



**ST PAUL'S  
PARISH NEWS  
12<sup>th</sup> October 2023**



**Sunday Worship – 15<sup>th</sup> October 2023  
Trinity 19**

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

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

11:15am – Holy Communion at St Paul's, Hala

12:30pm Holy Baptisms – St Paul's, Scotforth Road

**Tuesday** at 7:30pm – Reflective Prayer – St Paul's Scotforth Road

**Wednesday** at 9:00am – Morning Prayer by telephone conference.  
*Please contact Margaret Ives if you would like to join the telephone conference*

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

**Parish Diary for the Coming Week:**

<b>Date and time</b>	<b>Event</b>
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> October at 12:30pm	Baptism of Elijah George and Alfie Mark
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> October at 12:15pm	Parish Walk to Westgate Cemetery



***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:** Eden Park, Hall Park

**From our Church prayer diary:** The After Services Refreshment Team

**We pray for the parents, godparents and family of:** Elijah George and Alfie Mark 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, Ciarán

**All who mourn:** Ben Booth

### **A Collect for Black History Month, Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October:**

Compassionate God,  
who sent Jesus Christ  
to deliver us from all manner of injustices and inequalities,  
create in us new hearts and enlarged visions,  
to see the image of God in every person  
irrespective of background, race and ethnicity.  
May we be generous in our love of others  
as we work towards ending misunderstanding, racism and injustice;  
creating communities of human flourishing,  
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 ever. **Amen.**

### **Readings for Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October:**

#### **Philippians 4.1-9**

4 Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. <sup>2</sup> I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. <sup>3</sup> Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. <sup>4</sup> Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. <sup>5</sup> Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup> Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup> Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything

worthy of praise, think about these things.<sup>9</sup> Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

### **Matthew 22.1-14**

22 Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: <sup>2</sup> ‘The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. <sup>3</sup> He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. <sup>4</sup> Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’’ <sup>5</sup> But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, <sup>6</sup> while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. <sup>7</sup> The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. <sup>8</sup> Then he said to his slaves, ‘‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. <sup>9</sup> Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’’ <sup>10</sup> Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. <sup>11</sup> ‘But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, <sup>12</sup> and he said to him, ‘‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’’ And he was speechless. <sup>13</sup> Then the king said to the attendants, ‘‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’’ <sup>14</sup> For many are called, but few are chosen.’

### **Post Communion Prayer for 15<sup>th</sup> October 2023:**

Holy and blessed God,  
you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son  
and filled us with your Holy Spirit:  
may we honour you,  
not only with our lips  
but in lives dedicated to the service of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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### **Readings for next Sunday:**

**Exodus 33.12-end; 1 Thessalonians 1.1-10; Matthew 22.15-22**

### **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.



**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.

### **Children's Society**

We currently have a few Children's Society collection boxes at the back of church. If anyone would like to take one to collect spare change for this very worthwhile charity, please feel free to take one home with you.

### **Parish Walk**

Owing to unforeseen circumstances the next parish walk will now be about 3 miles on Sunday 15th October when we will be walking in the Morecambe area visiting Westgate Cemetery to find out about all the Morecambe cinemas in the past. Meet at the back of church at 12:15pm for a picnic lunch. Transport can be shared and offered. Please contact me on 07531 285199 if you need transport.

***Maureen Leach***

### **Note of Thanks**

'Thank you all so much for your prayers over these last few weeks. It has meant a lot. My operation seems to have gone well and I am feeling much better'.

***Richard Impey***

## **Christian Aid – Israel and the Occupied Territories**

In my hymn book I use a collection of bookmarks one of which is from Christian Aid. As it bears CA's original logo, which was replaced about thirty years ago, it is a poignant reminder of the prolonged conflict in the Holy Land. The bookmark's front reads:

*'Christian Aid's partners, both Israeli and Palestinian, have asked us to urge our supporters to add their voices to calls for peace in Israel and the Occupied Territories.'*

And on the reverse, based on a prayer of a Palestinian Christian, is:

*'Pray not for Arab or Jew, for Palestinian or Israeli, but pray rather for ourselves that we might not divide them in our prayers but keep them both together in our hearts'*

Christian Aid has been working with the poorest and most vulnerable people in the Middle East since the 1950's. Its partners currently work across Israel and the occupied Palestinian territory (OPT, which means Gaza and the West Bank, including East Jerusalem). In Israel CA supports work that protects the rights of Palestinian citizens of Israel. In OPT it supports the most vulnerable and marginalised people at risk. CA's partners are leading Palestinian and Israeli organisations striving to promote justice for a sustainable peace.

***Arton Medd***

## **PCC meeting on 2nd October 2023**

The PCC discussed how we have seen God in the parish, the work of the Hala Pantry, the church fabric, parish finances, health & safety; [first aid course], safeguarding, bereavement support, a Christian basics course, and the appointment of a representative to the Ripley Trust.

## **PCC membership and the Electoral Roll:**

Candidates for election to the PCC must have been on the parish's electoral roll for 6 months before the election. If you are thinking of standing for the PCC in 2024, and are not yet on the church's electoral roll, please complete a form as quickly as possible. Forms should be available in St Paul's church and at the Hala Centre.

***John Gedge, PCC Secretary***

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Friday 13th October  
7pm-9.30pm

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*This is to assist with Weddings and Funerals.*

## **COULD THIS BE YOU?**

No Qualification Required  
Must be able to use Spotify  
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*This is a paid position and is subject to our usual Safer Recruitment processes.*

# **Interested?**

***For information please talk to Jayne, Churchwarden.***

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