



**ST PAUL'S
PARISH NEWS
18th January 2024**



**Sunday Worship – 21st January 2024
3rd Sunday of Epiphany**

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

9:45am – Holy Communion at St Paul's, Scotforth Road

11:15am – Holy Communion at St Paul's, Hala

12:30pm – Holy Baptisms

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 21 st January at 12:30pm	Baptism of Delilah Hope



***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: Newlands Avenue

From our Church prayer diary: All Churches in Lancaster proclaiming the good news of Jesus in our city

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

Those who have asked for prayers for healing: Mary Wilson, Mary Smith, John Harding, Ciarán, Jonathan Easton

All who mourn: Jim Outram, Meleta Moore, Ralph Hewitt, Mary Teresa Relihan, Martyn Gregory

Collect for Sunday 21st January:

God of all mercy,
your Son proclaimed good news to the poor,
release to the captives,
and freedom to the oppressed:
anoint us with your Holy Spirit
and set all your people free
to praise you in Christ our Lord.

Readings for Sunday 21st January:

Revelation 19.6-10

⁶Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the sound of many waters and like the sound of mighty thunder-peals, crying out, 'Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns. ⁷Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready; ⁸to her it has been granted to be clothed with fine linen, bright and pure' — for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints. ⁹ And the

angel said to me, 'Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.' And he said to me, 'These are true words of God.'¹⁰ Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said to me, 'You must not do that! I am a fellow-servant with you and your comrades who hold the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.'

John 2.1-11

²On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ³Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ⁴When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' ⁵And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' ⁶His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' ⁷Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁸Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. ⁹He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. ¹⁰When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom ¹¹and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' ¹²Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Post Communion Prayer for Sunday 21st January:

Almighty Father,
whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world:
may your people, illumined by your word and sacraments,
shine with the radiance of his glory,
that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of
the earth;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

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**Readings for next Sunday:
Deuteronomy 18.15-20; Revelation 12.1-5a;
Mark 1.21-28**

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.



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SOUTH LANCASTER CHURCHES TOGETHER



A framed copy of the Early Day Motion tabled in Parliament by our local MP Cat Smith to commemorate 25 years of South Lancaster Churches Together is now on display on the Church shelf at the back of church. The four churches are St. Paul's (Anglican), St. Bernadette's (Roman Catholic), the Lancaster Methodist Church and the United Reformed Church at Bowerham. A small group of representatives from each church meets at regular intervals to plan joint services, prayer walks and other activities and we try to publicise and support each other's projects. In the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (18th-25th January) we shall be praying in all four churches for God's continued blessing on our work as well as for Christian churches of all denominations throughout the world.

Margaret Ives



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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