



ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS

28th September 2023



Sunday Worship – 1st October 2023 Trinity 17

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

9:45am – Holy Communion, 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 will return on Wednesday 11th October

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

Parish Diary for the coming week:

Date and time	Event
Sunday 1 st October at 12:30pm at St Paul's Church	Holy Baptism of Esme Hazel and Emily Grace
Monday 2 nd October at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall Meeting Room	PCC Meeting



***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: Church Avenue, St Paul's Drive, St Paul's Road

From our Church prayer diary: Our environmental witness

We pray for the parents, godparents and family of: Esme Hazel and Emily Grace who are to be baptised this week

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 1st October:

Gracious God,
you call us to fullness of life:
deliver us from unbelief
and banish our anxieties
with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings for Sunday 1st October:

Philippians 2.1-13

2 If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, ²make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. ⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

¹²Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation

with fear and trembling; ¹³ for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Matthew 21.23-32

²³ When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, 'By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?' ²⁴ Jesus said to them, 'I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵ Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?' And they argued with one another, 'If we say, "From heaven", he will say to us, "Why then did you not believe him?" ²⁶ But if we say, "Of human origin", we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.' ²⁷ So they answered Jesus, 'We do not know.' And he said to them, 'Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. ²⁸ 'What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, "Son, go and work in the vineyard today." ²⁹ He answered, "I will not"; but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰ The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, "I go, sir"; but he did not go. ³¹ Which of the two did the will of his father?' They said, 'The first.' Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, the tax-collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³² For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

Post Communion Prayer for 1st October 2023:

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Readings for next Sunday:

Deuteronomy 8.7-18; 2 Corinthians 9.6-end; Luke 12.16-30

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.



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.



Rebecca Long sends 'greetings from Germany' in front of the Magdeburg Town Hall.



Muriel, Christine and Pat on holiday in the Isle of Man, sat with Norman Wisdom.

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.

Women's Fellowship

We shall be meeting on Monday the 9th October in the Parish Hall at 2pm when we shall be collecting subs (£10); and our speaker will be from Age UK telling us how to avoid scams and fraud. Everyone is welcome as a member or as a visitor.

Jean Mount

House or Flat required to rent: We have a young family from the Ukraine who attend our church regularly and they are looking for a two bedroom house or flat to rent in Lancaster. They are being asked to leave their current home as it is student accommodation and they do not plan to return to the Ukraine at this time. Can you help? Do you know of anyone who has a property that is available? Please can you contact Rev Rebecca or the Parish Office if you know of anywhere suitable.

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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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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



Practice makes perfect:

The rather unruly behaviour of the Scout and Guide flags at the Harvest Service – falling over in the Chancel and nearly removing a window over the west door on the way out – reminded me of an incident as a Girl Guide in the 1950's.

Our church in Huyton was bigger than St Paul's, Scotforth, and our parade service rather more formal. We had to meet on the preceding Saturday to practice. Our Chancel was entered from the Nave by four steps under a medieval oak screen. The way up to the Altar was easy enough but on the way back, unless you began lowering your flag immediately you turned around, it did not fit under the precious oak screen.

One Remembrance Sunday we were joined by a man from the British Legion who flung his flag in the air and plunged underneath as though he were in a joust. On the way back from the Altar he miscalculated and whacked the 1460's treasure *really hard*. At which the Vicar leapt up in his stall and shouted some rude words – giving his opinion as to where the British Legion man should spend eternity. Shock and horror in the congregation, and amusement to the Scouts and Guides ... who had negotiated the hazard perfectly!

Pat Illingworth

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**Friday 13th October
7pm-9.30pm**

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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.

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