



**ST PAUL'S
PARISH NEWS
30th March 2023**



**Sunday Worship – 2nd April 2023
Palm Sunday**

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

12:30pm – Holy Baptism at 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 6th at 9:15am – Maundy Thursday Service of Holy Communion at St Paul's, Scotforth Road

Good Friday 7th at 2:00pm – Service of the Word at St Paul's, Scotforth Road

Holy Saturday 8th at 4:00pm – Service of Waiting 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: Larchwood, Gregory's Court, Bishopgate

From our Church prayer diary: St Paul's Monday Rainbows

We pray for the parents, godparents and family of: Lucas John Anthony 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: Jacqueline Salisbury, Janet Sloan, Peter Callan

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 2 nd April at 12:30pm	Baptism of Lucas John Anthony

Collect for 2nd April 2023:

True and humble king,
hailed by the crowd as Messiah:
grant us the faith to know you and love you,
that we may be found beside you
on the way of the cross,
which is the path of glory.

Readings for 2nd April 2023:

Luke 19.28-40

²⁸ After Jesus had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. ²⁹ As he approached Bethphage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, ³⁰ 'Go to the village ahead of you, and as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹ If anyone asks you, "Why are you untying it?" say, "The Lord needs it."

³² Those who were sent ahead went and found it just as he had told them. ³³ As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, 'Why are you untying the colt?'

³⁴ They replied, 'The Lord needs it.'

³⁵ They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it. ³⁶ As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road.

³⁷ When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen:

³⁸ 'Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!'^[a]

'Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!'

³⁹ Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Teacher, rebuke your disciples!'

⁴⁰ 'I tell you,' he replied, 'if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out.'

Post Communion Prayer for 2nd April 2023:

Lord Jesus Christ,
you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant,
and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation:
give us the mind to follow you
and to proclaim you as Lord and King,
to the glory of God the Father.

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Readings for next Sunday:

Acts 10.34-43; John 20.1-18

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.

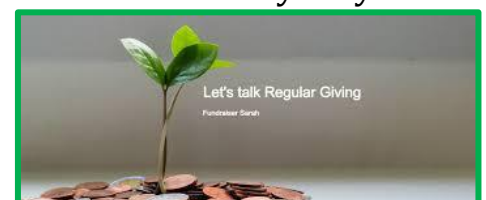


Many members of St Paul's congregation prefer to support our church by monthly Bank Standing Order as an easy and convenient way instead of via the collection plate. As part of our Spring regular giving campaign, we are praying that more people will sign up to donate regularly by standing order.

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.





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.

Help Needed in the Church Gardens

As I came out of church recently I noticed that the weeds have already started growing. On Wednesday 29th March we resumed our efforts to keep the gardens under control. As always we are looking for more helpers to help lighten the load. We usually meet up every Wednesday from 2:00pm until 4:30pm with quite a long tea break. All new volunteers would be welcomed with open arms. If you can't make every Wednesday that's not a problem, just come along when you are able. If Wednesday isn't a good day for you or you prefer working alone choose your own day and time.

Please take some time to consider this plea, as each

year we are finding it a little bit harder to keep on top of the gardens.

If you would like to know a little bit more about what it would entail please contact me (Maureen) on 07531285199.

The Gardening Team





Holy Week and Easter Events

Easter weekend is the longest public holiday of the year but the real Easter story is largely ignored. In recent months we have seen rallies in Dalton Square by nurses, teachers and other public service staff in support of pay claims and improved working conditions. They have taken their message outdoors and have been noticed by people passing by and the media.

On Good Friday, Churches Together in Lancaster, of which St Paul's is a member, will take the message of Easter outdoors and will walk from Dalton Square through the pedestrian precinct to Market Square with stops for readings and hymns; also palm crosses and hot cross buns will be offered to people along the way. Rallies to be effective need people, so will **you** witness to your faith and join the group? We begin in Dalton Square on Good Friday (7 April) at 12.00 noon and finish by 1.00pm. More Lancaster Churches Together information is elsewhere in this news sheet.

John Stainer's 'Crucifixion' will be sung on Wednesday 5 April at 7.30 pm at Sefton Road United Reformed Church, Morecambe, LA3 1TZ. Members of the former Ecumenical Choir will be taking part.
Arton Medd

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.



Lancaster Churches Together



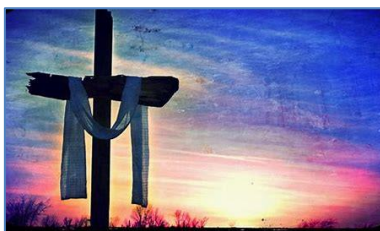
EASTER 2023

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



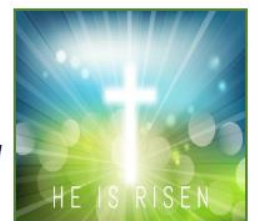
Maundy Thursday: 6th April
9.15am – Holy Communion
with stripping of the altar
at St Paul's Church, Scotforth Road

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



Holy Saturday: 8th April
4pm – Service of Waiting
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



- **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

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 **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.

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



MUSICIANS REQUIRED

We are looking for a team of people to play instruments 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

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