



**ST PAUL'S
PARISH NEWS
22nd February 2024**



**Sunday Worship – 25th February 2024
Lent 2**

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:

Date & Time	Name of Event
Saturday 25 th February 1:30-4:00pm	Tulip Extravaganza
3 rd March:	
8am	BCP Holy Communion
9:45am	Holy Communion
11:15am	Service of the Word at St Paul's, Hala
12:30pm	Holy Baptism



***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: Haydock Road, Kempton Road, Goodwood Court, Goodwood Road, Ascot Close

From our Church prayer diary: 9th Lancaster (St Paul's) Brownies

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, Ruth Barber

Collect for Sunday 25th February:

Almighty God,
by the prayer and discipline of Lent
may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings,
and by following in his Way
come to share in his glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings for Sunday 25th February:

Genesis 17.1-7, 15-16

17 When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, 'I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. ²And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.' ³Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, ⁴'As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁵No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁶I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. ⁷I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

¹⁵ God said to Abraham, 'As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.'

Mark 8.31-end

³¹ Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.' ³⁴ He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

Post Communion Prayer for Sunday 25th February:

Almighty God,

you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves:

keep us both outwardly in our bodies,

and inwardly in our souls;

that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body,

and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Readings for next Sunday:

Exodus 20.1-17; 1 Corinthians 1.18-25; John 2.13-22



Message from Rev Catherine: On Sunday Rev Rebecca announced that my curacy had finally been signed off and I am no longer a curate. It's been a long and tough journey for me, thank you so much for the part you have all played in it with all your support and encouragement in my year here. This doesn't mean I'm leaving though, you're stuck with me for now! On a day to day basis nothing will change, I

will continue to be your Associate Priest until at least the appointment of a new vicar so will be with you throughout the vacancy. You don't get rid of me that easily!

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

How are your tulips? Half of mine have already flowered but I'm sure that some will be ok for the day, **Saturday 24th February**. Don't worry if you don't have any tulips or tulip memorabilia to bring, please just come along. If you don't have green fingers you could always bake a cake for the cake stall.



There will be plants for sale plus books, cakes and a tombola - so you won't be going home empty handed. Hopefully, after seeing the 20 minute slide show you will know everything there is to know about tulips and be inspired to visit Keukenhof. *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

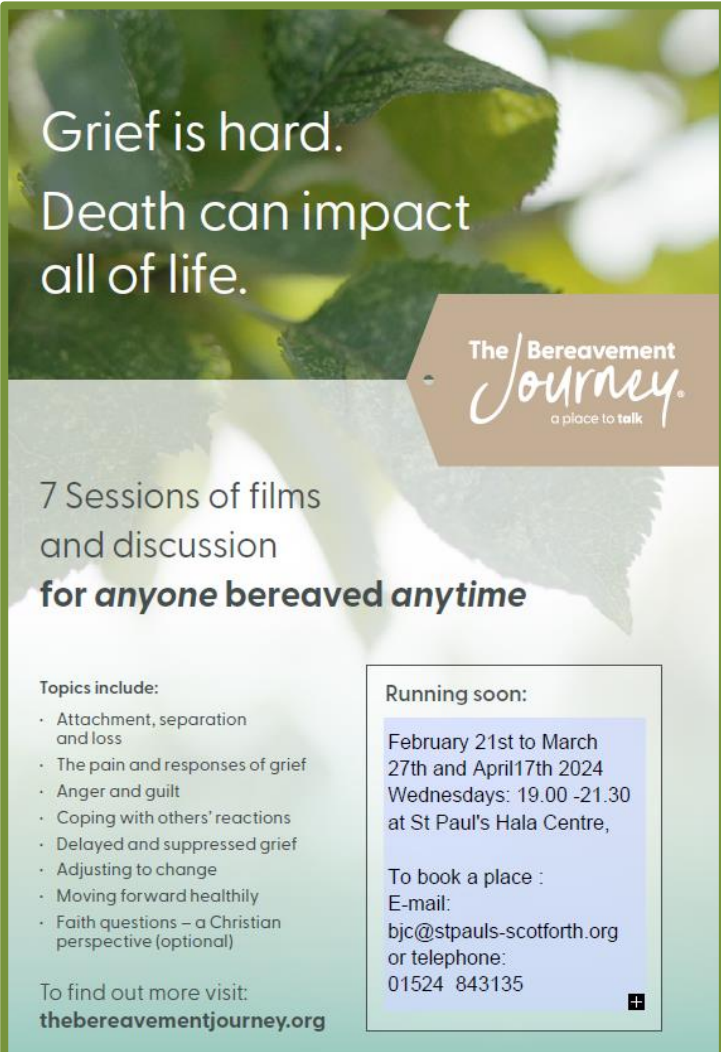
In aid of church funds

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:
bjc@stpauls-scotforth.org
or telephone:
01524 843135

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.

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 Church warden.

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



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'.

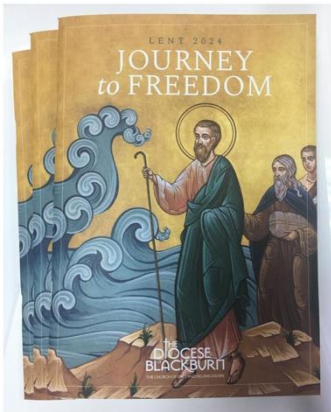


The course is being launched with a new app, from which the videos can be seen at home. To get the app use the QR code or search app stores for 'Fruitful: The Diocese of Blackburn'.

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

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



More info: Gill Burgess 07790 507326 gill.burgess@gmail.com

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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