

ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS 3rd August 2023



Sunday Worship – 6th August 2023 **Transfiguration of Our Lord/Trinity 9**

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 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 week: | |
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| Date and time | Event |
| Sunday 6 th August at 12:30pm | Baptism of Mia Rose and Lydia Charlotte |
| Wednesday 9 th August 7:00pm at the Boot & Shoe | Refresh Ladies' Drinks evening |

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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: Bedford Place, Rutland Avenue, Gloucester Avenue

From our Church prayer diary: Wednesday Morning Prayer Group Members

We pray for the parents, godparents and family of Mia Rose and Lydia Charlotte who are to be baptised this week

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

All who mourn: Jean Brown, Eunice Parkinson, Margaret Hoyle

Collect for Sunday 6th August:

Father in heaven,

whose Son Jesus Christ was wonderfully transfigured before chosen witnesses upon the holy mountain, and spoke of the exodus he would accomplish at Jerusalem: give us strength so to hear his voice and bear our cross that in the world to come we may see him as he is; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

Readings for Sunday 6th August:

Daniel 7.9-10, 13-14

⁹ As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne; his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire. ¹⁰ A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousand served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgement, and the books were opened. ¹³As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. ¹⁴ To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

Luke 9.28-36

²⁸ Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³⁰Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. ³¹They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³²Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. ³³Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah'—not knowing what he said. ³⁴While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. ³⁵Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!' ³⁶When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

Post Communion Prayer for 6th August 2023:

Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings for next Sunday: Genesis 37.1-4,12-18; Romans 10.5-15; Matthew 14.22-33

Submissions for the Parish News: The deadline each week is **Tuesday at <u>11:30am</u>**, 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.



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.

Raffle prizes and bric-a-brac needed - we are looking for raffle prizes and bric-a-brac for the Church Garden Party on Saturday 19th August. 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 07531 285199



We are still looking for a few more outside activities

for children to play with at the garden party such as skipping ropes, hula hoops, swing-ball, croquet and other lawn games which we could borrow. If they need collecting please contact the Church Office or Maureen, as above.

Planned closure of the ticket office at Lancaster Railway Station:

Cat Smith, our MP, set up a petition to enable anyone who wished to object to the planned closure of the ticket office at Lancaster railway station to do so. The on-line petition was user-friendly, but excluded all who didn't use the internet. In many cases these were the people most likely to need the ticket office. The closing date for the petition was July 26th.

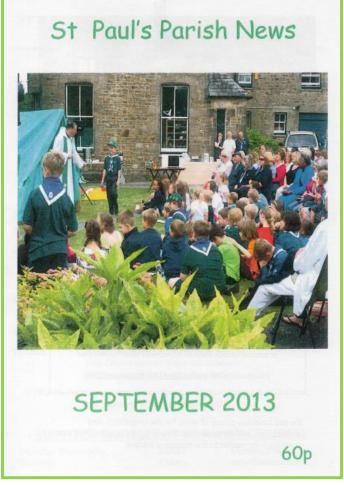
Cat would like to thank all those who permitted me to provide her with their names and addresses. She personally added these names to the petition - seventeen in all.

It appears that there is nationwide opposition to the planned ticket office closures, and the deadline for the consultation has now been extended until September. *Iris Dootson*

St Paul's Parish Hall 90th Anniversary Celebration 20th – 21st July 2013

'The building will be here in 2048 for a celebration of our 100 years trusteeship' (Parish News last week) but many of us will have long gone by then, so why not stir memories of the 90th anniversary of the building in 2013?

