



**ST PAUL'S
PARISH NEWS
7th September 2023**



**Sunday Worship – 10th September 2023
Trinity 14**

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

9:45am – Holy Communion at St Paul's, Scotforth Road

11:15am – Welcome, Word and Worship
Service of the Word at St Paul's, Hala

6:30pm – Evening Worship: Evening Prayer
at St Paul's Scotforth Road
(this service will be on the 2nd Sunday of each month)

***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**



***Worshipping God,
Growing in Faith,
Serving the Community.***

Message from Rev Rebecca:

This week most of our school students and staff returned for a new academic year. The headlines are dominated by the safety concerns over RAAC concrete and its impact on our beloved children and all those who work and volunteer in schools. Let us commit ourselves to pray for everyone working and learning in education settings, especially those starting a new school.

Here is a prayer for the first week of school from the Church of England:

Loving God, let me be strong today
as I meet new people in new places.
Make me brave when I am worried,
show me how to learn from everyone around me,
and help me to do my very best. Amen.

On Saturday, Anderson was interviewed by Joe Wilson on BBC Radio Lancashire about the 60th anniversary of Martin Luther King Jr's 'I have a dream' speech. I've asked Anderson to preach on what this iconic vision means for us today. What is our dream for our parish and our lives?

"when we allow freedom ring, when we let it ring from every village and every hamlet, from every state and every city, we will be able to speed up that day when all of God's children, Black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual: Free at last. Free at last. Thank God almighty, we are free at last."

Parish Diary for the coming weeks:

Date and time	Event
Monday 11 th September at 2pm	Women's Fellowship AGM with speaker in the Parish Hall
Monday 11 th September at 7.15 pm	Home Group at 14 Ashford Close. New members welcome, contact jim.currin@me.com for more details.
Monday 11 th September at 7.30 pm	Home Group at 20 Hala Grove. New members welcome, contact hkadmin@phonecoop.coop for more details.
Tuesday 12 th 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: Dorrington Road, Heaton Road

From our Church prayer diary: Ecumenical relationships

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, Ciarán

All who mourn: Jacqui Lennox

Collect for Sunday 10th September:

Merciful God,
your Son came to save us
and bore our sins on the cross:
may we trust in your mercy
and know your love,
rejoicing in the righteousness
that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Heavenly father,
we thank you for those brave women, men, and children who, armed only with a faith in a God of truth and justice, stood up for equality and human rights.
By the power of your Holy Spirit
help us to become change makers
who courageously work to transform your world
into one where all are afforded the dignity, respect and worth deserving of those made in your image.
Amen.

Readings for Sunday 10th September:

Romans 13.8-end

⁸ Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet'; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹ Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; ¹³let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Matthew 18.15-20

¹⁵ 'If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. ¹⁶But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector. ¹⁸Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.'

Post Communion Prayer for 10th September 2023:

Lord God, the source of truth and love,
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Readings for next Sunday:

Exodus 14.19-end; Romans 14.1-12; Matthew 18.21-35

Contactless Giving in Church is now available.

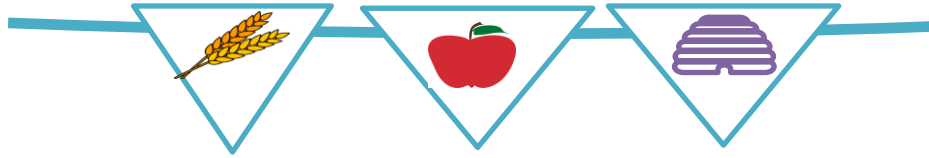
Our machine will be at the back of church so that on your way out, rather than giving a cash donation, you could consider giving by card.



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



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

**CRAFT
DE-STASH**

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

Free Entry
Refreshments available from
Parish Hall Volunteers

Organised by SHE SHED

Request for baked goods from Jen Couchman: This Saturday 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.

Many thanks, Jen

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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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.

The Olive Branch (Faith in Action): Vacancy

The Olive Branch is currently recruiting for the paid post of Project Assistant (Communications and Administration) – part-time for 17 hours per week, salary £9,777 pa. This is a new opportunity to join the small staff team who lead and support the Olive Branch's work as a foodbank and hospitality hub for people facing hardship. Full details are at www.the-olivebranch.org.uk, or contact Linda Currin (07947 122 249) for an initial conversation. Closing date for applications: 6pm on Tuesday 19th September.

Linda Currin

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



Friday 13th October
7pm-9.30pm

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Summer Garden Party Quiz

Thanks to everyone who attempted the “Fruit and Flowers in the Bible “ quiz at the Garden Party. The answers are as follows :

- 1 The tree of the knowledge of good and evil (Genesis 2,15-16).
- 2.The oaks or terebrinths of Mamre (Genesis 18,1-2)
- 3.Cucumbers and water-melons,leeks, onions and garlic (Numbers 11.5-6)
- 4.The olive tree, the fig tree and the vine refused to be kings of the trees (Judges 9,81-14)
- 5.Solomon “discoursed of trees, from the cedar of Lebanon down to the marjoram that grows out of the wall “ (1 Kings 4,32-33)
6. “Happy is the man who does not take the wicked for his guide ...He is like a tree planted by the watercourse “ (Psalm 1, 1-3)
7. The bride in the Song of Songs was refreshed with raisins and apricots (Song of Songs 2, 5)
- 8.The bride’s cheeks are “an orchard of pomegranates “ (Song of Songs 4,13)
9. “The desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose “(Isaiah 35,1) but other translations have asphodel and crocus.
10. Amos was a dresser of sycamore trees (Amos 7, 14-15)
- 11, The mustard seed grows bigger than any garden plant (Matthew 13, 31-32)
12. The lilies of the field are more glorious than Solomon (Matthew 6,28-29)
- 13.Zacchaeus climbed a sycamore tree in order to see Jesus (Luke 19,1-5)
14. A fig tree refused to provide food for Jesus (Matthews 2 1,18-21)
15. The Tree of Life in the New Jerusalem (Revelation 22,1-3)

*The best set of correct answers was sent in by Pat Illingworth.
Congratulations, Pat....*

Margaret Ives

A poster for a Harvest Service. The background is dark wood with a light orange border. It features two pumpkins and several autumn leaves in shades of orange, red, and yellow. The text is arranged in a central area.

*Please come and
join us for our*

HARVEST Service

*We also welcome our Young 'Fun'
Church and Uniformed Groups
to this service*

24th Sept at 9.45am

St Paul's Church, Scotforth

*followed by a BBQ and refreshments
(suggested donation of £1.50)*

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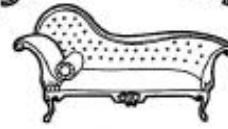
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