



ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS 21st March 2024



Sunday Worship – 24th March 2024 Palm Sunday – Holy Week

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.

Wednesday – 8:30pm Compline with Vox Consort at St Paul's, Scotforth Road

Maundy Thursday at 9:15am – Holy Communion

Maundy Thursday at 7pm – Holy Communion at St Paul's, Scotforth Road

Good Friday at 2pm - Liturgy with Vox Consort at St Paul's, Scotforth Road

Holy Saturday at 4pm – Service of Waiting at St Paul's Church, Scotforth Road

Parish Diary:

Date & Time	Name of Event
Easter Day - Sunday 31st March:	
8:00am	BCP Holy Communion
9:45am	Holy Communion
11:15am	Holy Communion 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: Dunkenshaw Crescent, Heversham Close, Arnside Close

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

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

All who mourn: Barbara Beetham

An Invitation from Rev Rebecca:

As a family we invite our St Paul's family to Anderson's consecration at Canterbury Cathedral on the Feast of St Mark the Evangelist this April 25th at 11am. If you would like to attend, please let us know and we will explain how to get tickets.

Everyone is also invited to St Paul's Cathedral on May 19th at 3pm for Choral Evensong with the Installation of the Bishop of Edmonton (no tickets are required).

We appreciate your presence and prayer for these special days and the days to come.

Rev Rebecca

Collect for Sunday 24th March:

True and humble king,
hailed by the crowd as Messiah:
grant us the faith to know you and love you,
that we may be found beside you
on the way of the cross,
which is the path of glory. **Amen.**

Readings for Sunday 24th March:

Psalms 118 1-2; 19-end

¹ O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; • his mercy endures for ever. ² Let Israel now proclaim, • 'His mercy endures for ever.'

¹⁹ Open to me the gates of righteousness, • that I may enter and

give thanks to the Lord. ²⁰ This is the gate of the Lord; • the righteous shall enter through it. ²¹ I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me • and have become my salvation. ²² The stone which the builders rejected • has become the chief cornerstone. ²³ This is the Lord's doing, • and it is marvellous in our eyes. ²⁴ This is the day that the Lord has made; • we will rejoice and be glad in it. ²⁵ Come, O Lord, and save us we pray. • Come, Lord, send us now prosperity. ²⁶ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; • we bless you from the house of the Lord. ²⁷ The Lord is God; he has given us light; • link the pilgrims with cords right to the horns of the altar. ²⁸ You are my God and I will thank you; • you are my God and I will exalt you. ²⁹ O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; • his mercy endures for ever.

Post Communion Prayer for Sunday 24th March:

Lord Jesus Christ,
you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant,
and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation:
give us the mind to follow you
and to proclaim you as Lord and King,
to the glory of God the Father.

All: Amen

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Readings for next Sunday:

Exodus 14.10-end; 15.20-21; Romans 6.3-11; Mark 16.1-8



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: We are pleased to say that the remedial work 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.



Help for Ukraine:

We are collecting Wax for Ukraine – it will be turned into trench candles that warm up the soldiers in the trenches. Trench candles are an essential source of heat for them. Please donate an old or new candle or some candle stubs. I have placed a box in the church porch for any donations of wax. All the candle wax will be taken to Chorley, from where it will be transported to Ukraine, where volunteers will turn them into trench candles. See 'Chorley and District Support for Ukraine' Facebook page. Thank you for your support.

Jean Mount

- **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 are available on the website <https://stpauls-scotforth.org/pcc/> sent out as attachments on the parish news weekly email this week and are available from the back of church and at Hala.

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.



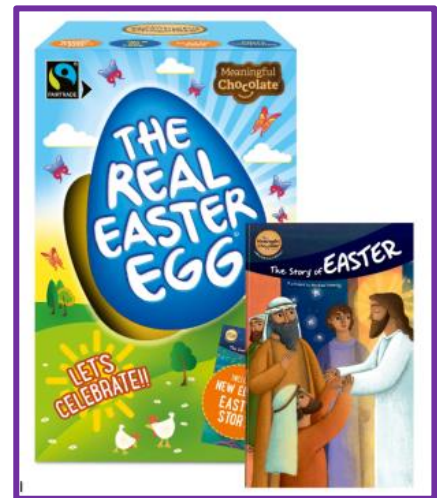
Sidesperson (Welcome Team): If you are currently a member of the Welcome Team at our 8am and 9.45am services please can you sign the list on the noticeboard at the back of church to indicate that you are willing to

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.

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.



Good Friday Walk of Witness

The only Friday Bank Holiday in the year commemorates the day when Jesus was crucified and Lancaster Churches Together have a Walk of Witness in the city centre as a reminder of why Good Friday is a holiday. Why not join in at 12 noon in Dalton Square, finishing in Market Square by 1:00pm. On the way there will be stops for bible readings, prayers and hymns; and palm crosses and small Easter Eggs will be handed out to passers-by. *Arton Medd*

Flower Quiz:

Congratulations to Pat Illingworth, the winner of the 'Flower Quiz'

A big 'thank you' to all who sent in their answer sheets. Better luck next time!

Maureen Leach

Flower Quiz

£1 in aid of Church funds

1. A well known brand of milk (9).....Carnation
2. A nice man (5,7).....Sweet William
3. Proper young lady (8).....Primrose
4. Turn yam to start (9).....Mayflower
5. Basil's mitt (8).....Foxglove
6. Goods in supply (5).....Stock
7. Monkey flower (7).....Mimulus
8. Lea and sugar (11).....Meadow Sweet
9. Give me your answer do!(5).....Daisy
- 10.A foggy affair (4,2,3,4).....Love in the Mist
- 11.Many sheep (5).....Phlox
- 12.METNNSPEO (Anagram).....Penstemon
- 13.March ringer (8).....Harebell
- 14.Cathedral chimes (10,5).....Canterbury bell
- 15.A bovine accident (7).....Cowslip
- 16.Sweeps clean (5).....Broom
- 17.LAMLOW (Anagram).....Mallow
- 18.Kept in bags (8).....Lavender
- 19.A touching request (6,2,3).....Forget me not
- 20.Part of the eyeIris
- 21.Desert horse.....Orchid
- 22.Seen at a pond.....Water lily
- 23.Tie this pest up.....Knot weed
- 24.Comic cat.....Dandelion
- 25.Could be Scotch.....Thistle
- 26.Ballroom decorations..... Wall flower
27. Wordsworth's joy..... Daffodil
- 28.Musical instrument.....Viola

Holy Week and Easter Services

Wednesday 27th March

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