



ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS 21st September 2023



Sunday Worship – 24th September 2023 Harvest Thanksgiving (Festival)



8:00am - BCP Holy Communion at St Paul's, Scotforth Road

9:45am – Harvest Parade Service at
St Paul's, Scotforth Road

11:15am – Hala Harvest 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
Friday 29 th September at 11am Parish Hall	MacMillan Coffee Morning
Friday 29 th September, 11am at Cockerham Church	Funeral of Revd Canon Roger Hamblin

***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: Devonshire Street, Franklin Street, Cheltenham Road, Victoria Avenue

From our Church prayer diary: Our funeral and wedding vergers

Those who have asked for prayers for healing: Mary Wilson, Mary Smith, Dorothy Camm, Denis Thorpe, John Harding, Richard Impey, Ciarán

All who mourn: Jacqui Lennox, Jean Norbury, Michael Forster, Revd Canon Roger Hamblin

Collect for Sunday 24th September:

Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their seasons: grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for every. Amen.

Readings for Sunday 24th September:

Psalm 145

- I will extol you, my God and King,
and bless your name for ever and ever.
- ² Every day I will bless you,
and praise your name for ever and ever.
- ³ Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,
and his greatness is unsearchable.
- ⁴ One generation shall laud your works to another,
and shall declare your mighty acts.
- ⁵ On the glorious splendour of your majesty,
and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.
- ⁶ The might of your awesome deeds shall be proclaimed,
and I will declare your greatness.
- ⁷ They shall celebrate the fame of your abundant goodness,
and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.
- ⁸ The LORD is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
- ⁹ The LORD is good to all,
and his compassion is over all that he has made.
- ¹⁰ All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,
and all your faithful shall bless you!
- ¹¹ They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom,

and tell of your power,
¹² to make known to all people your mighty deeds,
and the glorious splendour of your kingdom.
¹³ Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and your dominion endures throughout all generations.
The LORD is faithful in all his words,
and gracious in all his deeds.
¹⁴ The LORD upholds all who are falling,
and raises up all who are bowed down.
¹⁵ The eyes of all look to you,
and you give them their food in due season.
¹⁶ You open your hand,
satisfying the desire of every living thing.
¹⁷ The LORD is just in all his ways,
and kind in all his doings.
¹⁸ The LORD is near to all who call on him,
to all who call on him in truth.
¹⁹ He fulfils the desire of all who fear him;
he also hears their cry, and saves them.
²⁰ The LORD watches over all who love him;
but all the wicked he will destroy.
²¹ My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD,
and all flesh bless his holy name for ever and ever.

Matthew 20.1-16

²⁰For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. ³When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; ⁴and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went. ⁵When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. ⁶And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?" ⁷

They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard." ⁸When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first." ⁹When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. ¹⁰Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual

daily wage. ¹¹And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹²saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." ¹³But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first will be last.'

Post Communion Prayer for 24th September 2023:

Lord of the harvest,
with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation
and have shared in the bread and the wine of the kingdom:
by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us
and make us generous and wise stewards
of the good things we enjoy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Readings for next Sunday:

Exodus 17.1-7; Philippians 2.1-13; Matthew 21.23-32

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.



Bulb Planting for Next Spring:

If you are thinking of planting bulbs this autumn it would be lovely if you could plant a small bowl of tulips ready for a fund raising event I'm hoping to hold next spring. Thank you.

Maureen Leach

MacMillan Coffee Morning

The Inner Wheel Club of Lancaster will be holding a coffee morning in aid of MacMillan Nurses on **Friday 29th September at 11am** in the parish hall.

You are all cordially invited to come and drink coffee, buy cakes, win raffle prizes and enjoy a good chat in aid of this very worthy cause

Vivienne Bonnett



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 10th October and Wednesday 11th 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

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.

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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 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.
• 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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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.



Jean Mount
accepting
the 'tote bag
challenge'
on Lake Garda at Riva and Limone





Ian Mitchell on holiday with his son James, daughter-in-law Clare and granddaughter Ellie, they found the tote bag handy on their trip to Fingal's cave on the island of Staffa.

A New Choir:

St Paul's Singers will be our new choir at St Paul's, for all ages and for anyone who can sing a tune. We will be practicing after the 9.45am service on the 2nd Sunday of the month (8th October for our first sing!) for around 30 minutes. I'd love to see as many people there so we can make our church more musical!



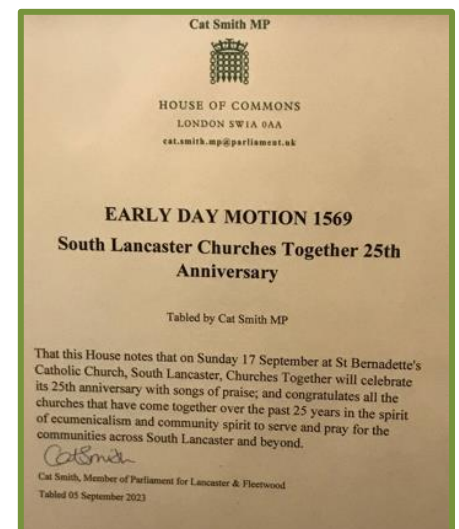
Emily Sanders

SLCT Songs of Praise



Last Sunday afternoon Fr David Branford welcomed to St Bernadette's about sixty members from different churches who made a cheerful sound singing familiar hymns to celebrate twenty five years of South Lancaster Churches Together. At the beginning of the service our Lancaster MP, Cat Smith, who is a member of Lancaster Methodist Church, presented Rev. Irene John with a copy of an Early Day Motion which she had tabled in Parliament congratulating 'all the churches that have come together over the past

25 years in the spirit of ecumenicalism to serve and pray for the communities across South Lancaster and beyond.'



Bible readings and prayers interspersed the hymns and we were also reminded of many of the group's activities, which included services during Advent and Lent, and for Ascension Day in St Martin's College chapel. An ecumenical choir had been formed to sing Garth Hewitt's 'Feast of Life' and Advent Carol services led by the choir continued from thereon. Prayer Walks during which we pray for people, the environment and public services took place during the summer, and SLCT joined Lancashire Sings Christmas in December.

Christian Aid quizzes were good social fund-raising evenings.

Changes in which churches played a leading role during the past 25 years were noted, some positive such as the growth of Fairtrade, campaigns to cancel the debts of poor countries, human rights and an increase in activity to protect the environment. However housing problems, fuel poverty and the need for foodbanks were reminders that the churches need to adapt to changing times. Most of the congregation stayed on for refreshments after the service and memories of people and activities were shared over coffee and cakes.

It was a joyous, festive afternoon praising and thanking God for his many blessings.

Arton and Christine Medd



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.

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



CHARITY CEILIDH

St Paul's Church Scotforth

Friday 13th October
7pm-9.30pm

ST PAUL'S PARISH HALL, LANCASTER
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£3 AGE 3-16
£5 ADULTS

Join us for an evening of Scottish dancing!
All proceeds go to St Paul's Church, Scotforth

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