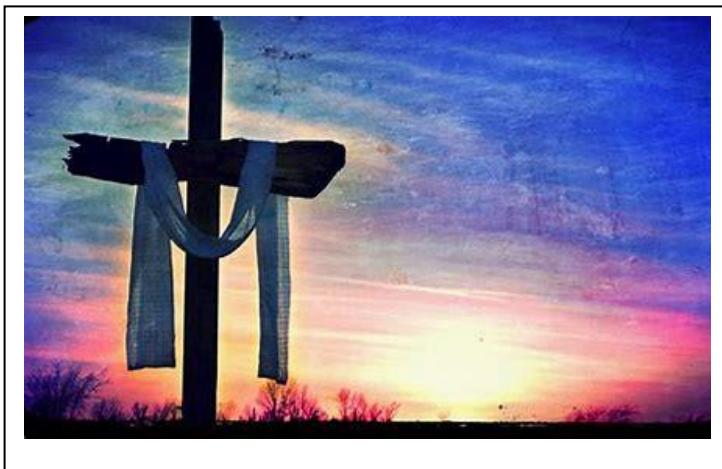
EASTER 2023

Good Friday Walk of Witness

**starting in Dalton Square at 12 noon and finishing
in Market Square at 1pm**

**Easter Day Sunrise Service
Dalton Square 6:30am**

**The Price is Paid
Alleluia!**



Holy Week and Easter Services



Maundy Thursday: 6th April

9.15am – Holy Communion
with stripping of the altar
at St Paul's Church, Scotforth Road

Good Friday: 7th April
2pm – Service of the Word
at St Paul's Church, Scotforth Road



Easter Day: 9th April

8am: BCP Holy Communion
9.45am: Holy Communion
at St Paul's Church,
Scotforth Road

11.15am: Holy Communion
at St Paul's, Hala Centre