



ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS 15th February 2024



Sunday Worship – 18th February 2024 Lent 1

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
including Holy Baptism

7:30pm – Reflective Prayer at 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.

Ash Wednesday Service 7pm – 8pm at St Paul's Scotforth Road

Thursday at 9:15am – Holy Communion at St Paul's, Scotforth Road

Parish Diary:

Date & Time	Name of Event
18 th February at 11:15am	Baptism of Elijah Joshua
20 th February at 7:30pm	Reflective Prayer at St Paul's Church
25 th February: 8am 9.45am 11.15am	BCP Holy Communion Holy Communion Service of the Word at Hala



*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: Farmdale Road, Chequers Avenue, Barton Road

From our Church prayer diary: Our Baptism Vergers

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

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

All who mourn: Joyce Munro, Thomas Stanway

Collect for Sunday 18th February:

Heavenly Father,
your Son battled with the powers of darkness,
and grew closer to you in the desert:
help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer
that we may witness to your saving love
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings for Sunday 18th February:

Genesis 9.8-17

⁸Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹‘As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, ¹⁰and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. ¹¹I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.’ ¹²God said, ‘This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.’ ¹⁷God said to Noah, ‘This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.’

Mark 1.9-15

⁹ In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.' ¹² And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. ¹⁴ Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

Post Communion Prayer for Sunday 18th February:

Lord God,
you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven;
by it you nourish our faith,
increase our hope,
and strengthen our love:
teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread,
and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Readings for next Sunday:

Genesis 17.1-7, 15-16; Romans 4.13-end; Mark 8.31-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.



Tulip Extravaganza



I hope that your tulips are coming along well. Two of my pots have already started flowering. However, in case you are fed up of hearing about tulips you will be pleased to see that there are also stalls selling books and cakes and a variety of garden items. If you feel like doing some baking for us you will be more than welcome. The tombola guarantees a prize every go.

Maureen Leach



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.

Slide show of Dutch Bulb

fields at Keukenhof



Refreshments (included)

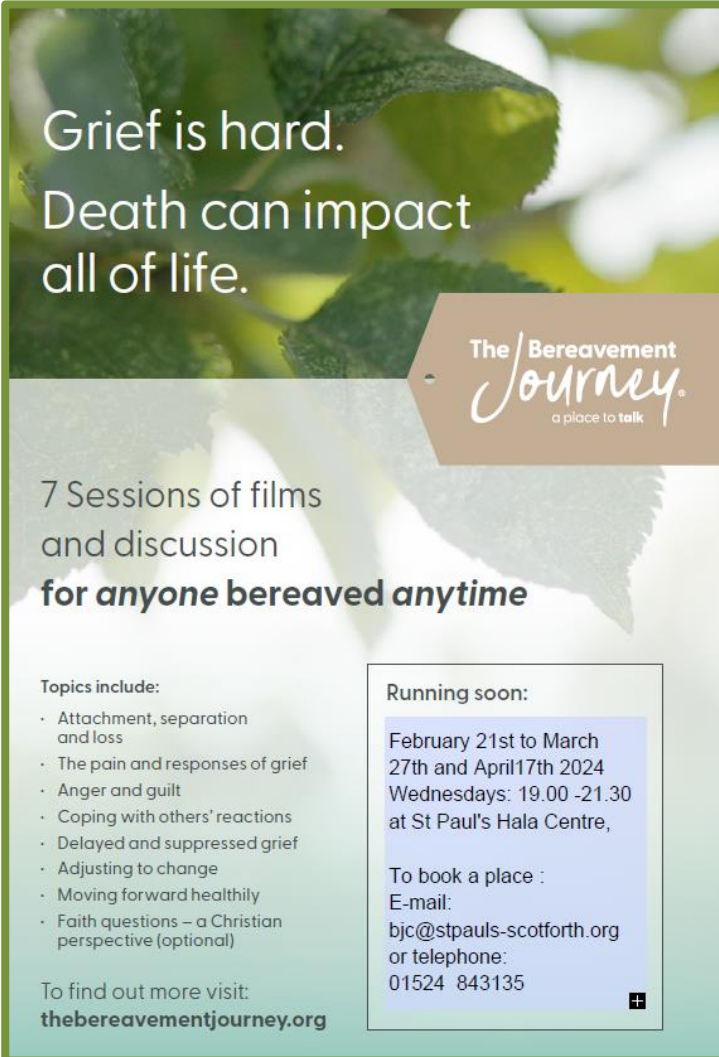
Tombola & Garden,

Book & Cake Stalls

In aid of church funds

Welcome to The Bereavement Journey -

St Paul's Church, Scotforth is running a 6-week course for people to explore their bereavement experience, for anyone bereaved at any time. There is a seventh optional week where we specifically at questions of faith. The Bereavement Journey is a series of films and discussion groups that gently guide people through the most common aspects of grief and bereavement. The aim is to help you process the implications for yourselves and think about what you can do next. We will be meeting at St Paul's Hala Centre on Wednesday evenings (19.00-21.30) starting February 21st 2024 until March 27th 2024. To book a place, or if you have any questions) e-mail bjc@stpauls-scotforth.org or telephone the Parish Office on 01524 843135.



