



ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS 11th April 2024



Sunday Worship – 14th April 2024 Easter 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

6:30pm – Evening Prayer at St Paul's, Scotforth Road

Tuesday at 7:30pm – Reflective Prayer at St Paul's, Scotforth Road

Wednesday at 9:00am – Morning Prayer is taking a short break and will restart on Wednesday 1st May.

Thursday at 9:15am – Holy Communion

Parish Diary:

Date & Time	Name of Event
Monday 15 th April at 2pm	Tea@2 at Parish Hall – everyone welcome
Sunday 21st April:	
8:00am	BCP Holy Communion
9:45am	Joint Service of the Word including Annual Parish General Meeting
11:15am	No service at St Paul's, Hala
12:30pm	Baptism Service at St Paul's, Scotforth Road



*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: Ingleton Drive

From our Church prayer diary: All those in Lay Ministry

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

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 14th April:

Risen Christ,

you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope:

strengthen us to proclaim your risen life

and fill us with your peace,

to the glory of God the Father.

Readings for Sunday 14th April:

Acts 3.12-19

¹²When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, 'You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? ¹³The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has

glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. ¹⁴But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. ¹⁷ ‘And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out,

Luke 24.36b-48

³⁶ While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’ ³⁷They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, ‘Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.’ ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, ‘Have you anything here to eat?’ ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate in their presence. ⁴⁴ Then he said to them, ‘These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.’ ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, ‘Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things.

Post Communion Prayer for Sunday 14th April:

Living God,
your Son made himself known to his disciples

in the breaking of bread:
open the eyes of our faith,
that we may see him in all his redeeming work;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

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Readings for next Sunday:

Acts 4.5–12; Psalm 23; 1 John 3.16–end; John 10.11–18



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.

Update: I would like to say a very big Thank You to ALL the people who have so generously donated wax candles. The need is ongoing so the box will remain in the church porch. *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 21st 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 21st April and has to be completed by then for all current and new volunteers.

Recycling Opportunities: Many of you use our recycling facilities for batteries, ink cartridges, postage stamps – thank you. This is just a note to say that we can no longer collect spectacles and we will be removing this box as Second Sight for World Vision are no longer operating this scheme.



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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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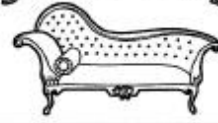
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