For those who have joined us post Covid, until lockdown we had a printed monthly Parish News/Magazine. The July/August 2013 theme was the Parish Hall 90th anniversary, an architect's impression drawing is on the cover, and items on the acquisition of the land, the raising of funds and memories of older parishioners are inside. Did you know that the Parish Hall was used as an overflow for two classes of St Paul's School and that, as well



as other current congregation members, our treasurer, Brian Threlfall was a pupil there? On the Saturday (20th July) Rev. Canon Gordon Bellinger (St Paul's vicar from July 1968 to May 1993) opened the celebration weekend and birthday cakes were cut by the oldest surviving and the youngest 'daughters of the vicarage' - Mary Stoneham and Anna Gisbourne respectively. As well as the cakes the coffee morning had a showcase of hall users including a dance from Holly Johnstone, and one from the Scottish Dance Group. An exhibition of activities past and present ran throughout the day. Fifty people stayed for the Christian Aid 'Super Soup' lunch. The afternoon was Messy Church time followed by

Afternoon Tea and the day concluded with an evening Ceilidh attended by families and individuals alike.

On the Sunday morning we had the Open Air service with over two hundred adults and children attending, the Scouts provided a barbecue lunch and we had a bouncy castle and a treasure hunt in the church gardens. In the September News edition Rev Sharon Wilkinson, our then curate,

wrote 'What a weekend! So many people contributed to making these celebrations a success with the Gospel message being brought to over 500 people over the two days.'

For those around there will be more to tell at the 2048 Trusteeship Centenary I'm sure, but it is interesting to note that this year is also its 75th Anniversary. *Arton Medd*

Hymn Books: 'Thanks'

A heartfelt thankyou to those generous and helpful people who have provided hymn books for the members of the instrumental groups who play for our church services; and also to those who offered to pay for new books. It is all greatly appreciated. We now have four 'new' music hymn books, in good condition. Wonderful!

Christine Medd

Feed your foodbank!

You may have seen a recent article in the Lancaster Guardian highlighting how stocks are currently running very low in all the foodbanks in this area. The high cost of food has hit us all.



The Olive Branch, Morecambe Bay Foodbank and West End Impact (Morecambe) have made a joint appeal for donations of tinned or packet foods. Please prayerfully consider making a contribution during the coming weeks, when many families are facing extra food costs while their children are at home during the school holidays

There are collection points for The Olive Branch at St Paul's Scotforth Road and at Hala Worship Centre. Please 'feed your foodbank' so that we can feed people in need. Linda Currin

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| | <u>is Friday – if you have an urgent enquiry then please contact a Churchwarder</u> |
| | ANT PRIEST: Rev Catherine Haydon: Tel: 07723 642973; |
| | therine@stpauls-scotforth.org |
| <u>Rest day</u> | <u>is Tuesday – if you have an urgent enquiry then please contact Rev Rebecca or</u> |
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| CHURC | HWARDEN: Mrs Jayne Weatherill: |
| Tel: 6059 | 7 or 07986993007; Email: sjayneweatherill@gmail.com |
| PARISH | OFFICE: The office is open Monday to Friday from 9.30am – 12 noon. |
| Tel: 01524 | 4 843135; Email: office@stpauls-scotforth.org |
| BAPTIS | MS AND WEDDINGS: Booking enquiries - please contact Jayne Weatherill |
| through t | he parish office or Email: <u>lifeevents@stpauls-scotforth.org</u> |
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| https://str | <u>bauls-scotforth.org</u> then visit the Hiring our Spaces area at the top of the page. |
| | DOK: regular updates about life at St Paul's can be found: |
| | thstpaulschurch |
| | RAM: @scotforthstpauls |
| | RAL CARE TEAM: Our Clergy and Pastoral Care Team are here to listen and |
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| | You can contact them by either emailing <u>pastoral@stpauls-scotforth.org</u> or |
| 1 | ng Irene on Tel: 64701. |
| Scotforth | School: Headteacher – Mrs Katie Walsh – Tel: 01524 65379 |







SCOTFORTH, ST PAUL'S **GARDEN PARTY** SATURDAY AUG. 19th 2.00 - 4.00pm £2 including refreshments Raffle, cakes, bric-a-brac, book, plant & produce stalls, games, & garden tours

