



# ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023



## Sunday Worship – 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2023 Trinity 13

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 – Baptism Service at St Paul's, Scotforth Road

*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 weeks:

Date and time	Event
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September at 12:30pm	Baptisms of Thomas James and Thomas James
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> September at 2pm	Tea@2 in the Parish Hall – everyone welcome to join us.
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm	PCC Meeting in the Parish Hall
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> September at 2pm	Women's Fellowship AGM with speaker in the Parish Hall
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> September at 12.30pm	Funeral of Jacqui Lennox in Church

## FOR OUR PRAYERS

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

**From our Parish prayer diary:** Ash Grove, Bridge Road, West Street

**From our Church prayer diary:** All the staff and pupils at Scotforth St Paul's and all schools in our parish as they begin the new school year.

**We pray for the parents, godparents and family of** Thomas James and Thomas James

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

**All who mourn:** Valerie Jean Unsworth, Jacqui Lennox, David Green

### Collect for Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September:

Almighty God,  
you search us and know us:  
may we rely on you in strength  
and rest on you in weakness,  
now and in all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### Readings for Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September:

#### Exodus 3.1-15

3 Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. <sup>2</sup> There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. <sup>3</sup> Then Moses said, 'I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up.' <sup>4</sup> When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, 'Moses, Moses!' And he said, 'Here I am.' <sup>5</sup> Then he said, 'Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.' <sup>6</sup> He said further, 'I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.' And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. <sup>7</sup> Then the Lord said, 'I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, <sup>8</sup> and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. <sup>9</sup> The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress

them. <sup>10</sup> So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.' <sup>11</sup> But Moses said to God, 'Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?' <sup>12</sup> He said, 'I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain.' The Divine Name Revealed

<sup>13</sup>But Moses said to God, 'If I come to the Israelites and say to them, "The God of your ancestors has sent me to you", and they ask me, "What is his name?" what shall I say to them?' <sup>14</sup> God said to Moses, 'I am who I am.' He said further, 'Thus you shall say to the Israelites, "I am has sent me to you." ' <sup>15</sup> God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, "The Lord , the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you": This is my name for ever, and this my title for all generations.

### **Matthew 16.21-end**

<sup>21</sup> From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. <sup>22</sup>And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, 'God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.' <sup>23</sup>But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

<sup>24</sup> Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>25</sup>For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. <sup>26</sup>For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

<sup>27</sup> 'For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. <sup>28</sup>Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.'

### **Post Communion Prayer for 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2023:**

God our creator,  
you feed your children with the true manna,  
the living bread from heaven:  
let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage  
until we come to that place where hunger and thirst are no more;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Readings for next Sunday:  
Exodus 12.1-14; Romans 13.8-end; Matthew 18.15-20**

**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**



**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@phoncoop.coop](mailto:kaf@phoncoop.coop) or 01524 39018

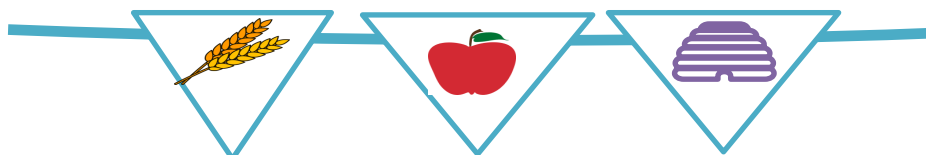
**Harvest Bunting**

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@phoncoop.coop](mailto:kaf@phoncoop.coop) or 01524 39018





## Request for baked goods from Jen

**Couchman:** On

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

# CRAFT DE-STASH

**Saturday 9th September**  
**2pm - 4pm**  
**St Paul's Parish Hall**  
**Scotforth Rd**  
**Lancaster**

Free Entry  
 Refreshments available from Parish Hall Volunteers

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*Many thanks, Jen*

- **VICAR:** Rev Dr Rebecca Aechtner: Tel: 749693;
- Email: [vicar@stpauls-scotforth.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:sjayneweatherill@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](mailto:office@stpauls-scotforth.org)
- **BAPTISMS AND WEDDINGS:** Booking enquiries - please contact Jayne Weatherill through the parish office or Email: [lifeyvents@stpauls-scotforth.org](mailto: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](mailto:pastoral@stpauls-scotforth.org) or telephoning Irene on Tel: 64701.
- **Scotforth School:** Headteacher – Mrs Katie Walsh – Tel: 01524 65379

## **Secondary School Admissions Meetings:**

We are now taking bookings for Ripley St Thomas Church School Supplementary Forms to be signed. There will be two evenings – Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October and Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October between 6.00pm and 7.30pm in the Parish Office. Please contact the office by telephone to make an appointment (9.30-12 noon Mon-Fri) or email at [office@stpauls-scotforth.org](mailto:office@stpauls-scotforth.org)

In order to make an appointment we will need the following information:

- Preferred date;
- Your name;
- Your child's name;
- Your child's school;
- Your contact telephone number.

If you email for an appointment you will receive a confirmation email stating the date and time of your appointment. Please remember that you will need to bring your school admission green card with you and the supplemental form you received in your RST prospectus pack. Please note, only one parent needs to attend the meeting in order to reduce any possible congestion in the Parish Hall.

**Women's Fellowship:** The Women's Fellowship will meet again on Monday 11th September in the Parish hall at 2pm. It will be our AGM and we'll have a speaker. Subs will be collected in October. New members will be welcome along with our existing members.

*Jean Mount*

**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.

## **"SONGS OF PRAISE" 17th September:**

To celebrate 25 years of working together South Lancaster Churches Together (St. Paul's, St. Bernadette's, Lancaster Methodist and Trinity URC ) are holding a special service of " Songs of Praise" at 3 p.m. on 17th September at St, Bernadette's. There will be hymns and readings chosen by representatives of all four churches and reflections on our work together



over the years and our hopes for the future. PLEASE DO COME ALONG to meet fellow-Christians and take part in this celebration. (For further details, contact Margaret Ives, tel.67346).

**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.



**Volunteers needed – Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September, 2pm, Parish Hall:** The building work in the hall was completed yesterday and we need help with some cleaning and moving furniture this afternoon. There was a delay in completing the work and we need to re-

open tomorrow morning for the groups that meet there from Monday morning. Many hands make light work..... if there is a good number of us it shouldn't take more than an hour or so. Please bring a bucket with you if you plan to come along – thank you.

**FUN CHURCH**

**SUNDAY AT  
PARISH HALL**

**VOLUNTEERS  
NEEDED!**



*Could you spare some time on Sunday morning to help out with prayers, crafts and weekly discussions in Fun Church?*

*If you're interested, please talk to Jayne or Rev. Rebecca, or email [youngchurch@stpauls-scotforth.org](mailto:youngchurch@stpauls-scotforth.org).*

*This position will be subject to safer recruitment processes and relevant checks and training.*



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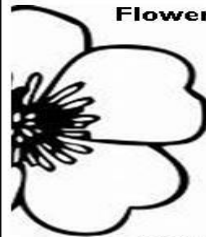
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