



ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS 4th April 2024



Sunday Worship – 7th April 2024 Easter 2

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 – Holy Baptisms

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:

Date & Time	Name of Event
Sunday 7 th April at 12:30pm	Baptism of Esther and Millie
Monday 8 th April at 2pm	Women's Fellowship at Parish Hall
Thursday 11 th April at 11am	Funeral of Barbara Beetham
Sunday 14th April: 8:00am 9:45am 11:15am 6:30pm	BCP Holy Communion Holy Communion Service of the Word at St Paul's, Hala Evening Prayer
Tuesday 16th April 7:30pm	Reflective Prayer



***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: Larchwood, Gregory's Court, Bishopgate

From our Church prayer diary: St Paul's Monday Rainbows

We pray for the parents, godparents and family of Esther and Millie who are to be baptised today

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

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 7th April:

Risen Christ,

for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred:

open the doors of our hearts,

that we may seek the good of others

and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace,

to the praise of God the Father.

Readings for Sunday 7th April:

Acts 4.32-35

³² Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. ³³With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. ³⁵They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

John 20.19-end

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'
²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.' ²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' ²⁸Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' ²⁹Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.' ³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may

come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Post Communion Prayer for Sunday 7th April:

Lord God our Father,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ
you have assured your children of eternal life
and in baptism have made us one with him:
deliver us from the death of sin
and raise us to new life in your love,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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Readings for next Sunday:

Acts 3.12–19; Psalm 4; 1 John 3.1–7; Luke 24.36b –48



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

Women's Fellowship:

We will be meeting on Monday the 8th April when we will be having a talk about The Lancaster Canal Trust. All are welcome.

Jean Mount

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.

Lancaster Churches' Good Friday Walk:

For skim/fast scroll Readers: There was a Lancaster Churches Together walk in Lancaster on Good Friday. About 100 people were there.

For those who wish to know more:

A crowd of about 100 people gathered in Dalton Square at 12 noon last Friday to take their faith outside church buildings and to remind people of the origins of the bank holiday which commemorates Jesus' crucifixion. A walk through the city centre needs safety warnings which were given by Jane Callow of New Life Church (NLC) who is Moderator of Lancaster Churches Together. Bishop Paul Swarbrick, the Roman Catholic Bishop of Lancaster welcomed us, gave the opening prayer and Rev. Irene John, minister of Trinity United Reformed Church read from the letter to the Philippians. Graham Kendrick's hymn 'The Servant King', accompanied on

guitar by Rev. Marcus Mosey (NLC), was sung before we set off. Our route took us via St Frances Passage, Penny, Church and New Streets to Market Square with stops for readings and hymns. The readers were Rev. Emilian Cirtina (Lancaster Baptist Church), Rev. Des Deehan (Father's House Elim Church), Rev. Linda Catlow (Lancaster Methodist Church). Palm crosses and mini Easter eggs were offered and received by passers by, and there were conversations as to what the procession was about. At least one person was surprised that members of so many different churches were walking together.

At the plinth in Market Square the skateboarders paused briefly, our Anglican Bishop of Lancaster, Rt Revd Jill Duff gave a message of Easter hope, and both bishops gave their blessing to us and to the city.

Some form of Lancaster Churches Together Good Friday witness has occurred in the city each year (Covid excepted) since 1993 and there were young families with children present so the tradition may well continue.

How about you joining in next time?

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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: lifeyvents@stpauls-scotforth.org

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<https://stpauls-scotforth.org> then visit the Hiring our Spaces area at the top of the page.

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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 or telephoning Irene on Tel: 64701.

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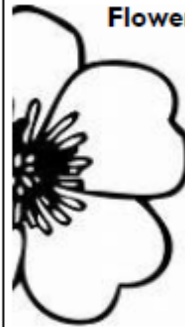
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