



ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS 14th March 2024



Sunday Worship – 17th March 2024 Lent 5

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


12:30pm – Baptism Service

Tuesday - Reflective Prayer at 7:30pm 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
Saturday 16 th March at 12:30pm	Wedding of Billy and Eleanor 
Tuesday 19 th March at 7:30pm	Reflective Prayer
Sunday 24th March: 8:00am 9:45am 11:15am	BCP Holy Communion Holy Communion Service of the Word at St Paul's, 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: Knowle Hill Crescent, Heversham Close, Arnside Close, Barnacre Close

From our Church prayer diary: Our Clergy team

We pray for the parents, godparents and family of Kaleb John and Jodie-Lea who are to be baptised this week

We pray for Billy and Eleanor as they are married this week at St Paul's Church

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 17th March:

Gracious Father,
you gave up your Son
out of love for the world:
lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion,
that we may know eternal peace
through the shedding of our Saviour's blood,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings for Sunday 17th March:

Hebrews 5.5-10

⁵ So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, 'You are my Son, today I have begotten you'; ⁶as he says also in another place, 'You are a priest for ever, according to the order of Melchizedek.' ⁷ In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all

who obey him, ¹⁰having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

John 12.20-33

²⁰ Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. ²¹ They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.' ²² Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³ Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴ Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵ Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶ Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour. ²⁷ 'Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—"Father, save me from this hour"? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. ²⁸ Father, glorify your name.' Then a voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' ²⁹ The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, 'An angel has spoken to him.' ³⁰ Jesus answered, 'This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. ³¹ Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. ³² And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.' ³³ He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

Post Communion Prayer for Sunday 17th March:

Lord Jesus Christ,
you have taught us
that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters
we do also for you:
give us the will to be the servant of others
as you were the servant of all,
and gave up your life and died for us,
but are alive and reign, now and for ever.

Readings for next Sunday:

Isaiah 42.1-9; Psalm 36.5-11; Hebrews 9.11-15; John 12.1-11



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



Electrics in church: Many of you will remember that we recently explained about the state of the electric systems in church and not being fully compliant. We are pleased to say that the remedial work is started on Monday 11th March and will take approximately 10-12 weeks to complete, if everything goes according to plan. The final week of work will be the only week we won't be able to offer services at all as all the new wiring will be finally connected into all the new circuit boxes and the electric supply will have to be switched off for this. We will keep everyone posted about when this final week will be as we will have to cancel the Thursday morning service that week.

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



ANNUAL MEETING



The **Annual meeting (APCM)** is a major event in the parish calendar. This year we are going to incorporate our Annual Meeting within our 9.45am service on Sunday 21st April at St Paul's Church. Copies of the Annual Report and accounts will be available on the website, sent out as attachments on the parish news weekly email and be available from the back of church and at Hala by 24th March.

The Annual meeting elects Churchwardens for the coming year. We also **elect the Parochial Church Council (PCC)**. On the Church Council we have four vacancies for a 3-year period, three for a 2-year period and three for a 1-year period so if you are interested about the work of the PCC and only want to give it a trial then maybe the 1-year period would be of interest to you.

Please note that you have to be registered on the Electoral Roll for at least six months prior to the AGM to be eligible for election. If you are unsure whether you are on the Roll or would like to go on the Roll then please talk to Jayne, Churchwarden. If you would like to learn about being a member of the Church Council then please talk to either Rev Rebecca, Jayne or pick up a nomination form from the back of church.



Sidesperson (Welcome Team): If you are currently a member of the Welcome Team at our 8am and 9.45am services please can you sign the list on the noticeboard at the back of church to indicate that you are willing to

continue in this role for another year. Thank you for all that you do in this role; the welcome received at the front door to church is the first impression that all visitors to our church receive and can make all the difference.

If you are interested in becoming a member of this team then you would be very welcome, there is a safer recruitment process to be followed, as with all volunteer roles in church. Please add your name and contact information to the list on the board and Jayne will be in touch with you. This list will be presented as part of the Annual Parish Meeting on 21st April and has to be completed by then for all current and new volunteers.

The Church Gardens & Green Bins

The gardening season is slowly coming to life. The church garden has been a pleasure to look at during the late winter months with lots of snowdrops and the pink flowering daphne shrubs which also give out a lovely fragrance. The purple crocus memorial garden is in full bloom. The dahlia tubers have been retrieved from the church cellar where they spent the winter. They are now being potted up where hopefully they will come to life in the greenhouse before being planted out for the summer. The gardening team will soon be back in action every Wednesday afternoon by the end of the month. Hopefully the weather will be kinder to us this year, i.e. not too much rain and not too hot.



As the years go by we are desperate for new helpers. All help offered in whatever form would be gratefully accepted. You don't have to know anything about gardening, or come on a Wednesday. All offers of help would be accepted.

However, if you really feel gardening is beyond you we also need your help to pay for the several green bins which are needed both at Church and the Parish Hall. It's surprising how many bins we fill each week despite having a compost heap. So, if you feel able to sponsor a bin at £45 a time or even give some money towards one, please send your payment to me or the parish office. Cheques should be made payable to Scotforth St Paul's PCC. Many thanks.



Maureen Leach

Fairtrade Easter Eggs have arrived

Meaningful Milk Chocolate Real Easter Eggs are the only ones in the UK with an Easter story/puzzle booklet for children. They are Fairtrade, have 35% cocoa (check that against the 20% - 25% of usual brands!), are palm-oil free and no plastic is used in the packaging. Cost £4.50 cash payable on collection. They will be available after the 9.45 service at St Paul's, or to save one contact me by email arton.medd@btinternet.com or phone 01524 64730.



The Children's Society:

Most of the Children's Society boxes have now been counted and the total sum raised is currently £88.05. Thanks to everyone who has contributed.



Please pick up another box from the back of church if you wish to continue to support this charity.

Grace Illidge