



ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS

29th February 2024

Sunday Worship – 3rd March 2024 Lent 3

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

12:30pm – Holy Baptisms 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:

Date & Time	Name of Event
Sunday 3 rd March at 12:30pm	Baptisms of Lonnie James and Obie Alexander
Monday 4 th March at 2pm	Tea@2 at the Parish Hall
Monday 4 th March at 7:30pm	PCC meeting at the Parish Hall meeting room
Sunday 10th March:	
8:00am	BCP Holy Communion
9:45am	Holy Communion
10:45am	St Paul's Singers - Choir Practice
11:15am	Service of the Word at St Paul's, Hala
4:00pm	'Reflect' – more information about this next week
6:30pm	BCP Evening Prayer



***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: Redcar Road, Sandown Road, Newmarket Avenue, Lingfield Close, Thirsk Road

From our Church prayer diary: Church Musicians

We pray for the parents, godparents and family of Lonnie James and Obie Alexander who are 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 3rd March:

Eternal God,
give us insight
to discern your will for us,
to give up what harms us,
and to seek the perfection we are promised
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings for Sunday 3rd March:

1 Corinthians 1.18-25

¹⁸ For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written, 'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.' ²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

John 2.13-22

¹³ The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money-changers seated at their tables. ¹⁵Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶He told those who were selling the doves, 'Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a market-place!' ¹⁷His disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for your house will consume me.' ¹⁸The Jews then said to him, 'What sign can you show us for doing this?' ¹⁹Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' ²⁰The Jews then said, 'This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?' ²¹But he was speaking of the temple of his body. ²²After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

Post Communion Prayer for Sunday 3rd March:

Merciful Lord,
grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world,
the flesh and the devil,
and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Readings for next Sunday:

Numbers 21.4–9; Psalm 107.1–3, 17–22 [or 107.1–9];
Ephesians 2.1–10; John 3.14–21

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.



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.

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● **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
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Tulip Extravaganza Update:

Many thanks to all the helpers and to everyone who came to our tulip event on Saturday. Amazingly we raised just over £300 for church funds.

If you weren't able to join us but would like to enter our flower quiz you will find a few left at the back of church next to the books and cards. All quizzes are due back by the 10th of March so make sure you pick one up this coming Sunday. Thanks.

Maureen Leach



**FLOWER
QUIZ**

£1



Baptisms at St Paul's Hala:

After many years (at least 15yrs?) two separate families have asked for their babies to be baptised in St Paul's Hala - and, as it happened, just two weeks apart! Both mothers are new regular church members and both happen to have the same name for their babies - Elijah. Please pray for both families as we thank God for both celebrations.

Jim Currin

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Office hours: Monday-Friday, 9.30-12.00

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