



ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS 16th May 2024



Sunday Worship – 19th May 2024 Pentecost

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

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

Wednesday at 9:00am – Morning Prayer

Please contact Margaret Ives if you would like to join the telephone conference

Thursday at 9:15am – There will be no 9:15am service today as church is closed for electrical work

Parish Diary:

Date & Time	Name of Event
Monday 20th May at 2:00pm	Tea@2 at Parish Hall
Sunday 26th May: Trinity Sunday	
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: Hala Grove, Abbeyfield Close, Hala Crescent

From our Church prayer diary: The Women's Fellowship members

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, Martin Pearson, Marit Impey

All who mourn:

Collect for Sunday 19th May:

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father,
ignite in us your holy fire;
strengthen your children with the gift of faith,
revive your Church with the breath of love,
and renew the face of the earth,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings for Sunday 19th May:

Acts 2.1-21

2When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. 2And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. 3Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. 4All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. 5 Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. 6And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. 7Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?' 8And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? 9Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and

Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.’ ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, ‘What does this mean?’ ¹³But others sneered and said, ‘They are filled with new wine.’ ¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: ‘Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷ “In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. ¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. ²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day. ²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

John 15.26-27, 16.4b-15

²⁶ ‘When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. ²⁷You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

⁴But I have said these things to you so that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you about them. ‘I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. ⁵But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, “Where are you going?” ⁶But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. ⁷Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness

and judgement: ⁹about sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; ¹¹about judgement, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. ¹² 'I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

Post Communion Prayer for Sunday 19th May:

Faithful God,
who fulfilled the promises of Easter
by sending us your Holy Spirit
and opening to every race and nation
the way of life eternal:
open our lips by your Spirit,
that every tongue may tell of your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Readings for next Sunday:

Isaiah 6.1–8; Psalm 29; Romans 8.12–17; John 3.1–17

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



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.

Pews for sale: After we removed the pews from the north aisle last year they have been in secure storage and then were recently moved to the vicarage garage. Some work has been undertaken on them to ensure they sit flat on the floor and we now have 9 beautiful pews available for sale. They are 6 foot long approximately.



The PCC have asked for donations at a minimum of £100 per pew. If you have any other questions, would like to view them or would like to purchase one then please talk to Rev Rebecca.

Electrics in church: We are pleased to say that the remedial work started on Monday 11th March should be finished on schedule. This will mean that during week beginning Monday 20th May until teatime on Friday 24th May the church will be fully closed as the church will be without electricity whilst all the new wiring is finally connected into the new circuit boxes.

This means that, unfortunately, there will be NO Thursday morning 9.15am service on 23rd May.

Christian Aid Week:

Dear All, Christian Aid week is now here. The 2024 appeal focuses on a woman called Aline in Burundi, a country desperately affected by poverty and hunger. Aline was forced to leave her children to find a way off the streets, but thanks to the work of Christian Aid in previous years is now able to support herself, and is now able to provide for three of her children who have joined her - the May appeal is here and gone quickly each year, but it is lifechanging for those who most need our aid. At some point this week you should all receive a red envelope, asking you to return it to the Parish Hall by 5th June. If you prefer a digital method, please either scan the QR code below or visit <https://fundraise.christianaid.org.uk/envelope-2024/lancaster-and-area-ca-group>. If you have not received an envelope by next Sunday please do get in touch, as I have a few spares.



Sammy Dawkins

NB: when returning your envelopes to the Parish Office, please place them in our secure metal post-box.

Tomato plants:

I have an excess of tomato plants so if you would like to have a go at growing your own tomatoes please help yourself to a pot on Sunday. You will find them on top of the book shelves near the cards. They can be grown indoors if you have a sheltered sunny spot in the garden.



Maureen Leach



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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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••••• **Rest day is Tuesday – if you have an urgent enquiry then please contact Rev Rebecca or a Churchwarden.**

••••• **CHURCHWARDENS:** Mrs Jayne Weatherill:

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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

••••• **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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