



ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS



15th June 2023

Sunday Worship – 18th June 2023 **Trinity 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.***

Message from Reverend Rebecca:

This Sunday is Father's Day, for Father's Day, when we honour our fathers and celebrate fatherhood.

In the bible there are many different names used to describe God. While all the names of God are important in many ways, the name "Abba Father" is one of the most important because it helps us in understanding how God relates to people. The word 'Abba' is an Aramaic word that means 'Father.' It was a common term that expressed affection, confidence, and trust. The most well-known prayer within the Christian tradition is The Lord's Prayer, one that Jesus taught his followers, which begins with the words 'Our Father'. That opening line reminds us of the awesomeness of God who we believe is the creator of heaven and earth.

Most Christians know the Lord's Prayer by heart in their own language, and it is used today by every Christian tradition (though perhaps with variations in the wording). It has a place in all our church services including, funerals, baptisms, and weddings, and forms a pattern of prayer for Christians.

Some people find Father's Day a day to celebrate, while for others it brings up a sense of pain and sadness. Christians believe that God is with us through the tough times as well as the good times, and that our Abba Father loves us and wants to live a life in all its fullness. I pray that this June you will have an opportunity to celebrate and enjoy those who have nurtured and loved you; but I recognise this might not be easy. I hope that you will be able to pray in the name of our Heavenly Father and to receive His peace.

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.



FOR OUR PRAYERS

Our mission Partners: For Stephen and Marit Impey's work with Wycliffe Bible Translators International.

From our Parish prayer diary: Scotforth Road: Brunton House to Burrowbeck

From our Church prayer diary: 16th Lancaster Beavers

We pray for Holly and Ben who are to be married at St Paul's today. We wish them every happiness for their future lives together.

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, Frederick Charles Tyson, Olive Hudson

Parish Diary for the coming week:

Date: 18th June 2023



**Wedding of
Holly and Ben**

Collect for Sunday 18th June:

Faithful Creator,
whose mercy never fails:
deepen our faithfulness to you
and to your living Word,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings for Sunday 18th June:

Romans 5.1-8

5 Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. ⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

Matthew 9.35-10.8

³⁵ Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. ³⁶When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; ³⁸therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.'

10 Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. ²These are the names of the twelve

apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; ³Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax-collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; ⁴Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

⁵ These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: 'Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, ⁶but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷As you go, proclaim the good news, "The kingdom of heaven has come near."⁸Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

Post Communion Prayer for 18th June 2023:

Loving Father,
we thank you for feeding us at the supper of your Son:
sustain us with your Spirit,
that we may serve you here on earth
until our joy is complete in heaven,
and we share in the eternal banquet
with Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Readings for next Sunday:

Genesis 21.8-21; Romans 61b-11; Matthew 10.24-39

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 Walk:

The next Parish walk will be on Sunday June 18th when we will be visiting Warton Open Gardens. The entrance fee is £6. Meet at the rear of church at 12:15pm for a picnic lunch.

Please contact Maureen Leach ([07531 285199](tel:07531285199)) if you would like to join us so that transport can be arranged.

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.

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.



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For a minimum donation of £5 each

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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)

A Change is as Good as a Rest:

As I did not get to church on Sunday, I decided to go to Evensong at the Priory. It turned out to conclude with Benediction, a low key commemoration of the feast of Corpus Christi which Revd Rebecca had told us about last Thursday. Led by the Dean of Lancaster, who preached a commendably brief sermon very similar in content to Revd Rebecca's, and blessed the sacrament on the altar with incense. This would have choked us all in St Pauls but was pleasant in the wide airy space of the Priory. The choir, mostly girls and women, sang an anthem by Byrd, the Catholic composer who amazingly had kept his faith, his job and his head through periods of great religious turmoil in England, reminded us that not all our religious mysteries can be understood in simple language. Two members of the congregation read the lessons and we sang some splendid hymns. I greatly enjoyed the service which was conducted with dignity and grace. Thanks to all who participated.

Pat Illingworth

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- **VICAR:** Rev Dr Rebecca Aechtner: **Tel: 749693;**
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- ***Rest day is Tuesday – if you have an urgent enquiry then please contact Rev Rebecca or a Church warden.***
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- **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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St Barnabas, Christian Aid and Ukraine Flooding:

In her sermon on Sunday Rev Rebecca cited St Barnabas as one who encouraged the disciples in Antioch in their faith. He and St Paul taught them for a whole year and it was there that the disciples of Jesus were first called Christians. The teaching must have included Christian responsibility to the poor and needy as, when the disciples heard of a famine in Judea, they sent relief, each according to their ability, to those in need (Acts 11. 27-30). Perhaps we could claim St Barnabas as the first Christian Aid organiser!

Following the blowing up of the Nova Kakhovka dam in Ukraine, thousands of people have been forced to leave their homes. Christian Aid through Heritage Ukraine got to work immediately by supplying food, water and shelter, and in the coming days they and CA's other partners Alliance for Public Health and World Jewish Relief, will be providing humanitarian supplies to people who have had to leave the affected areas of southern Ukraine. Further information on CA's response and prayers can be found at www.christianaid-ukrainehumanitarianappeal.

Arton Medd

Christian Aid Week:

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Sammy Dawkins for organising the envelope distribution for Christian Aid Week last month. Thanks also to all those who have returned their envelopes.



Tote Bag Challenge: A couple of weeks ago Rebecca issued a challenge to see where in the world our tote bag could be photographed. Want to send your 'Where in the World' photograph? Please email your photo with a short description to the parish office.

Last Sunday I purchased one of your Tote Bags.

The day after I had a pleasant hike up Clougha Pike and the highest points in Bowland at both Ward's Stone trig points. I used the bag for my lunch and attach the pictures of the bag at these points. It might have not gone very far but it has certainly gone up.



Ian Mitchell

The advertisement features a colorful background with musical notes and a piano keyboard. On the left is a circular logo for St Paul's Church Scotforth, showing a church building. On the right is a circular inset showing hands playing a piano keyboard.

**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

Margaret Ives' book on the Fruit of the Spirit:

Hi everyone,

Some of you know that Margaret Ives has written a lovely inspirational book about the Fruit of the Spirit, but just in case it is news to you, I'd like to commend it.

While we have been thinking about the Holy Spirit in the season of Pentecost, it has been a joy to read this little gem. We also discussed it at Hala recently and found it a wonderful resource. It is also being used by the Medd's House Group for their current discussions.

The Orchard of God's Garden



Margaret Ives

Margaret is selling copies for much needed church funds, but the underlying reason for writing it is that she would like us all to think of ourselves as 'God's Orchard' - where we bear more fruit.

The Fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness (Margaret uses the word fidelity), gentleness and self-control. Margaret suggests that the fruit (singular) all stems from the first in the list, 'love' which she expands in separate chapters.

Why do I commend this book? Well, yes, it is fund raising, but also

because Margaret enlightens our understanding of each aspect of the fruit, and inspires us to be more fruitful in our daily lives. There are lovely little stories beautifully told from her own experience (I'll leave you to read about her trying to open a tin of prunes!) which connect with scripture, and each section can be read as a daily devotional.

Originally written as a Lent course and put together for printing as a lock-down project, Margaret still has copies available and it would be good for us all to buy, read, and be more 'fruitful'.

Jim Currin

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