



ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS 2nd May 2024



Sunday Worship – 5th May 2024 Easter 6

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

12:30pm – Holy Baptism at St Paul's, Scotforth Road

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
Sunday 12th May:	
8:00am	BCP Holy Communion
9:45am	Holy Communion
11:15am	Service of the Word at St Paul's, Hala
6:30pm	Evening Prayer
Monday 13th May	
2:00pm	Women's Fellowship



*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: Claughton Drive, Hala Road, Cockersands Drive

From our Church prayer diary: King Charles III and Queen Consort Camilla on the anniversary of the Coronation

We pray for the parents, godparents and family of Arla George Derek who is to be baptised this week

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:

Consecration of Bishop Anderson:

Keith and I were both honoured and privileged to be invited to the service at Canterbury Cathedral last week for Anderson's consecration. I know, from comments in church this last weekend, that many of you watched the service on YouTube. It was an



absolutely joyous occasion and, you could tell that Anderson had been involved in the structure and content of the service. The drumming was one of those unique features – we were curious when asked to transport it down to Canterbury. If you would like to watch the service it is still available to view by clicking here -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aXh8z0x7ZPQ>

After the service, together with Rev Catherine, we were invited by the Archbishop of Canterbury and Mrs Welsby to a reception in the Old Palace. We were expecting a drink and were given a hot meal, dessert and drinks which were much needed – don't ever complain about the heating in St Paul's the Cathedral was freezing! There was the added pressure of negotiating the cream carpets with hot food and drinks to find a warm spot – of which there were many, thankfully.

I've included a couple of the photographs which were posted on Facebook for those without access, I'm sure that Rebecca will let us have some of the 'official' photographs when she receives them through.



Jayne Weatherill

Collect for Sunday 5th May:

Risen Christ,

by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples:

help your Church to obey your command

and draw the nations to the fire of your love,

to the glory of God the Father.

Readings for Sunday 5th May:

Acts 10.44-end

⁴⁴ While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. ⁴⁵The circumcised believers who had come with

Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, ⁴⁶for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, ⁴⁷ ‘Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?’ ⁴⁸So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

John 15.9-17

⁹As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love.

¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. ¹² ‘This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

Post Communion Prayer for Sunday 5th May:

God our Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life:
may we thirst for you,
the spring of life and source of goodness,
through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

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Readings for next Sunday:

Acts 1.15–17, 21–end †; Psalm 1; 1 John 5.9–13; John 17.6–19



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



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.

Women's Fellowship:

We'll be meeting on Monday 13th May in the Parish Hall at 2pm, when Gordon Fletcher will be giving a talk entitled "Morecambe Bay Underwater Safari". All are welcome.

Jean Mount

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.

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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.***
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- **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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Christian Aid Week 12 – 18 May 2024

We are hearing a lot about Rwanda in the news right now, but its neighbour to the south, Burundi, is unknown. Christine and I passed through the airport in the capital city of Bujumbura on our way to visit Christian Aid partners in Rwanda almost twenty years ago. Luggage was lined up on the runway and bags were put on the two propeller plane after each passenger identified them. We wondered what happened to the solitary case that remained after we took off. There's more about Burundi on Christian Aid's website (www.caweek.org) as this year's Christian Aid Week appeal focuses on Aline, a young Burundi mother whose escape from an abusive and violent early marriage forced her to live on the streets. Hungry, scorned and alone Aline was pushed to the brink of survival, but her love for the children she had to leave behind drove her to transform her life. She participated in a community workshop funded by Christian Aid which taught her how to set up a small business. With a small start up loan she began trading in avocados and peanuts locally and she was able to rent a house. Eventually Aline could also provide for three of her children who joined her, and her business has continued to grow. United Nations figures rank Burundi 155th out of 190 countries in terms of GDP (Gross Domestic Product) and, of its population of about 13 million people, 70% live in poverty and suffer from malnourishment. However Christian Aid and its partners are giving hope and providing some good news from a poor country. You may receive a Christian Aid envelope through your letter box and if you live in a road allocated to Lancaster Baptist Church it will be collected by them. St Paul's uses 'delivery only' envelopes and Sammy Dawkins, St Paul's Church organiser for CA Week, will be asking for volunteers old and new to help with the task. The three main purposes in CA Week are to raise money, to let people beyond our congregations know that churches have a concern for the poor and disadvantaged overseas, and also to encourage people to campaign on their behalf particularly in an election year.

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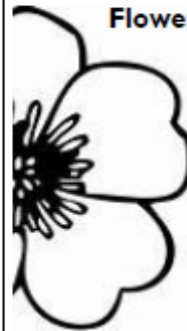
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