

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



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.' ¹⁰Then 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

20n the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ²Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. 3When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' 4And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' 5His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' 6Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. 8He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. 9When 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 10 and 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.' 11 Jesus 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.





VICAR: Rev Dr Rebecca Aechtner: Tel: 749693;

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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.

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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;

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BAPTISMS AND WEDDINGS: Booking enquiries - please contact Jayne Weatherill through the

parish office or Email: <u>lifeevents@stpauls-scotforth.org</u>

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 <u>pastoral@stpauls-scotforth.org</u> or telephoning Irene on Tel: 64701.

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

2024 - the next change on our horizon:

It has now been two years since I moved from Ethiopia to work with Global Publishing Services at SIL International. And now the next change is confirmed. By the end of next year, I will be transitioning to take on the role of Executive Director of Wycliffe Germany. After a long selection process this was confirmed in early December through a vote by the membership. This will involve a move to the Wyclff Centre just north of Frankfurt for Marit & myself and a search for accommodation in Hamburg for our four adult children, working or studying in or around Hamburg. Exciting times! We look forward to moving on to this next stage together with your support in 2024. Please continue to pray for healing for Marit. And for us as a whole family for God's protection and guidance for all organisational and emotional matters in the coming months, especially in view of all the upheavals and relocations to Stephen Impey come

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?

For information please talk to Jayne, Churchwarden. Tel: 01524 843135

Email: lifeevents@stpauls-scotforth.org