



ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS



11th May 2023

Sunday Worship – 14th May 2023
Easter 6

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

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

11:15am – Welcome, Word and Worship at St Paul's, Hala

Tuesday at 7.30pm – Reflective Prayer Group meeting 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: Hala Grove, Abbeyfield Close, Hala Crescent

From our Church prayer diary: Our chalice administrators

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: Lawrence Walker

Parish Diary for the coming week:

Date & Time	Name of Event
Monday 15 th May at 2pm	Tea@2 meeting in the Parish Hall – everyone welcome to come along
Monday 15 th May at 7:30pm,	Parochial Church Council meeting in the Parish Hall

Collect for Sunday 14th May:

Risen Christ,

by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples:

help your Church to obey your command

and draw the nations to the fire of your love,

to the glory of God the Father.

Readings for Sunday 14th May:

Acts 17.22-31

²² Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, 'Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. ²³For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, "To an unknown god." What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all

things.²⁶From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live,²⁷so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us.²⁸For “In him we live and move and have our being”; as even some of your own poets have said, “For we too are his offspring.”²⁹Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals.³⁰While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent,³¹because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.’

John 14.15-21

¹⁵ ‘If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. ¹⁷This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

¹⁸ ‘I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.’

Post Communion Prayer for 14th May 2023:

God our Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life:
may we thirst for you,
the spring of life and source of goodness,
through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Readings for next Sunday:

Acts 1.6-14; John 17.1-11

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: 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

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.

If you would like to learn more about supporting your church by monthly Bank Standing Order as an easy and convenient way instead of via the collection plate, then please talk to the Churchwarden or a member of the welcome team to get more information.

Alternatively, you can always email the church office (office@stpauls-scotforth.org) for more information.



Parish Postcard Delivery:

Thank you to everyone who took some postcards for delivery within the parish. We do still have some streets that are waiting for deliveries to be made to them. If you can help then please talk to Rev Rebecca or Jayne; or help yourselves to the streets left from the table at the back of church. Thank you to everyone who has helped with the distribution of the cards so far.

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.



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.

Welcome, Word and Worship

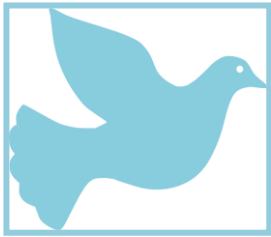
A new approach to meeting for worship is to be introduced at Hala on one Sunday each month. It will become part of the monthly pattern at 11:15am, alongside Holy Communion and Service of the Word.

Welcome, Word and Worship will build on the 'family feel' of the congregation that meets at Hala. Refreshments will be offered from 11:15am, moving into a time of conversation around the main Bible reading for the day soon after 11:30am. Towards midday we will join in a short time of prayer and worship, using a simple liturgy. Sometimes this may be in the form of a 'Quiet Communion'.

Welcome, Word and Worship is an opportunity to try something new that prizes the strengths of a smaller congregation. We hope it will also offer an open door to people who are new to church, or who are looking for something different in their walk with God.

If you'd like to find out more, contact Jim or Linda Currin (07947 122 249). Or why not join us for our first *Welcome, Word and Worship* at The Hala Centre at 11:15am this coming Sunday, 14th May? We'd love to see you there!

Jim & Linda Currin



Crafty Pentecost
Saturday 27th May 2023
2:00pm – 4:00pm
St Paul's Parish Hall

Come and join us for a time of crafty preparation for Pentecost. We will be offering a number of Pentecost themed craft activities, refreshments and a short time of worship.

ALL AGES welcome - children to be accompanied by a responsible adult.

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

Christian Aid Week – 14th -20th May

As we look back on a slightly damp Coronation weekend, we must also remember those parts of the world where the consequences of poor weather are so much more than good old British drizzle. For farmers like Jen Bishop in Malawi, a combination of Cyclone Freddie and rising fertiliser costs mean choosing which child can go to school and which must stay at home. Sunday 14th May marks the start of Christian Aid week, and Jen needs our help. Please give generously to help those suffering most from the climate crisis. We are also looking for volunteers to deliver envelopes, so if you haven't yet found something to do for The Big Help Out, maybe this is could be for you.

Sammy Dawkins

St Paul's Tote Bags

Have you bought and modelled your tote bag yet?

These very useful bags are still available to buy from the back of Church, Hala Worship Centre and the Parish Office.

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR FUNDRAISING



TOTE BAGS FOR SALE

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)



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

JOIN US NOW PLEASE TALK TO JAYNE, CHURCHWARDEN

There are forms to be completed as we follow Safer Recruitment processes for all volunteer roles

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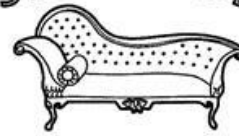
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