



# ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS

9<sup>th</sup> November 2023



## Sunday Worship – 12<sup>th</sup> November 2023 Remembrance Sunday

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  
Remembrance Sunday

6:30pm – Evening 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:

Date & Time	Name of Event
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> November at 9:15am	Choir Practice for St Paul's Singers
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> November at 2pm	Women's Fellowship meeting



*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:** Ashford Avenue, Ashton Road

**From our Church prayer diary:** All Service Personnel

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

**All who mourn:** David Mason, Sylvia Nelson, Denis Thorpe, Donald Gardner

### **Collect for Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November:**

Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things  
in your beloved Son, the King of all:  
govern the hearts and minds of those in authority,  
and bring the families of the nations,  
divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin,  
to be subject to his just and gentle rule;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.

### **Readings for Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November:**

#### **Psalm 23**

<sup>1</sup>The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. <sup>2</sup>He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; <sup>3</sup>he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. <sup>4</sup>Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff they comfort me. <sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. <sup>6</sup>Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

#### **1 Thessalonians 4.13-end**

<sup>13</sup> But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope.

<sup>14</sup>For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. <sup>15</sup>For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. <sup>16</sup>For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound

of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. <sup>17</sup>Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever. <sup>18</sup>Therefore encourage one another with these words.

### **John 14.1-8**

<sup>14</sup> "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. <sup>2</sup> My Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup> And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am there you may be also. <sup>4</sup> And you know the way to the place where I am going."

<sup>5</sup> Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going. How can we know the way?"

<sup>6</sup> Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup> If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

<sup>8</sup> Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied."

### **Post Communion Prayer for Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November:**

God of peace,  
whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom  
and restored the broken to wholeness of life:  
look with compassion on the anguish of the world,  
and by your healing power  
make whole both people and nations;  
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

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

**Revelation 1.1-4, 2.1-5; Psalm 79.1; Luke 18.35-end;**

**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.

## 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.



## Memories of Valerie Fox – Funeral - Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2023

Valerie was born on 21<sup>st</sup> June 1930 in Dunstable. She had a brother Victor and a sister Lynn. Valerie married David Fox in 1957 and they both trained as social workers. They moved to various places for David's work, and bought their house in Scotforth when he was stationed at Morecambe. Valerie and David had three children: Helen, Ruth and Jonathan; and eight grandchildren. Valerie cared for several children to help David in his work. She also looked after Jonathon's son Christopher when he was two and three years old.

Valerie was the ideal person to set up St Paul's Church Mother & Baby group in the 1980's – an initiative of the Mothers' Union which provided an opportunity for mothers of new babies to meet up.

In the past St Paul's Social Committee provided various activities in the parish, and Valerie was very involved in organizing all such events, especially the train journeys to towns and cities in the summer months. In addition to all this Valerie was a very able Church Secretary for many years.

*Kathleen Walker*

## The Real Advent Calendar

They're already in the shops – Advent calendars with pictures of children's TV cartoon characters which bear no relation to the Christian season of Advent. The Real Advent Calendar (£4.50) has a line from the Christmas story behind each of the 25 windows and includes a 24 page Christmas



story-activity book with a page for every day of Advent and some fun challenges along the way. It is Fairtrade, the quality milk chocolate is 35% cocoa solids, palm oil free, sealed in foil, and the box and tray are also recyclable. I will have some from Sunday 19 Nov so please email [arton.medd@btinternet.com](mailto:arton.medd@btinternet.com) or phone 01524 64730 to reserve one.

If you wish you can order a Real Advent Calendar direct from [www.meaningfulchocolatecompany.co.uk](http://www.meaningfulchocolatecompany.co.uk) and also reusable ones, Christmas Tree decorations, Christingle chocolate oranges and a range of other chocolate items. They also have a 'Send Chocolate Scheme' which will send the chocolate you buy to someone else with your personal message on a card.

*Arton Medd*

**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

### **Parish Office Closure:**

Please note that the parish office will be closed on a Thursday throughout November including 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.

### **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 November at the very latest – thank you.



Registration  
Information



### 3<sup>rd</sup> INSTALMENT ABOUT THE NATIVITY SCENES FESTIVAL DEC 3<sup>rd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>

Thank you to those who have already provided information about the Nativity Scene they wish to bring for the Festival. If you haven't, there is still plenty of time to take a form from the back of church and complete the details! I have been asked if it is alright to make a nativity scene –yes, please –brilliant!

There are also forms to fill in if you are able to be a Steward or to help with Refreshments at any time when the church will be open for visitors. Details of what these jobs entail are on the forms.

All other information was in the last 2 editions of the Parish News, so do look them up.

The times when the church will be open for you to place your Nativity Scene are: Friday 1<sup>st</sup> Dec from 2.00 – 4.00pm and Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec from 10.00 am – 4.00pm. If neither of these times is convenient for you, please contact Christine: email [arton.medd@btinternet.com](mailto:arton.medd@btinternet.com) phone 01524 64730.

### Tea @2pm – Jigsaw Puzzle Success

Here are Muriel and Christine, having just completed - after 11 gruelling months - the jigsaw of a dark and wet Kendal high street!

But it's not all work and no play at our "Tea @ 2pm" monthly meetings! Come along, maybe play a few games, but definitely enjoy the friendly atmosphere and a chat.

A great antidote to a wet and dark afternoon in Scotforth!



### *St Paul's Singers: revised time on Remembrance Sunday*

*Hello everyone. Thank you to all who came last month to our first meeting after the 9:45 service - it went really well. **This week we are meeting at 9:15am, before the service**, to allow everyone to carry on seeing the various Remembrance events happening across Lancaster. Everyone is welcome, please come along and enjoy!*

***Emily Sanders***

## **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)

## **Women's Fellowship**

We will be meeting on the 13th November in the parish hall at 2pm. The speaker will be telling us about the Grand Theatre.

I will bring copies of the "Christmas lunch" menu and ask you to sign up if you wish to attend, we'll be paying and making choices in December and it will be served in January.

New members and visitors are always welcome.

*Jean Mount*

## **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 07531 285199.

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




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