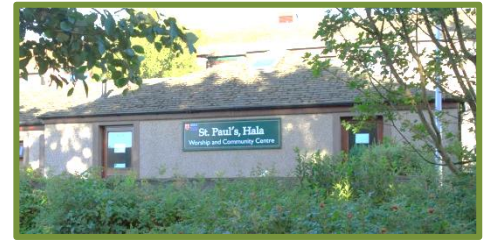




**ST PAUL'S PARISH
NEWS
20th April 2023**



**Sunday Worship – 23rd April 2023
Easter 3**

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

9:45am – Joint Service of the Word at St Paul's, Scotforth Road
including the APCM

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: Appletree Drive, Appletree Close, Abbeystead Drive

From our Church prayer diary: Our Church Choral Groups

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, Christine Medd

All who mourn: Janet Sloan, Peter Callan, Lawrence Walker

Parish Diary for the coming week:

Date & Time	Name of Event
Thursday 27 th April at 12 noon	Funeral Service for Lawrence Walker at St Paul's Church

Collect for 23rd April 2023:

Risen Christ,
you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope:
strengthen us to proclaim your risen life
and fill us with your peace,
to the glory of God the Father.

Readings for 23rd April 2023:

Acts 2.14a, 36-41

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.

³⁶ Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.'

³⁷ Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, 'Brothers, what should we do?' ³⁸ Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

³⁹ For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.' ⁴⁰ And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, 'Save yourselves from this

corrupt generation.’⁴¹ So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

Luke 24.13-35

¹³ Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, ‘What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?’ They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, ‘Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?’ ¹⁹He asked them, ‘What things?’ They replied, ‘The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²²Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.’ ²⁵Then he said to them, ‘Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?’ ²⁷Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

²⁸ As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹But they urged him strongly, saying, ‘Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.’ So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other, ‘Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?’ ³³That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴They were saying, ‘The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!’ ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Post Communion Prayer for 23rd April 2023:

Living God,
your Son made himself known to his disciples
in the breaking of bread:
open the eyes of our faith,
that we may see him in all his redeeming work;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

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Readings for next Sunday:

Acts 2.42-end; John 10.1-10

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.



VICAR: Rev Dr Rebecca Aechtner:

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

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PARISH OFFICE: The office is open Monday to Friday from 9.30am – 12 noon.

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BAPTISMS AND WEDDINGS: Booking enquiries - please contact Jayne Weatherill

through the parish office or Email: lifeyvents@stpauls-scotforth.org

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FACEBOOK: regular updates about life at St Paul's can be found:

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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



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 Postcard Delivery

Thank you to everyone who took some postcards for delivery within the parish. Ours arrived before 12 noon on Sunday however there are many more still to go out. One volunteer offered to do her street, but unfortunately it was outside our boundary, so she took another one instead.

So how big is St Paul's parish? It's about 4 miles east to west and 3 miles north to south but the church is nowhere near the middle. You can go towards Quernmore down the zig-zag hill to Conder Mill, which is in the parish, but Greaves Park is not. Within the city the boundary has been shifted now and then, but has stayed the same in rural areas for many years. So from Conder Mill the boundary follows the River Conder southwards to near Lancaster University, then across its land, through Lancaster House Hotel car park, over the A6, and after a small dip south to Canal bridge No. 89, follows a straight line north west, crossing Lancaster Golf Club's course, to the River Lune which it follows northwards. It comes back inland through Aldcliffe to the canal. From here onwards the boundary passes south of Haverbreaks, up Ashton Road then under the bridge on Bridge Road and left to follow Binyon and Brunton Roads to the A6. Next it goes up the side of Greaves Park, over the hill to Avondale Road and right at Bowerham Post Office following the middle of the road to the bridge over Burrow Beck, which itself becomes the boundary up to the north side of the Leisure Park. The last bit is across fields and the M6 to join the River Conder half a mile upstream from where we began.

If you would like to deliver postcards, even to the outlying parts, just collect some extras from church!

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PLEASE SUPPORT OUR FUNDRAISING



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At Services in St Paul's Church or St Paul's, Hala Centre
From the Parish Office (Monday - Friday 9.30-12noon)

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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

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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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

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