



# ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS

2<sup>nd</sup> November 2023



## Sunday Worship – 5<sup>th</sup> November 2023 4<sup>th</sup> before Advent/All Saints' Day

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

### Parish Diary for the coming week:

Date & Time	Name of Event
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November at 2pm	Funeral of Valerie Fox in William T Fraser Funeral Home. This will be livestreamed and the link to the website is: <a href="https://williamtfraserandson.co.uk/live-stream/">https://williamtfraserandson.co.uk/live-stream/</a>
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> November at 2pm	Tea @ 2 at the Parish Hall
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> November at 7:30pm – 9pm	PCC Meeting in the Meeting Room



*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:** Toll Bar Crescent, Rays Drive

**From our Church prayer diary:** The Fabric Committee

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

**All who mourn:** Ben Booth, Valerie Fox, David Mason, Sylvia Nelson, Denis Thorpe

### **Collect for Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November:**

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; 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 5<sup>th</sup> November:**

#### **Revelation 7.9-end**

<sup>9</sup>After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. <sup>10</sup>They cried out in a loud voice, saying, 'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!' <sup>11</sup>And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, <sup>12</sup>singing, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.' <sup>13</sup> Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?' <sup>14</sup>

I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one that knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

<sup>15</sup>For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him

day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. <sup>16</sup>They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; <sup>17</sup>for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

## **Matthew 5.1-12**

5 When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup>Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: <sup>3</sup> 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup> 'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. <sup>5</sup> 'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. <sup>6</sup> 'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. <sup>7</sup> 'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. <sup>8</sup> 'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

<sup>9</sup> 'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. <sup>10</sup> 'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>11</sup> 'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

<sup>12</sup>Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

## **Post Communion Prayer for Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November:**

God, the source of all holiness and giver of all good things:  
may we who have shared at this table  
as strangers and pilgrims here on earth  
be welcomed with all your saints  
to the heavenly feast on the day of your kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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## **Readings for next Sunday:**

**Wisdom of Solomon 6.12-16 or Amos 5.18-24; 1 Thessalonians 4.13-end;  
Matthew 25.1-13**

**VICAR:** Rev Dr Rebecca Aechtner: Tel: 749693;

Email: [vicar@stpauls-scotforth.org](mailto: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](mailto: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: [sjaynewweatherill@gmail.com](mailto:sjaynewweatherill@gmail.com)

**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-scotforth.org](mailto:office@stpauls-scotforth.org)

**BAPTISMS AND WEDDINGS:** Booking enquiries - please contact Jayne Weatherill through the parish office or Email: [lifeyvents@stpauls-scotforth.org](mailto: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](mailto:pastoral@stpauls-scotforth.org) or telephoning Irene on Tel: 64701.

**Scotforth School:** Headteacher – Mrs Katie Walsh – Tel: 01524 65379

## 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.

## Parish Office Closure:

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



## Tea @ 2:

Just a reminder that on the first Monday of the month we hold Tea@ 2 in the Parish Hall. We invite members who like a very informal afternoon meeting new people and taking part in a number of different activities. If you would be interested then please do come along on Monday 6<sup>th</sup>

November from 2pm to 3.30pm and find out what we get up to!

## **MORE ABOUT THE FESTIVAL OF NATIVITY SCENES 3<sup>RD</sup> – 7<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER:**

Hopefully you have read the information in last week's Newsletter and that you have already filled in the form with details of the Nativity scene which you would like to display in church during the Festival.

There are now two other forms on which we hope you will add your name!

The church cannot be open for visitors unless there are 'officials' in the building – so we need STEWARDS, whose job will be to welcome visitors and to keep a careful watch over the exhibits.

Helpers with REFRESHMENTS will also be needed and they will be asked to kindly provide biscuits and milk for their session and to brew tea and coffee when required.

If you are able to fill a one hour or a two hour session please fill in your name on the appropriate form. Your email address or phone number would be useful, but please don't feel obliged to give either. For our first Nativity Scenes Festival in 2019, some of you knitted wonderful angels which brightened up every available space in the church. Please could we have some for this Festival?

Queries to Christine Medd

email: [arton.medd@btinternet.com](mailto:arton.medd@btinternet.com) 01524 64730

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



### **An invitation from Bowerham URC:**

There will be an afternoon of entertainment (2-4 pm) by the Garstang Ukelele Band on Tuesday, 7th November at Trinity URC church, Bowerham Rd, All welcome.

*Margaret Ives*

### **Christmas Fayre Sunday 10th December:**

We are looking for any kind donations of Raffle and Tombola prizes to raise funds for church at our Artisan Fayre.

We have 2 stands left available at the fayre, £20 each if anyone knows of friends or family who are crafty and creative, and would like to exhibit.

We would love a wreath maker/ florist if anybody knows of any.

Please contact Jennifer Couchman if you would like any more information.

Contact 07929 738152 or email: [jenniferpritchardbridal@gmail.com](mailto:jenniferpritchardbridal@gmail.com)

### **Christmas Greetings:**



Christmas is getting nearer and you have all those cards to write. A frightening thought! One way to reduce your workload would be to send just one greeting's message to everyone in the parish. This means that it will be sent out in the Parish News and displayed on the Church and Hala notice boards.

Donations will be in aid of Church Funds and perhaps you can gift aid your donation. If you would like to join us please give your greeting (no more than 30 words) with a minimum donation of £5 to a sidesperson or the Church Office or to myself at 20 Newlands Rd. The closing date will be December 3rd. Any messages arriving later than this date will possibly miss the printing deadline. If you have any queries please contact Maureen Leach on 07531285199.

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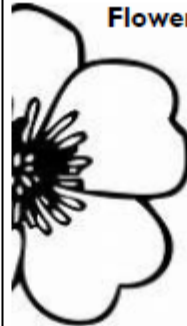
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