



**ST PAUL'S
PARISH NEWS
1st February 2024**



**Sunday Worship – 4th February 2024
2nd Before Lent**

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
including a Holy Baptism

12:30pm – Holy Baptism 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.

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

Parish Diary for the coming week:

Date & Time	Name of Event
Sunday 4 th February at 11:15 am & 12:30pm	Holy Baptisms of Olivia Lily, Elvia Molly and Elijah Daniel
Monday 5 th February at 7:30pm	PCC 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: Chelmsford Close, Colchester Avenue, Winchester Avenue, The Potteries Evens 2-56, Odds 57-85

From our Church prayer diary: Rowallan Cub Pack (16th Lancaster)

We pray for the parents, godparents and family of Olivia Lily, Elvia Molly and Elijah Daniel

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 4th February:

Almighty God,
give us reverence for all creation
and respect for every person,
that we may mirror your likeness
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings for Sunday 4th February:

Proverbs 8.1, 22-31

8 Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice?

²²The Lord created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago. ²³Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth.

²⁴When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. ²⁵Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth—²⁶when he had not yet made earth and fields, or the world's first bits of soil. ²⁷When he established the heavens, I was there, when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, ²⁸when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, ²⁹when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, ³⁰then I was beside him, like a master worker; and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always, ³¹rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race.

Colossians 1.15-20

¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷He himself is before all things, and in him

all things hold together. ¹⁸He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

John 1.1-14

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. ⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. ¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

Post Communion Prayer for Sunday 4th February:

God our creator,
by your gift
the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise,
and the bread of life at the heart of your Church:
may we who have been nourished at your table on earth
be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross
and enjoy the delights of eternity;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Readings for next Sunday:

2 Kings 2.1-12; Psalm 50.1-6; 2 Corinthians 4.3-6; Mark 9.2-9

Are you a “pocket filler”?

You may have wondered what happens to the printed hymn sheets which we sometimes use during services. As we are all conscious of recycling, you will be pleased to know that the hymn sheets have been kept and that they are now going to be put together in folders for future use in both our churches. We now have over 100 folders with plastic pockets, just waiting for numbers to be put on the pockets, and to be filled with the hymn sheets. So helpers are needed!

If you are able to assist with this easy job, please note the dates when we shall be working in the Parish Hall:

TUESDAY 14th and WEDNESDAY 15th February 2:00-4:00pm

Helpers for only one hour, or on just one day, will be as welcome as someone who feels able to help for the full time. If there are many helpers, we could hopefully finish early!

To make preparation easier, please could you let me know when and for how long you are willing to help.

Christine Medd 01524 64730
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Are you a designer?

The front of the new hymn folders are, at the moment, black. They need brightening with a suitable heading and cover page. We have quite a number of artists in church, so we would like you to design the front cover of our new hymn folders – and the design chosen by the most people will be used. The size needs to be 14cm across x 21cm top to bottom– slightly smaller than A5 in order to fit into the presentation pocket.

Your design can be on paper or online, and should be in the Parish Office (office@stpauls-scotforth.org) by Monday 12th February. The aim is for them to be on display in church on Sunday 18th February.

Christine Medd



Photo of the tote bag in a chocolatier's shop in Maastricht. The pindarotsjes were delicious!

Rebecca Long

Women's Fellowship

We'll be meeting on the 12th February at 2pm in the Parish Hall when the speaker will be Pat Ascroft. All are welcome both members and non-members.

Jean Mount

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 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

I hope that the tulip bulbs you planted in the autumn are starting to grow. I've brought mine into the light and warmth where they are coming on quite well. If you bring your bulbs along or any other tulip memorabilia to the Parish Hall on **Saturday 24th February between 1:30pm and 4:00pm** entry will only cost you £1 instead of £3 - including refreshments.

There will be a rolling slide show all afternoon of the tulips at Keukenhof, also known as the Garden of Europe, and is one of the world's largest flower gardens. It is situated in the municipality of Lisse, in South Holland. Keukenhof Park covers an area

of 32 hectares and approximately 7 million flower bulbs are planted by hand in the gardens annually. There is a variety of 800 different tulips.

It is open from the end of March to the middle of May and can take at least 2-4 hours to walk round. Around the gardens there are also the most beautiful tulip fields in the Netherlands and it is possible to make a sightseeing tour from the park to the flower fields.

Maureen Leach

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To find out more visit:
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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:
bjc@stpauls-scotforth.org
or telephone:
01524 843135



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 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



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