



# ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS 25<sup>th</sup> April 2024



## Sunday Worship – 28<sup>th</sup> April 2024 Easter 5

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 – re-starts on 1<sup>st</sup> May  
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
<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May:</b>	
8:00am	BCP Holy Communion
9:45am	Holy Communion
11:15am	Service of the Word at St Paul's, Hala
12:30pm	Baptism of Arla George Derek



*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:** Slaidburn Drive, Appletree Drive, Appletree Close, Abbeystead Drive

**From our Church prayer diary:** Our new PCC as we begin the new year of meetings

**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, Muriel Ellison

**All who mourn:** Barbara Beetham

### **Collect for Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> April:**

Risen Christ,  
your wounds declare your love for the world  
and the wonder of your risen life:  
give us compassion and courage  
to risk ourselves for those we serve,  
to the glory of God the Father.

### **Readings for Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> April:**

#### **Acts 8.26-end**

<sup>26</sup> Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go towards the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.) <sup>27</sup> So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship <sup>28</sup> and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. <sup>29</sup> Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.' <sup>30</sup> So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' <sup>31</sup> He replied, 'How can I, unless someone

guides me?’ And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. <sup>32</sup>Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: ‘Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. <sup>33</sup>In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.’ <sup>34</sup>The eunuch asked Philip, ‘About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?’ <sup>35</sup>Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. <sup>36</sup>As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, ‘Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?’ <sup>38</sup>He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. <sup>39</sup>When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. <sup>40</sup>But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

## **John 15.1-8**

<sup>1</sup>I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. <sup>2</sup>He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup>You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. <sup>5</sup>I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup>Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. <sup>7</sup>If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup>My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

## **Post Communion Prayer for Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> April:**

Eternal God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life:  
grant us to walk in his way,  
to rejoice in his truth,  
and to share his risen life;  
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

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

Acts 10.44–end †; 1 John 5.1–6; John 15.9–17



**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.

## **2024 Annual Parish Meeting Report by John Gedge, PCC Secretary:**

At the meeting held on 21 April 2024 Jayne Weatherill and Keith Weatherill were elected as Churchwardens. Katherine Froggatt was elected for a second 3-year term on the PCC. Paul Ducklin, Elizabeth Field and Tom Grimwood were elected to the PCC for their first 3-year term. The reports presented to the APM can be found on the parish website at <https://stpauls-scotforth.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/Annual-Report-for-2023.pdf> and some paper copies have been put out in church.



### **Volunteering Opportunities:**

A number of parish roles need to be filled in the next year. Further information for any of the roles is available from the Churchwardens or Rev Rebecca.

***Treasurer:*** The treasurer advises the PCC on budgeting, maintains the financial records and ensures the bills are paid. The church accounts follow the calendar year. Brian has a computer system which simplifies the process of creating the end of year accounts. Brian has announced that he will stand down after completing the accounts for 2024 so there would be time to learn the system or to investigate a new system if this is thought useful.

***Independent Examiner:*** This role involves checking the end of year accounts so it only involves time once a year.

***Parish Safeguarding Officer:*** The parish uses a national system which identifies the training required for each role. The system also issues reminders to ensure all our volunteers' training is up to date. This role involves operating the system, following Safer Recruitment guidance for applications to volunteer positions and investigating any safeguarding issues that arise. There is the opportunity to be a Deputy PSO and shadow the current postholder this year.

***Health and Safety Officer:*** The post holder would ideally have a good understanding of H&S. As we have 3 buildings, which are open to the public, we have to ensure that policies and procedures are all in place, reviewed timely and to ensure audits and workplace inspections are carried out. The post also involves investigating any accidents or near misses. There is the opportunity to work alongside the current H&S Officer during this year.

***Data Protection Officer:*** The post holder's duties involve ensuring our parish records are kept in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulations and to carry out an annual audit. There would also be the need to, with the incumbent, respond to any FOI requests.



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• **VICAR:** Rev Dr Rebecca Aechtner: Tel: 749693;  
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• ***Rest day is Friday – if you have an urgent enquiry then please contact a***  
• ***Churchwarden.***

• **ASSISTANT PRIEST:** Rev Catherine Haydon: Tel: 07723 642973;  
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• ***or a Churchwarden.***

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• **PARISH OFFICE:** The office is open Monday to Friday from 9.30am – 12 noon.  
• **Closed on Bank Holidays.** Tel: 01524 843135;  
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• **BAPTISMS AND WEDDINGS:** Booking enquiries - please contact Jayne  
• **Weatherill through the parish office or Email:** [lifeevents@stpauls-scotforth.org](mailto:lifeevents@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](mailto:pastoral@stpauls-scotforth.org)  
• **or telephoning Irene on Tel: 64701.**

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

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### **Community Café at Cornerstones:**

I was recently fortunate enough to attend a monthly Supper club at Cornerstones on the corner of Sulyard Street. It was run by the Global Village Cafe and the food was amazing with starters from Ukraine, a Kurdish main course followed by Syrian sweets. I can't wait for the next one. However in the meantime, there will be a Community Cafe at Cornerstones on the 27th April where there will be lunch and Fair trade stalls. It will certainly be worth visiting.

*Maureen Leach*

# Do you need a venue?

Are you thinking of organising a function, need a place to rehearse for a show, teach a hobby or even hold a meeting?  
Then why not use one of our rooms?

**We have a number of rooms available:**

**Rooms Prices: Start as little as £9.00 per hour**

Use of the Kitchen: Rates depend on either booking with or without a room

**Our letting hours are:**

**Monday to Saturday: 8.00 am until 10.30 pm,  
Sunday: 8.30am until 8.30 pm**



For more information or to make a booking,  
please visit our website:

<https://stpauls-scotforth.org>

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