



ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS 26th October 2023



Sunday Worship – 29th October 2023 Last After Trinity

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

9:45am – Holy Communion, St Paul's, Scotforth Road
including the Baptism of Heston Howard

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

Wednesday 1st November at 7pm – All Soul's Service
If you would like a loved ones name to be read out at this service there will be sheets at the back of church on Sunday 29th October

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

Parish Diary for the coming week:

Date & Time	Name of Event
Friday 3 rd November at 2pm	Funeral of Valerie Fox in William T Fraser Funeral Home. This will be livestreamed and the link to the website is: https://williamtfraserandson.co.uk/live-stream/



*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: UGGLE Lane, Lawson Close, Hibbert Terrace, Ashford Road, Ashford Close

We pray for the parents, godparents and family of Heston Howard who is to be baptised this week

From our Church prayer diary: The Gardening 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, David Mason

Collect for Sunday 29th October:

Merciful God,

teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty,

that trusting in your word

and obeying your will

we may enter the unfailing joy of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings for Sunday 29th October:

1 Thessalonians 2.1-8

2 You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, ²but though we had already suffered and been shamefully maltreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. ³For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, ⁴but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. ⁵As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; ⁶nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, ⁷though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. ⁸So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

Matthew 22.34-end

³⁴ When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, ³⁵and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶“Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” ³⁷He said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your

soul, and with all your mind.” ³⁸This is the greatest and first commandment. ³⁹And a second is like it: “You shall love your neighbour as yourself.” ⁴⁰On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.’

⁴¹ Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: ⁴²‘What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?’ They said to him, ‘The son of David.’ ⁴³He said to them, ‘How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, ⁴⁴“The Lord said to my Lord, ‘Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet’”?’ ⁴⁵If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?’ ⁴⁶No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

Post Communion Prayer for Sunday 29th October:

God of all grace,
your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry
with the bread of his life
and the word of his kingdom:
renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your true and living bread;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

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Readings for next Sunday:

Revelation 7.9-end; 1 John 3.1-3; Matthew 5.1-12

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:

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.



A Reflection on the Ceilidh and the Kingdom:

You may have seen in the last Parish News pictures of the recent Ceilidh in the Parish Hall. I thought it was brilliant to have a social event, organised by new members of St Paul's, with the young and energetic Folk Music and Dance Society of Lancaster University. As one person put it, the evening was 'sheer joy!' Thanks to everyone who made it possible.



It would be great if the folk band help us have fun and raise funds again. In the meantime, I have been reflecting on similarities between the Ceilidh and the Kingdom of God. For example, we sing of Jesus as the Lord of the Dance. Also, there is a prayer we are using in this season of Trinity at Hala which refers to a 'dance of trinity' (below).

You can see that the badge of the Folk Music and Dance Society includes a Celtic knot: the same image often used in early Celtic Christianity. The pattern reminds me of the dancing when you go in and out, follow the leader, do-si-do, etc. In the Christian context, the Celtic knot it is often used to picture the relationship between God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

O God our mystery,
you bring us to life,
call us to freedom,
and move between us with love.
May we so participate in your dance of trinity
that our lives may resonate with you,
now and forever. Amen.

Jim Currin

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Rest day is Friday – if you have an urgent enquiry then please contact a Churchwarden.

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Rest day is Tuesday – if you have an urgent enquiry then please contact Rev Rebecca or a Church warden.

CHURCHWARDEN: Mrs Jayne Weatherill:

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PARISH OFFICE: The office is open Monday to Wednesday and Friday from 9.30am – 12 noon.

Closed on Bank Holidays. Tel: 01524 843135; Email: [office@stpauls-](mailto:office@stpauls-scotforth.org)

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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

Parish Office Closure: Please note that the parish office will be closed on a Thursday throughout November including 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th due to staff holiday absence. Our usual hours return on Monday 4th December.



