



ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS 23rd May 2024



Sunday Worship – 26th May 2024 Trinity Sunday

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

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
Thursday 30 th May at 3:00pm	Blessing and Reaffirmation of Wedding Vows at St Paul's, Scotforth Road
Sunday 2nd June - 8:00am 9:45am 11:15am	BCP Holy Communion Holy Communion 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: Harewood Avenue, Brantwood Drive, Lawnswood Avenue, Whinfell Drive

From our Church prayer diary: Our Welcome Team

Those who have asked for prayers for healing: Mary Wilson, Mary Smith, John Harding, Jonathan Easton, Tony Walker, Brenda Alexander, Ian Smith, Kathleen Walker, Muriel Ellison, Martin Pearson, Marit Impey

All who mourn: Hilary Jones

Collect for Sunday 26th May:

Holy God,

faithful and unchanging:

enlarge our minds with the knowledge of your truth,
and draw us more deeply into the mystery of your love,

that we may truly worship you,

Father, Son and Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

Readings for Sunday 26th May:

Romans 8.12-17

¹² So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—¹³for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

John 3.1-17

³Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews.

²He came to Jesus by night and said to him, ‘Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.’ ³Jesus answered him, ‘Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.’ ⁴Nicodemus said to him, ‘How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?’ ⁵Jesus answered, ‘Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be astonished that I said to you, “You must be born from above.” ⁸The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.’ ⁹Nicodemus said to him, ‘How can these things be?’ ¹⁰Jesus answered him, ‘Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹ ‘Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶ ‘For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. ¹⁷ ‘Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Post Communion Prayer for Sunday 26th May:

Almighty and eternal God,
you have revealed yourself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
and live and reign in the perfect unity of love:
hold us firm in this faith,
that we may know you in all your ways
and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory,
who are three Persons yet one God,
now and for ever.

Readings for next Sunday:

1 Samuel 3.1–10 [11–20]; 2 Corinthians 4.5–12; Mark 2.23—3.6

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. Following the full closure of church this week there should now be a couple of weeks of remedial/tidy up work being carried out in church.

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. It is hoped that you should all have received 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 outdoors if you have a sheltered sunny spot in the garden.



Maureen Leach

Handel's 'Messiah' Sunday 2nd June 2:30 pm at Sefton Road United Reformed Church, Morecambe:

This performance by an augmented choir is part of a celebration weekend to mark David Tattersall's 40 years as organist at the church. Admission is free but donations welcome.

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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;
 - 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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Supporting the Church Roof fundraising whilst doing your online shopping:

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St Paul's Church



WE ARE HIRING

PARISH HALL KEYHOLDER:

- ▶ 6 hours per week
- ▶ 1 hour per day Mon - Sat
- ▶ £12 per hour
- ▶ Immediate Start

**CLOSING
DATE:**

**7TH JUNE
2024**

CONTACT US :

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📍 St Paul's Parish Hall, Scotforth
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Interview Date: 14th June

**FOR AN APPLICATION PACK PLEASE EMAIL
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