



**ST PAUL'S
PARISH NEWS
25th January 2024**



**Sunday Worship – 28th January 2024
Epiphany 4/Presentation of Christ in the Temple**

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

9:45am – Holy Communion at 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
Thursday 25 th January at 10am	Lay Pastoral Team Meeting at St Paul's Church
Thursday 25 th January at 7pm	Fabric Committee, Parish Office



***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: Bowerham Road

From our Church prayer diary: Our Parish Office Staff

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

All who mourn: Ralph Hewitt, Mary Teresa Relihan, Martyn Gregory

Collect for Sunday 28th January:

Almighty and ever-living God,
clothed in majesty,
whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple,
in substance of our flesh:
grant that we may be presented to you
with pure and clean hearts,
by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Readings for Sunday 28th January:

Malachi 3.1-5

3 See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. ²But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; ³he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present

offerings to the Lord in righteousness. ⁴Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

⁵ Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the Lord of hosts.

Luke 2.22-40

²² When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord

²³(as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), ²⁴and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-

doves or two young pigeons.' ²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon;* this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. ²⁶It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah.*

²⁷Guided by the Spirit, Simeon* came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, ²⁸Simeon* took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

²⁹ 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant* in peace, according to your word;

³⁰ for my eyes have seen your salvation,

³¹ which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles

and for glory to your people Israel.'

³³ And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. ³⁴Then Simeon* blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed ³⁵so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your

own soul too.’³⁶ There was also a prophet, Anna* the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage,³⁷ then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day.³⁸ At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child* to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.³⁹ When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth.⁴⁰ The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

Post Communion Prayer for Sunday 28th January:

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna,
who lived to welcome the Messiah:
may we, who have received these gifts beyond words,
prepare to meet Christ Jesus
when he comes to bring us to eternal life;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

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Readings for next Sunday:

1 Kings 3.4-13; Mark 6.30-34

**Please Note: The Parish Office will be closed next
Wednesday 31st January from 10am onwards for
staff training.**

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.



Pastoral Care Team:

The Pastoral Team offers a listening ear, a hand of friendship and practical support to people within the Parish of St Pauls, Scotforth. Here are some examples of the care and comfort offered by the Pastoral Care Team:-

- Visit people in hospital and nursing / care homes
- Visit people in their own homes, those who are sick, recently bereaved, lonely or socially isolated.
- Maintain contact with people, especially those who prefer a telephone chat rather than a visit.
- Pray for, or with people.
- Facilitate Tea@2 Group.
- Arrange for Home Communion.

If you know of anyone who might benefit from any of the above, a friend, a neighbour, or a colleague, please don't hesitate to contact myself, the Church Wardens, or just ring the Church office.

The Pastoral Care Team works alongside the Parish Data Protection Officer to ensure complete confidentiality.

If you are interested in joining the Pastoral Care Team, we would be happy to welcome you.

Irene Harper, Pastoral Team Coordinator

TULIP EXTRAVAGANZA

Saturday Feb. 24th



1.30 - 4.00

St Paul's Parish Hall

Scotforth Road, LA1 4TS

£3 entry with refreshments

or £1 if you bring a tulip or tulip memorabilia.

Dutch Bulbs

at Keukenhof

slide show

Refreshments (included)

Tombola

Book & Cake Stalls



In aid of church funds

Tulip Extravaganza:

Are you ready for something to brighten up the last days of winter? If so come along to the Parish Hall on Saturday 24th February any time between 1:30pm and 4:00pm to see a very colourful slide show of the amazing tulips which flower at Keukenhof, plus a cup of tea and biscuits. Cost of entry will be £3 unless you bring the tulips you planted last autumn - even if not in flower - or any other tulip memorabilia you may possess. There will also be a tombola and book and cake stalls.

VICAR: Rev Dr Rebecca Aechtner: Tel: 749693;

Email: 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

Rest day is Tuesday – if you have an urgent enquiry then please contact Rev Rebecca or a Churchwarden.

CHURCHWARDEN: Mrs Jayne Weatherill:

Tel: 60597 or 07986993007; Email: sjayneweatherill@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

BAPTISMS AND WEDDINGS: Booking enquiries - please contact Jayne Weatherill through the parish office or Email: 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 or telephoning Irene on Tel: 64701.

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





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.***

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