



**ST PAUL'S PARISH
NEWS
13th April 2023**



**Sunday Worship – 16th April 2023
Easter 2**

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

9:45am - Holy Communion at St Paul's, Scotforth Road

11:15am – Service of the Word at St Paul's, Hala

Tuesday at 7:30pm – Reflective Prayer Group
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 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: Beck View, Slaidburn Drive

From our Church prayer diary: The Walking Group

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: Janet Sloan, Peter Callan

Parish Diary for the coming week:

Date & Time	Name of Event
Monday 17 th April at 2:00pm	Tea @ 2 in the Parish Hall
Tuesday 18 th April at 7:30pm	Reflective Prayer Group in St Paul's Church
Wednesday 19 th April at 7:00pm	Fabric Committee in the Parish Hall

Collect for 16th April 2023:

Risen Christ,

for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred:

open the doors of our hearts,

that we may seek the good of others

and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace,

to the praise of God the Father.

Readings for 16th April 2023:

Acts 2.14a, 22-32

¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.

²² 'You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— ²³this man, handed over to you according to the

definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. ²⁴But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. ²⁵For David says concerning him, “I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; ²⁶therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover, my flesh will live in hope. ²⁷ For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. ²⁸ You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.”

²⁹ ‘Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. ³¹Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, “He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.” ³²This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

This is the word of the Lord.

John 20.19-end

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you.’ ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.’ ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.’

²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, ‘We have seen the Lord.’ But he said to them, ‘Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.’

²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' ²⁸Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' ²⁹Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Post Communion Prayer for 16th April 2023:

Risen Christ,

for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred:

open the doors of our hearts,

that we may seek the good of others

and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace,

to the praise of God the Father.

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Readings for next Sunday:

Acts 2.14a, 36-41; Luke 24.13-35

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.

Church Gardens



Hopefully some of you will have noticed the two new lovely plant containers which now grace the main door at church. In the past we have just used whatever we had available. The planters have been generously purchased for us by the family of Mary Thomas who made the gardens what they are today. ***The Gardening Team***

The Orchard of God's Garden

The Tuesday morning housegroup has found the story of Edith Cavell very interesting and informative, especially in the connections with the life and death of Christ, and in the associated works of art.

We are now moving on to a quite different topic - gardens mentioned in the Bible, their fruit trees and the fruits of the Spirit which we should strive to show in our lives. We will be using a new study booklet called 'The Orchard of God's Garden', which has been beautifully written and produced by Margaret Ives. We are really pleased to be able to read and learn from this inspirational booklet and invite others to share this experience with us.

Our sessions are from 10.00am to 11.00am on Tuesday mornings, followed by coffee/tea, beginning on 18th April. Please contact Arton or Christine Medd tel. 64730 or Email arton.medd@btinternet.com

From Dalton Square to Market Square

The sun shone all the way on Good Friday's Lancaster Churches Together (LCT) 'Walk of Witness' when over fifty church members, including a few from St Paul's, followed a cross and the LCT banner through the town. Jane Callow, Moderator of LCT and a member of the New Life Church, which worships in St Paul's School on Sunday mornings, welcomed people in Dalton Square, followed by a prayer from Rev. Emilian Cirtina of Lancaster Baptist Church and then Rev. Carol Backhouse, vicar of Christ Church, read a bible passage. A hymn was sung after each reading on the walk, and palm crosses and hot cross buns (wrapped in serviettes printed with an Easter message), were handed to people in town, which prompted a few conversations. The route via Frances Passage, Penny Street and Marketgate took us to New Street by Barclay's bank where Simon Stuart, Lay Chaplain at Cornerstone, read. Next it was round the block via Church Street to Horseshoe Corner where a musician with a loud amplifier kindly paused for Rev. Dr. Irene John of Trinity URC to read and us to sing. Our final stop was Market Square, where another musician gave us a break, and Roy Stephenson of the



Society of Friends (Quakers) read, Rev. Leah Vasey-Saunders, vicar of Lancaster, gave a Good Friday message and a prayer, hymns were sung and Bishop Paul Swarbrick, Roman Catholic Bishop of Lancaster gave the blessing.

The Way of the Cross walk showed that churches in Lancaster are working

together to take the Easter story beyond the walls of their various church buildings and it was good to talk to one another and to passers-by.

Arton Medd

Photo courtesy of Pauline Jameson of Lancaster Baptist Church

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 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.



Parish Walk:

Last month we had a lovely walk from Over Wyresdale church which was full of crocus and daffodils up to the nearby Meeting House where we had a pleasant sit looking out at the daffodils and over to the fells. As a bonus we also called in to see the wonderful display

of spring flowers at Dolphinholme church.

The next parish walk will be on **Sunday 16th April** when we will be doing a 4 mile walk from the village of Hutton Roof to a nearby wood full of primroses. As usual we will meet at church at **12:15pm** for a picnic lunch. For further information please contact Maureen on 07531 285199.

Maureen Leach



VICAR: Rev Dr Rebecca Aechtner:

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Rest day is Friday – if you have an urgent enquiry then please contact a Churchwarden.

ASSISTANT PRIEST: Rev Catherine Haydon: Tel: 07723 642973;

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Rest day is Tuesday – if you have an urgent enquiry then please contact Rev Rebecca or a Church warden.

CHURCHWARDEN: Mrs Jayne Weatherill:

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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



Do you have the expertise to help us help others,
by writing bids for grants to fund our operational costs?

We are looking for a **volunteer** for the specialist role of

FUND-RAISER (GRANTS)

to replace our current Fund-Raiser when he retires.

This is a crucial role for The Olive Branch (**Faith in Action**).

We'd love to hear from you if you could fill it!

For further details and an informal conversation

contact linda.currin@the-olivebranch.org.uk

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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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