

ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS 5th October 2023



Sunday Worship – 8th October 2023 Trinity 18

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

9:45am – Holy Communion, St Paul's, Scotforth Road after the service there will be a rehearsal for St Paul's Singers – please do stay behind if you would like to join this group for all ages and anyone that can sing a tune (about 30 minutes)

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

Parish Diary for the Coming Week:

	Event
Date and time	
Monday 9 th October at 2pm in the	Women's Fellowship Meeting
Parish Hall	



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: Rossmoyne Road, Ardengate, Chatsworth Road

From our Church prayer diary: The work of Christian Aid **Those who have asked for prayers for healing:** Mary Wilson, Mary Smith, Dorothy Camm, Denis Thorpe, John Harding, Richard Impey, Ciarán **All who mourn:** Revd Canon Roger Hamblin

Collect for Sunday 8th October:

God, our judge and saviour, teach us to be open to your truth and to trust in your love, that we may live each day with confidence in the salvation which is given through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings for Sunday 8th October: Exodus 20.1-4, 7-9, 12-20

20 Then God spoke all these words: ² I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; ³you shall have no other gods before me. ⁴ You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

⁷ You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. ⁸ Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. ⁹For six days you shall labour and do all your work. ¹² Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. ¹³ You shall not murder. ¹⁴ You shall not commit adultery. ¹⁵ You shall not steal. ¹⁶ You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. ¹⁷ You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour. ¹⁸ When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, ¹⁹ and said to Moses, 'You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die.' ²⁰Moses said to the people, 'Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin.' -

Philippians 3.4b-14

⁴ even though I, too, have reason for confidence in the flesh. If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. ⁷ Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. ¹² Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Matthew 21.33-end

³³ 'Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watch-tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. ³⁴When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. ³⁵But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. ³⁷Finally he sent his son to them, saying, "They will respect my son." ³⁸But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, "This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance." ³⁹So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. ⁴⁰Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' ⁴¹They said to him, 'He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.' ⁴² Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures: "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes"? ⁴³Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. ⁴⁴The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.'

⁴⁵ When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

Post Communion Prayer for 8th October 2023:

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast: for here we receive you, here the memory of your passion is renewed, here our minds are filled with grace, and here a pledge of future glory is given, when we shall feast at that table where you reign with all your saints for ever.

Readings for next Sunday: Exodus 32.1-14; Philippians 4.1-9; Matthew 22.1-14

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 <u>office@stpauls-</u> <u>scotforth.org</u>

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.

Submissions for the Parish News: The deadline each week is <u>**Tuesday at**</u> <u>**11.30am**</u>, 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.



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*

MacMillan Coffee Morning

The Inner Wheel Club of Lancaster wish to thank all those who attended their coffee morning on Friday 29th September. Thanks to their generosity a sum of £212 was raised to support the work of MacMillan Cancer Support *Vivienne Bonnett*

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

The next parish walk will be 4.5 miles on Sunday 15th October when we will be walking up to Newlands Hall and Ellel Quarry. 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*



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Friday 13th October 7pm-9.30pm

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