Grief is hard.
Death can impact
all of life.

The Bereavement
Journey
a place to talk

7 Sessions of films
and discussion
for anyone bereaved anytime

Topics include:

- Attachment, separation and loss
- The pain and responses of grief
- Anger and guilt
- Coping with others' reactions
- Delayed and suppressed grief
- Adjusting to change
- Moving forward healthily
- Faith questions – a Christian perspective (optional)

To find out more visit:
thebereavementjourney.org

Running soon:

February 21st to March 27th and April 17th 2024
Wednesdays: 19.00 -21.30
at St Paul's Hala Centre,

To book a place :
E-mail:
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Ukraine and Christian Aid

In Revd Rebecca's sermon on Racial Justice Sunday (11th Feb) we were reminded of our responsibilities as Christians to welcome all people regardless of colour or creed. Fun Church made origami boats with silhouettes of people who in desperate circumstances have left home and are seeking safety. Invasion of their country by Russia has forced many Ukrainians to seek refuge elsewhere and a number are living in Lancaster. If you wish to know more about their situation and show your support please come to the meeting on Thursday 22 February, 7.00 pm at the Friends' Meeting House. Further details are on the poster.

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Ukraine Update Event

Jointly organised by local Ukraine support group, Lancaster Gives a Helping Heart, and Lancaster & Area Christian Aid Group



Ukraine is one of the biggest and swiftest forced population displacements in recent decades. Christian Aid was founded in 1945 by British and Irish churches to help refugees in Europe after the Second World War. Nearly 80 years later, Christian Aid is doing the same.

Ruth Platt, Christian Aid's Ukraine programme officer, will be speaking about Christian Aid's response by skilled local partners who understand the context and needs of their communities. The event will begin with a brief vigil to mark the second anniversary of the conflict.

Thursday Feb 22nd at 7pm
Friends Meeting House, Meeting House Lane
Lancaster LA1 1TX

All welcome



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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 Churchwarden.

CHURCHWARDEN: Mrs Jayne Weatherill:

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PARISH OFFICE: The office is open Monday to 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: 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



Video course: Bishop Philip asks, 'What does it mean to be free?'

Our diocesan Bishop has produced a brand new five-week video-based Lent Course called 'Journey to Freedom'.

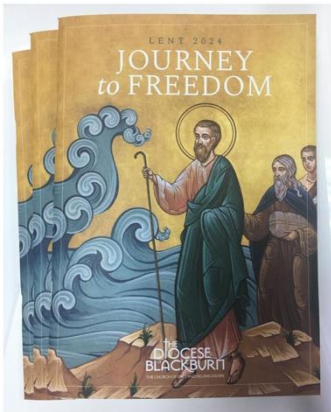


The course is being launched with a new app, from which the videos can be seen at home. To get the app use the QR code or search app stores for 'Fruitful: The Diocese of Blackburn'.

Bishop Philip has recorded the video course in and around Lancaster. Each lasts about 15-20 minutes. He speaks eloquently of various topics associated with 'freedom'. Based on the book of Exodus he speaks of God's people dramatically set free, and then he speaks of our freedom in Christ. On the way he covers topics like slavery, baptism, hunger, God's calling, and poses questions for our faith journey.

Of course, you can watch the videos yourself, but if you would like to see and discuss them with other members of the congregation, the house group that meets at the home of Richard and Tricia Impey will be looking at the videos, one each week in Lent. We will meet on Monday evenings: 26th Feb, 4th March, 11th March, 18th March, 25th March at 7.15pm at 22 Hala Grove, and finish around 8.30pm. Everyone is welcome.

This short course is an ideal way to think about your faith, hear Bishop Philip, consider the topics and meet other members of the congregation. If you have never been to a house group before, this could be a good opportunity just to try it.



Also from the Diocese is the free book to be found at the back of church, also called 'Journey to Freedom'. This provides a daily reading through Lent, written by a wide variety of church leaders, again based on the book of Exodus. It accompanies the Bishop's 5 videos and helps you read the Bible a little bit each day.

To find out more about these resources, and more, visit:

<https://www.blackburn.anglican.org>

Jim Currin



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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Email: lifeyvents@stpauls-scotforth.org