



ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS 24th August 2023



Sunday Worship – 27th August 2023 Trinity 12

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

Morning Prayer is taking a break for summer, and will return in October

Thursday at 9:15am – Holy Communion at St Paul's, Scotforth Road

Parish Diary for the coming week:

Date and time	Event
Wednesday 30 th August 7:00pm at the Boot & Shoe	Refresh Ladies' Drinks evening



*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: Brunton Road, Pickard Street, Binyon Court

From our Church prayer diary: All who receive a Pastoral or Home Communion visit in our parish

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

All who mourn: Layton Lee Harrison, Valerie Jean Unsworth, Jacqui Lennox, David Green

Collect for Sunday 27th August:

God of constant mercy,
who sent your Son to save us:
remind us of your goodness,
increase your grace within us,
that our thankfulness may grow,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings for Sunday 27th August:

Exodus 1.8-2.10

⁸Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. ⁹He said to his people, 'Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. ¹⁰Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land.' ¹¹Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labour. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh.

¹²But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. ¹³The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, ¹⁴and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labour. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them.

¹⁵The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, ¹⁶'When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live.' ¹⁷But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. ¹⁸So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, 'Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?' ¹⁹The midwives said to Pharaoh, 'Because the

Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them.' ²⁰So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. ²¹And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. ²²Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, 'Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live.'

² Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. ²The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. ³When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. ⁴His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

⁵ The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. ⁶When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. ⁷Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?' ⁸Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother. ⁹Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.' So the woman took the child and nursed it. ¹⁰When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, 'because', she said, 'I drew him out of the water.'

Romans 12.1-8

¹² I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ²Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

³ For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, ⁵so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Matthew 16.13-20

¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' ¹⁴And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' ¹⁵He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' ¹⁶Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' ¹⁷And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' ²⁰Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Post Communion Prayer for 27th August 2023:

God of all mercy,
in this eucharist you have set aside our sins
and given us your healing:
grant that we who are made whole in Christ
may bring that healing to this broken world,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Readings for next Sunday:

Exodus 3.1-15; Romans 12.9-end; Matthew 16.21-end

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.



Parish Walk:

There will be a 4 mile parish walk on Sunday 3rd September from Jubilee Tower to Damas Gill. Please meet at the back of church at 12:15pm for a picnic lunch. Contact me on 07531 285199 if you need transport.

Maureen Leach



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.

Beryl is pictured here at Edgbaston Cricket ground where they went there to watch Birmingham Phoenix in The Hundred cricket match.

Message from Chris Walker: It was really lovely to join you for all three services on 13th August. It was especially poignant for Tony and I because we were about to move away, and for me because lockdown had prevented me from saying a proper 'goodbye' and from inviting you to my ordination. We'd both like to say thank you for being our church family, for your friendship and support and for your cards and good wishes (and sustaining chocolate: you know who you are!) We are now in our new home, surrounded by boxes but glad to have arrived. Our new address is 28 Chaddesden Close, Dronfield Woodhouse, Dronfield, S18 8QL. You would be very welcome to pop by if you are ever in this part of Derbyshire!

Chris and Tony.

Church Garden Party: A huge thank you to everyone who helped to make the garden party so successful despite the winds and inclement weather. It was held inside but that didn't seem to dampen everyone's enthusiasm. We managed to raise £600 for church funds so once again thank you all for coming.

We do have 2 unclaimed raffle prizes. Please can **Lance Drew and Nicola Lees** contact the church office to arrange collection of their prizes.



David Green by Arton Medd:

Helena Bates, eldest daughter of David and Grace Green has told us of David's death on 11th August at Hexham General Hospital following a cancer diagnosis only a fortnight earlier. Grace has been in a care home since March 2022 as she was diagnosed with vascular dementia. They moved up to Prudhoe, Northumberland about 19 years ago to be near their family.

While in Lancaster they were very much involved with St Paul's and the Hala Centre. David was Churchwarden from 1976 to 1981 and, after the Hala Centre opened in 1984, he and Grace 'rapidly emerged as the lay folk who would provide essential lay leadership over the years'. (St Paul's Scotforth 125. *Peter Gedge*)

A particular memory of one Hala member was that they organised a number of coach trip holidays including to Sidmouth, Devon and Northumberland with the Hala over 60's group.



Our thoughts and prayers go to all the family and friends of David during this very difficult time.

From Left to Right: Rev Gordon Bellinger, Mr Mason (Architect), The Bishop of Blackburn, David Green (Churchwarden), N Lowe (builder) and Frank Hayton (Churchwarden) at the dedication of the kitchen/toilet area on Low Sunday 1978.

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● **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 Churchwarden.

● **CHURCHWARDEN:** Mrs Jayne Weatherill:

● Tel: 60597 or 07986993007; Email: sjaynewweatherill@gmail.com

● **PARISH OFFICE:** The office is open Monday to Friday from 9.30am – 12 noon.

● Closed on Bank Holidays. 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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ADVANCE NOTICE - Date For Diary
Crafty Harvest
Saturday September 16th 2023
2pm - 4pm at St Paul's Parish Hall



Come and join us for a time of crafty preparation for Harvest. We will be offering a number of Harvest 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

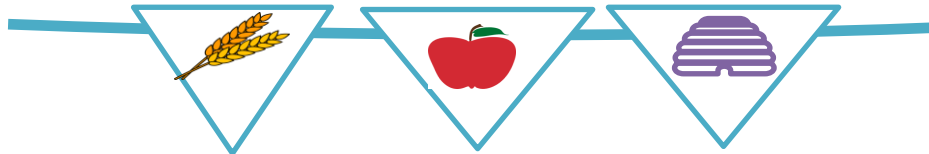
Harvest Bunting

As part of the Crafty Harvest preparations we will be making some harvest themed bunting. If you are unable to join us on September 16th 2023, there is the opportunity to make some bunting at home to add to the collection.

You will find at the back of church some blank bunting triangles for you to decorate with a harvest theme. Please feel free to paint, stitch, stick - whatever you feel like doing.

Please leave them in the basket at the back for church by **Sunday September 10th 2023** so they can be added to the bunting.

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



Request for baked goods from Jen Couchman:
On Saturday 9th September some volunteers from church will be serving tea, coffee, cake at the craft fayre being held that day. If any parishioners would be kind enough to help by baking a cake, we can sell them at the fayre to raise money for church funds . Any cake left over will be donated to our local nursing homes.

We would just need the cakes at the Parish Hall by midday on Saturday 9th.

We are grateful for any help anyone can offer. If you have any questions then please do ask.

Many thanks, Jen