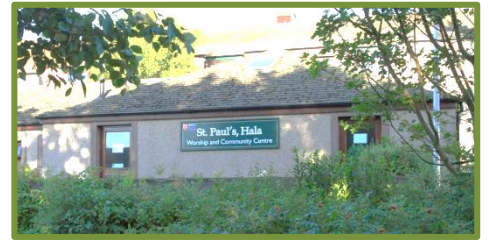




**ST PAUL'S PARISH  
NEWS  
27<sup>th</sup> April 2023**



**Sunday Worship – 30<sup>th</sup> April 2023  
Easter 4**

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

9:45am – Holy Communion at 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



***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:** Claughton Drive, Hala Road, Cockersands Drive

**From our Church prayer diary:** The Women's Fellowship Members

**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

### **Collect for 30th April 2023:**

Risen Christ,  
faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:  
teach us to hear your voice  
and to follow your command,  
that all your people may be gathered into one flock,  
to the glory of God the Father.

### **Readings for 30th April 2023:**

#### **Acts 2.42-end**

<sup>42</sup>They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

<sup>43</sup> Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. <sup>44</sup>All who believed were together and had all things in common; <sup>45</sup>they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup>Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup>praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

This is the word of the Lord.

## **John 10.1-10**

10'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. 2The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. 3The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. 4When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. 5They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.' 6Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

7 So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. 8All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. 9I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. 10The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

### **Post Communion Prayer for 30th April 2023:**

Merciful Father,  
you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd,  
and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again:  
keep us always under his protection,  
and give us grace to follow in his steps;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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**Readings for next Sunday:**  
Acts 7.55-end; John 14.1-14

## **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](mailto:office@stpauls-scotforth.org)

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



**VICAR:** Rev Dr Rebecca Aechtner:

**Tel:** 749693; **Email:** [vicar@stpauls-scotforth.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:office@stpauls-scotforth.org)

**BAPTISMS AND WEDDINGS:** Booking enquiries - please contact Jayne Weatherill

through the parish office or Email: [lifeyvents@stpauls-scotforth.org](mailto: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](mailto: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.

**Please Note: The Parish Office will be closed on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May and Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May for the Bank Holidays.**

## **Parish Postcard Delivery**

Thank you to everyone who took some postcards for delivery within the parish. 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!

***Arton Medd***



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](mailto:linda.currin@the-olivebranch.org.uk)

## 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

**PLEASE SUPPORT OUR FUNDRAISING**



**TOTE  
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FOR  
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**For a  
minimum  
donation  
of  
£5 each**

**AVAILABLE TO BUY:**

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