



ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS



25th May 2023

Sunday Worship – 28th May 2023
Pentecost

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

9:45am – Holy Communion at St Paul's, Scotforth Road
Please wear red, or something bright, for Pentecost

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: Collingham Park, Oakwood Gardens, The Hawthorns

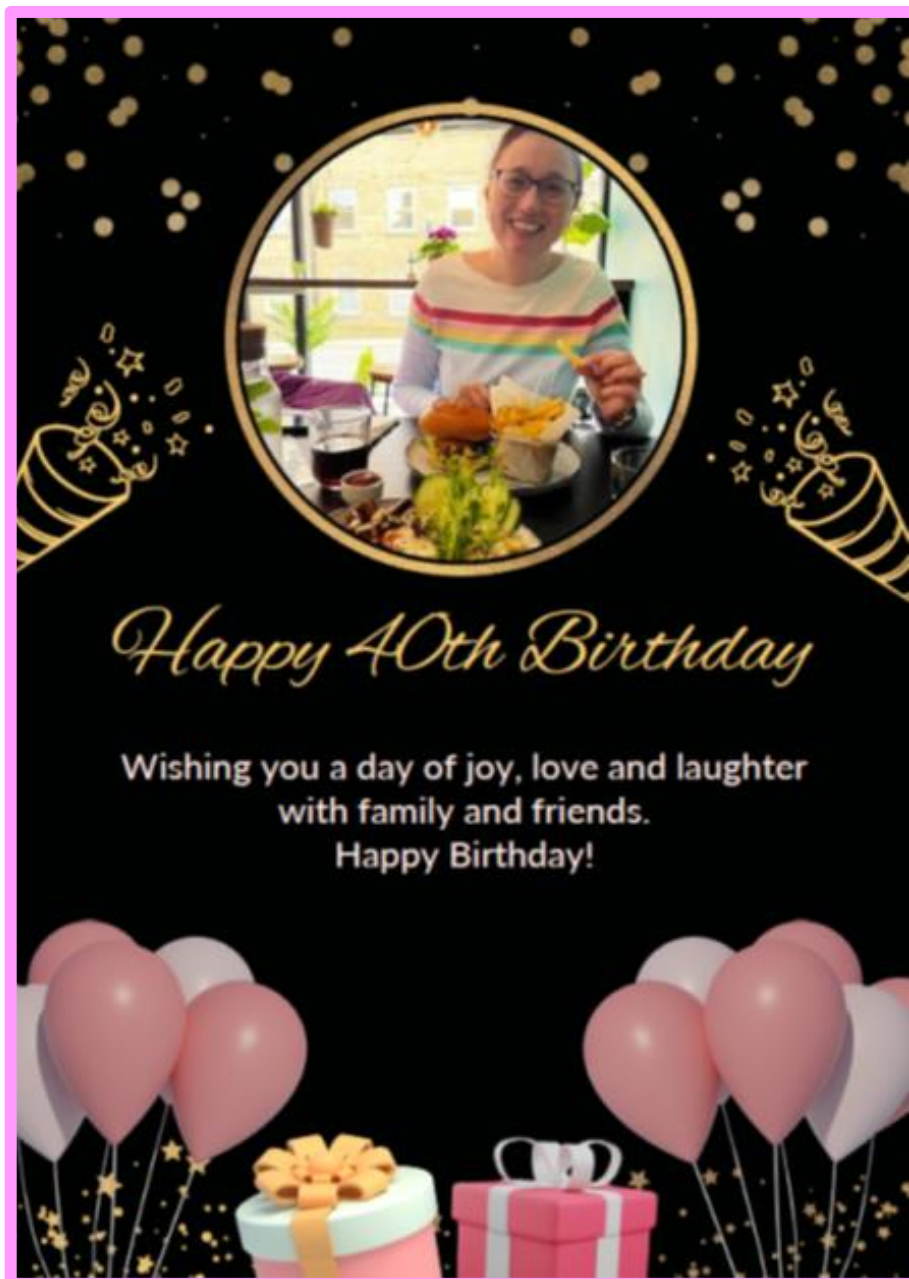
From our Church prayer diary: Our Parish Knitting Team

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: James Michael Edgar

Message from Rev Rebecca:

“I am thankful and humbled by the lovely 40th birthday messages, gifts, cards – and surprise cake and bubbly on Sunday after the 9:45am service. It was a true surprise indeed! Thank you for sharing in the joy and celebrations.”



Collect for Sunday 28th May:

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father,
ignite in us your holy fire,
strengthen us, your children with your gift of faith,
revive your church with the gift of love
and renew the earth
through Jesus Christ our Son.

Readings for Sunday 28th May:

Acts 2.1-21

²When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵ Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?' ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' ¹³But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

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. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷ "In the last

days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. ¹⁸ Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹ And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. ²⁰ The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. ²¹ Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

John 20.19-23

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.' ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

Post Communion Prayer for 28th May 2023:

Faithful God,
who fulfilled the promises of Easter
by sending us your Holy Spirit
and opening to every race and nation
the way of life eternal:
open our lips by your Spirit,
that every tongue may tell of your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Readings for next Sunday:

Isaiah 40.12-17, 27-end; 2 Corinthians 12.11-end; Matthew 28.16-end

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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.

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BAPTISMS AND WEDDINGS: Booking enquiries - please contact Jayne Weatherill through the parish office or Email: lifeevents@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:

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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

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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.



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 29th May, Thursday, 1st June and Thursday 8th June.

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.



Crafty Pentecost

Saturday 27th May 2023

2:00pm – 4:00pm

at 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@phoncoop.coop or Tel: 01524 39018



Christian Aid Envelopes:

Please deliver your donation envelopes to either the Parish Office during office opening hours; or to our secure post box outside the Parish Hall front door

Can you play an instrument?

We are still looking for volunteers to play at our 9:45am service on a rota basis. We are looking for an enthusiasm to enhance our worship not concert level musicians, e.g. Grade 5/6 piano; flute; guitar playing.

Or, are you well-practiced with technology? Would you be willing to go on a rota to operate Spotify or other music platform via Bluetooth using the church sound system?

If you would like to know more then please do talk to Rev Rebecca.



MUSICIANS REQUIRED

We are looking for a team of people to play piano or organ 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

The poster features a colorful background with musical notes and a circular inset showing hands playing a piano keyboard. The St Paul's Church Scotforth logo is visible in the top left corner.

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)

The poster features a central image of a white tote bag with the St Paul's Church Scotforth logo. The logo is a circular emblem with a church building and the text 'St Paul's Church Scotforth'. The background is a light pink and white gradient.

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