



**ST PAUL'S
PARISH NEWS
13th July 2023**



**Sunday Worship – 16th July 2023
Trinity 6**

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

12:30pm – Holy Baptisms

Tuesday at 7.30pm – Reflective Prayer 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: Lily Grove, Fernbank


From our Church prayer diary: Our Home Groups

We pray for the parents, godparents and family of: Chloe Louise and Holly Harmony who are to be baptised this week

Those who have asked for prayers for healing: Mary Wilson, Eunice Parkinson, Mary Smith, Dorothy Camm, Denis Thorpe, Joan Guenault, John Harding, Irene Harper, Jacqui Lennox, Kath Beck

All who mourn:

Parish Diary for the coming week:

Date and time	Event
Saturday 15 th July at 11:30am 	Wedding of Aleksandra and Stephen
Sunday 16 th July at 12:30pm	Baptisms of Chloe Louise and Holly Harmony
Wednesday 19 th July 7:00pm at the Boot & Shoe	Refresh Ladies' Drinks evening

Collect for Sunday 16th July:

Creator God,
you made us all in your image:
may we discern you in all that we see,
and serve you in all that we do;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings for Sunday 16th July:

Genesis 25.19-end

¹⁹ These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, ²⁰and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. ²¹Isaac prayed to the Lord for his wife, because she was barren; and the Lord granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. ²²The

children struggled together within her; and she said, 'If it is to be this way, why do I live?' So she went to inquire of the Lord. ²³And the Lord said to her, 'Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples born of you shall be divided; one shall be stronger than the other, the elder shall serve the younger.' ²⁴When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. ²⁵The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they named him Esau. ²⁶Afterwards his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them.

²⁷ When the boys grew up, Esau was a skilful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. ²⁸Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob.

²⁹ Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. ³⁰Esau said to Jacob, 'Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!' (Therefore he was called Edom.) ³¹Jacob said, 'First sell me your birthright.' ³²Esau said, 'I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?' ³³Jacob said, 'Swear to me first.' So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. ³⁴Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

Matthew 13.1-9, 18-23

13 That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. ²Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹Let anyone with ears listen!'

¹⁸ 'Hear then the parable of the sower. ¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. ²⁰As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; ²¹yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. ²²As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the

lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. ²³But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.'

Post Communion Prayer for 16th July 2023:

God of our pilgrimage,
you have led us to the living water:
refresh and sustain us
as we go forward on our journey,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Readings for next Sunday:

Genesis 28.10-10a; Romans 8.12-25; Matthew 13.24-30, 36-43

Message about the Parish Hall:

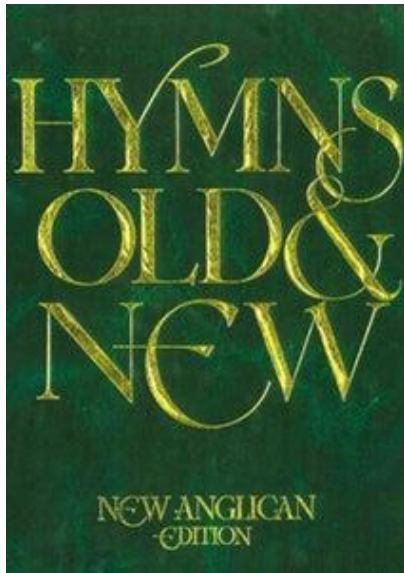
We would like to reassure everyone that the Main Hall at the Parish Hall is closed for **four weeks only during August** for essential ceiling repairs, and will re-open for 'business as usual' at the beginning of September. All other rooms in the hall remain open.

Jayne Weatherill

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.

Tote Bag Challenge: Recently 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. We are sure that your bags will be going on holiday with you somewhere.





'HYMNS OLD AND NEW' BOOKS

The music copies in church of 'Hymns Old and New' are now down to two in number, both of which are looking the worse for wear. If you have a St Paul's copy at home, perhaps one you used when singing with the Scotforth Singers or the Hosanna Singers, please could you return it to church? Maybe you have your own copy which you no longer use and could think about donating or lending it to church. The instrumentalists who have volunteered to lead the music at our services would really

appreciate having a music copy of the hymn book.

With many thanks in anticipation of a good response.

Christine Medd (on behalf of St Paul's music groups)

South Lancaster Churches Together (SLCT) Prayer Walk:

Twenty six people, including a young girl, met at St Paul's last Thursday evening, just as it started to rain! We were not put off or disheartened, so after prayers and a hymn we set off on our walk to visit the other three churches in the South Lancaster Churches Together group.

We went via St Paul's school and Barton Rd Community centre to St Bernadette's church; saw the new flood defence bridge on Cranwell Ave, then through the Shrewsbury Drive allotments to Trinity UR church; across to the Church of the Nazarene, Sharpe's Hill and finished at Lancaster Methodist church, where we were met with very welcome refreshments.

As we walked round, Arton told us about the history/geography of the buildings and areas we passed, which provided some interesting discussions and comments.

At each stop someone led a prayer for that particular building or area, so a large part of Scotforth and the people who live, work, and worship here, was included in our prayers.

The rain was intermittent so we didn't get particularly wet, and we could still read from our hymn sheets! The singing at each of the churches was joyous, cheerful and full of praise.

The evening was a very good celebration for the 25 years of SLCT.

Thank you to those from St Paul's who came on the walk and a special thankyou to those who led a prayer. Your contribution was much appreciated.

It was an interesting, enjoyable evening, talking with friends from our local churches and sharing our worship and praise.

Christine Medd

Item for sale in aid of Church Funds:

We have an off-cut of brand new carpet on offer for a donation to church funds. It is a CORMAR carpet, 40oz wool, colour Heather, size 270cm x 210cm. You would have to collect it yourself. If you are interested please phone Beryl Fawcett, telephone number: 01524 841414.



Raffle prizes and bric-a-brac needed - we are looking for raffle prizes and bric-a-brac for the church garden party on August 19th. If you have anything suitable please leave in the box at the back of church, or hand in to the office or contact Maureen

on 07531285199

Parish Walk:

The next parish walk will be a 4 mile wander round the Silverdale shore line on Sunday **July 23**. We will meet outside at the back of church at 12.15 for a short picnic lunch before setting off. Transport can be shared and offered. Bring your binoculars. Please contact Maureen on 07531 285199 for further information.

Supporting the Church Roof fundraising whilst doing your online shopping:

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• **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

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