



**ST PAUL'S  
PARISH NEWS  
28<sup>th</sup> March 2024  
Easter Day**



**Good Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March**

2:00pm - Good Friday Liturgy with Vox Consort at St Paul's, Scotforth Road

**Holy Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March**

4:00pm – Service of Waiting at St Paul's, Scotforth Road

**Sunday Worship – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024 - Easter Day**

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

**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

**Parish Diary:**

<b>Date &amp; Time</b>	<b>Name of Event</b>
<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April:</b>	
8:00am	BCP Holy Communion
9:45am	Holy Communion
11:15am	Holy Communion at St Paul's, Hala
12:30pm	Holy Baptism of Esther and Millie



***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:** Shireshead Crescent, Winmarleigh Road, Gressingham Drive, Gressingham Walk

**From our Church prayer diary:** We pray for our parish community here at St Paul's. Give us joy in proclaiming the Easter message that Christ is risen.

**Those who have asked for prayers for healing:** Mary Wilson, Mary Smith, John Harding, Ciarán, Jonathan Easton, Tony Walker, Brenda Alexander, 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> March:**

God of glory,  
by the raising of your Son  
you have broken the chains of death and hell:  
fill your Church with faith and hope;  
for a new day has dawned  
and the way to life stands open  
in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

## **Readings for Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March:**

### **Acts 10.34-43**

<sup>34</sup> Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup>That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup>We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup>He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup>All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

### **John 20.1-18**

<sup>20</sup> Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. <sup>2</sup>So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' <sup>3</sup>Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. <sup>4</sup>The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. <sup>5</sup>He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. <sup>6</sup>Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, <sup>7</sup>and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. <sup>8</sup>Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; <sup>9</sup>for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. <sup>10</sup>Then the

disciples returned to their homes. <sup>11</sup> But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; <sup>12</sup>and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. <sup>13</sup>They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' <sup>14</sup>When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>15</sup>Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' <sup>16</sup>Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). <sup>17</sup>Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."' <sup>18</sup>Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

### **Post Communion Prayer for Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March:**

God of Life,  
who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son  
to the death of the cross,  
and by his glorious resurrection  
have delivered us from the power of our enemy:  
grant us so to die daily to sin,  
that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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### **Readings for next Sunday:**

Acts 4.32–35; Psalm 133; 1 John 1.1-2.2; John 20.19–end



**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 11<sup>th</sup> 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*

# 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 21<sup>st</sup> April at St Paul's Church. This will be a 'joint' service; there will be no service at St Paul's, Hala on this day. 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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*

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• **VICAR:** Rev Dr Rebecca Aechtner: Tel: 749693;

• **Email:** [vicar@stpauls-scotforth.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:office@stpauls-scotforth.org)

• **BAPTISMS AND WEDDINGS:** Booking enquiries - please contact Jayne

• **Weatherill through the parish office or Email:** [lifeyvents@stpauls-scotforth.org](mailto: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](https://www.facebook.com/scotforthstpaulschurch)

• **INSTAGRAM:** [@scotforthstpauls](https://www.instagram.com/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](mailto:pastoral@stpauls-scotforth.org)

• or telephoning Irene on Tel: 64701.

• **Scotforth School:** Headteacher – Mrs Katie Walsh – Tel: 01524 65379