



**ST PAUL'S
PARISH NEWS
19th October 2023**



**Sunday Worship – 22nd October 2023
Trinity 20**

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

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



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

Message from Rev. Rebecca:

On Sunday I ended my sermon with the words of two very wise men. The first was Catholic theologian Donald Nicholl, who wrote on the Holy Land: 'the task of the Christian is not to be neutral, but to be torn in two.'

I also quoted from the Anglican Archbishop in Jerusalem Hosam Elias Naoum. I'm including his entire letter and will use it during our 9:15am Holy Communion service.

*The Most Reverend Hosam E. Naoum
Anglican Archbishop in Jerusalem
The Fifteenth Bishop of the Episcopal
Anglican Diocese of Jerusalem*



المطران حسان الياس نعوم
رئيس الاساقفة الانجليكاني في القدس
الاسقف الخامس عشر لمطراينة القدس الاسقفية العربية

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God."
(Matthew 5:9, NRSV)

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Grace and peace to you all from our Lord Jesus Christ.

Once again we find ourselves living through hard times in the Land of the Holy One, where we are surrounded by war, violence, hatred, and destruction. Many in our region now live with great fear and uncertainty.

Nevertheless, from Jerusalem, the City of the Resurrection, I send you all hope for the assurance of a better life: one with a brighter future, more blessed circumstances, and freedom from bloodshed, injustice, and death.

We condemn all acts of violence and killing, especially of civilians and the innocent. And we advocate for a just and comprehensive peace for all living here. In order to stop the vengeful cycle of violence, we exhort everyone to exercise self-control. Since everyone loses in war, we also call for all parties to pursue peaceful, diplomatic solutions towards a just and lasting agreement for both peoples in a two-state solution. Only in this way can we all enjoy freedom, justice, and peace.

To this end, we pray without ceasing for justice, reconciliation, peace, and an end to hatred and war. We also pray for God to change the hearts of all leaders and decision-makers in our countries and around the world. For we are in dire need of hearts that love, show mercy, and are willing to live in unity with others—hearts that respect human dignity and choose life rather than death.

We therefore call upon all our congregations, institutions, and parishioner families to join with our sister Churches in the Land of the Holy One in observing this coming Tuesday, October 17th as a day of Fasting and Prayer for peace, reconciliation, and an end to the war. We suggest organizing prayer services and/or joining with other congregations in their services so that we can pray together with one heart and spirit.

We entrust the countries of our Lord's earthly home into the hands of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, asking him to have mercy on us and to give us his peace and blessing. *Amen.*

++ Hosam E. Naoum
Anglican Archbishop in Jerusalem
The Primate of the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East



St. George's Cathedral – Jerusalem, October 14th, 2023

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We will be praying for peace in Israel and Palestine during our 9:15 am Communion Service. I add the invitation written by our bishops:

Dear Friends

We are all painfully aware of the growing humanitarian crisis unfolding before our eyes in Israel and Palestine. Israel is still reeling from the appalling Hamas attacks of last week. We now face the horrifying prospect of a ground invasion in Gaza with inevitable and widespread humanitarian consequences.

The Heads of the churches in Jerusalem have invited the worldwide Church to join a Day of Prayer and Fasting on **Tuesday October 17th**.

Many thanks

Bishop Philip

FOR OUR PRAYERS

Our mission Partners: For Stephen and Marit Impey's work with Wycliffe Bible Translators International.

From our Parish prayer diary: Piccadilly, Shaftesbury Place, Park Court, Piccadilly Close, Piccadilly Grove

From our Church prayer diary: The Pastoral Team

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

All who mourn: Ben Booth, Valerie Fox

Collect for Sunday 22nd October:

God, our light and our salvation:

illuminate our lives,

that we may see your goodness in the land of the living,

and looking on your beauty

may be changed into the likeness of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings for Sunday 22nd October:

Exodus 33.12-end

¹² Moses said to the Lord, 'See, you have said to me, "Bring up this people"; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, "I know you by name, and you have also found favour in my sight." ¹³Now if I have found favour in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you

and find favour in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people.’
¹⁴He said, ‘My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.’¹⁵And he said to him, ‘If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here.’¹⁶For how shall it be known that I have found favour in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth.’¹⁷ The Lord said to Moses, ‘I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favour in my sight, and I know you by name.’¹⁸Moses said, ‘Show me your glory, I pray.’¹⁹And he said, ‘I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, “The Lord”; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy.’²⁰But’, he said, ‘you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live.’²¹And the Lord continued, ‘See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock;²²and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; ²³then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen.’

Matthew 22.15-22

¹⁵ Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. ¹⁶So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, ‘Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality.’¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?’¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, ‘Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin used for the tax.’ And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰Then he said to them, ‘Whose head is this, and whose title?’²¹They answered, ‘The emperor’s.’ Then he said to them, ‘Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.’²²When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

Post Communion Prayer for 22nd October 2023:

God our Father,
whose Son, the light unailing,
has come from heaven to deliver the world from the darkness of ignorance:
let these holy mysteries open the eyes of our understanding
that we may know the way of life,
and walk in it without stumbling;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Readings for next Sunday:

Deuteronomy 34.1-12; 1 Thessalonians 2.1-8; Matthew 22.34-end

Deanery Synod Report:

The Lancaster and Morecambe deanery meet about three or four times a year. Meetings are held at various churches around the area to discuss issues which may impact on different churches. This year we welcomed the new Bishop of Blackburn.

Meetings will begin with a Eucharist followed by information sharing which may include new appointments and identify clergy and other vacancies.

Each meeting will have a guest speaker who will explain what services and values they can offer Parishes to support the work of churches. One of the speaker's spoke about helping people in debt.

On 13th October we welcomed the newly appointed Bishop of Blackburn, Phillip North, who spoke about growing the church and encouraging new families. He also highlighted the importance of children in church and looking at new ways to encourage children to become more active through different kinds of services which older children may find 'user-friendly'.

We continue to benchmark best practices for the good of all, and hope congregations' benefit. There are about 40 members of the Synod with three representatives from St Paul's. They are Margaret Ives, Grace Illidge and Phillip Simpson.

If you have any questions about the work of the Deanery Synod feel free to ask any of the above or any of the clergy.

Phil Simpson

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.

YOUNG 'FUN' CHURCH:



Registration
Information

We are still missing a lot of registration forms for children attending 'Fun' Church. We need this information in case of your child having an accident, a known medical incidence e.g. asthma, allergy. We have handed out multiple copies of forms and reminder letters. **This is for the safety of YOUR child whilst in our care.** These must be returned to us by the end of October at the very latest – thank you.



Some photographs from last Friday's Ceilidh at the Parish Hall:





We are looking for vergers to join our team in our lively, growing parish church.

This is to assist with Weddings and Funerals.

COULD THIS BE YOU?

No Qualification Required
Must be able to use Spotify
Available during the weekday

This is a paid position and is subject to our usual Safer Recruitment processes.

Interested?

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