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

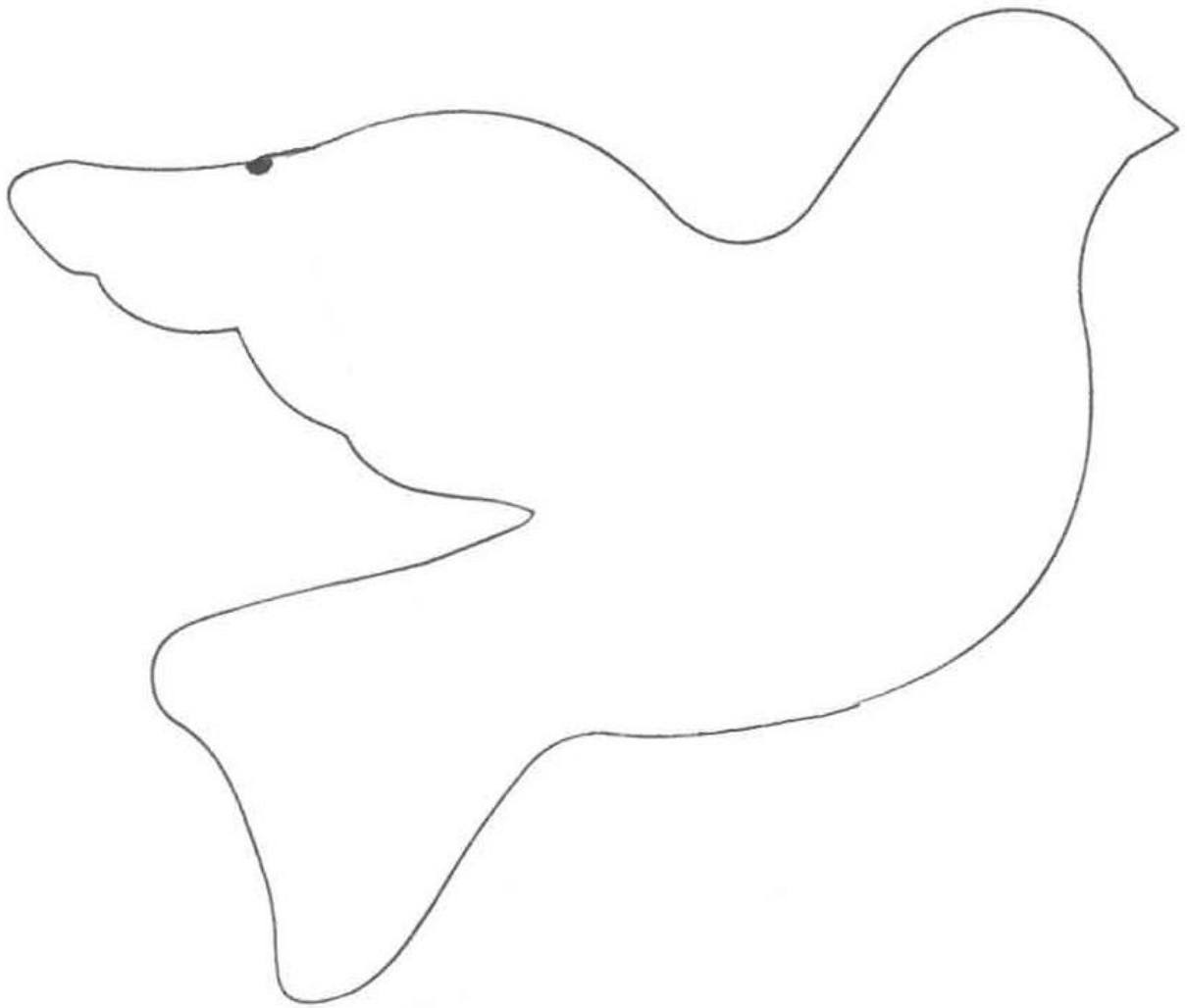
This is a paid position and is subject to our usual Safer Recruitment processes.

Interested?

For information please talk to Jayne, Churchwarden.

Tel: 01524 843135

Email: lifeyvents@stpauls-scotforth.org



Peace dove: Last week at the 9.45am service Rebecca ensured everyone had a copy of the peace dove above; asking for them to be decorated in whatever way we wished whether that be by pencil crayon, felt tip, paint, textures etc. A prayer can also be included. If they could be brought back this Sunday then a display can be made out of them.

FESTIVAL OF NATIVITY SCENES

3rd – 7th DECEMBER:

St Paul's held a wonderful display of Nativity scenes in 2019 and we are hoping for an even better display this year, as this is the 800th anniversary of what is accepted as being the first putting together of models of the nativity figures in the style and form which we still

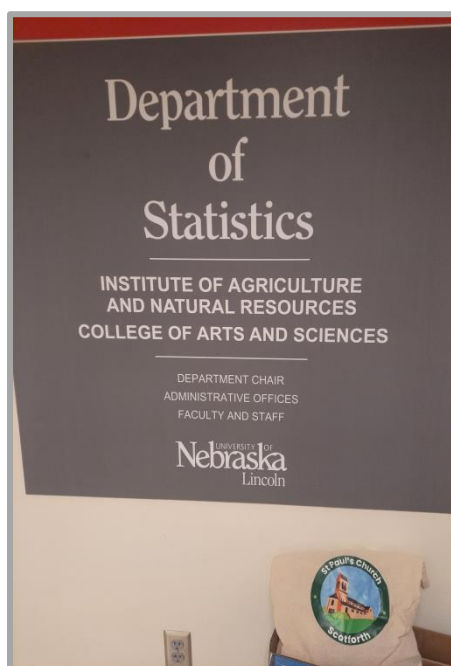


use today. St Francis of Assisi placed life-size figures around a manger within a cave, in 1223; and people around the world have copied his idea in various sizes, shapes and colours ever since.

Our Festival will begin on Advent Sunday 3rd Dec, with church being open for the next few days, and it will end after the Thursday morning service. We would like to have an extensive display to fill St Paul's, from statues of Mary and Baby Jesus; to scenes of the Holy family; through to larger tableaux which include shepherds, kings, animals and angels. We aim to fill every sill, ledge, table, floor space with something interesting, beautiful, and worthy of a festival celebrating the birth of Jesus. So please sort out your own Nativity scenes and bring them to church for all to see!

At the back of St Paul's and Hala are forms for you to take home, to fill in the information about your nativity scene, and then return them to church by Sunday 19th Nov. It is important that we know beforehand who is bringing what and how big!

Stewards and helpers with refreshments will be needed – so please watch for more information next week. Any queries please contact Christine Medd at arton.medd@btinternet.com or 01524 64730.



Tote bag travels continue to the University of Nebraska this week. Many thanks go to Rebecca Long for the submission.

Tote bags are still available to purchase at £5 each – they would make an ideal Christmas present.