



ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS 9th May 2024



Sunday Worship – 12th May 2024 Easter 7

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

6:30pm – BCP Evening Prayer 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
Monday 13th May at 2pm	Women's Fellowship, Parish Hall
Sunday 19th May: Pentecost	
8:00am	BCP Holy Communion
9:45am	Holy Communion
11:15am	Holy Communion at St Paul's, Hala
Tuesday 21st May – 7.30pm	Reflective Prayer at St Paul's, Hala
Thursday 23rd May	There will be no 9.15am service today – church closed for electrical work.



*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: Lentworth Drive, Yealand Drive

From our Church prayer diary: All the young people who are preparing to take their SAT's and other examinations

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:

Correction from last week's Holy Baptism notice: "Arlo George Derek who was baptised last week". Apologies to Arlo's family for the incorrect spelling of his name.

Collect for Sunday 9th May:

Risen Christ,

you have raised our human nature to the throne of heaven:

help us to seek and serve you,

that we may join you at the Father's side,

where you reign with the Spirit in glory,

now and for ever.

Readings for Sunday 9th May:

Acts 1.1-11

1In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning ²until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over the course of forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. ⁴While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. 'This', he said, 'is what you have heard from me; ⁵for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.' ⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this

the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' ⁷He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

Luke 24.44-end

⁴⁴ Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.' ⁵⁰ Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. ⁵¹While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵²And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; ⁵³and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

Post Communion Prayer for Sunday 9th May:

God our Father,
you have raised our humanity in Christ
and have fed us with the bread of heaven:
mercifully grant that, nourished with such spiritual blessings,
we may set our hearts in the heavenly places;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings for next Sunday:

Acts 2.1–21 †; or Ezekiel 37.1–14; Psalm 104.26–36, 37b [or 104.26–end];
Romans 8.22–27; or Acts 2.1–21 †; John 15.26–27, 16.4b–15



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 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:

Next week is Christian Aid week, an important time for helping those less fortunate than ourselves. 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 life changing for those who most need our aid.



In Scotforth we are doing a delivery only envelope, as we did last year. We still need volunteers to put envelopes through the letterboxes of: Shireshead Crescent, Durham Avenue, Bedford Place, Eden Park, Bay Horse Drive, Aldcliffe Hall Drive and Village Not Oaklands Court, De Vitre & Royal Albert Cottages, Claughton Drive, Windmill Court, Parkfield Drive, Scotforth Road W even

numbers only Cheltenham Road junction to St Paul's School excluding Chiltern Court, Haverbreaks Road(North and East sides), Dunkenshaw Crescent, Winmarleigh Drive, Barton Road (Wakefield Drive to A6 only), Barton Ct and Farmdale Road.

If you can help, I will be in both services next Sunday, with bundles of envelopes ready to go.

Sammy Dawkins

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

- **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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- ***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: lifeyvents@stpauls-scotforth.org
- **CHURCH WEBSITE & HOW TO HIRE OUR ROOMS:**
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- page.
- **FACEBOOK:** regular updates about life at St Paul's can be found:
- @scotforthstpaulschurch
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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.

Arton Medd

Message from Richard Impey:

First, I want to thank you all for including me in your prayers while I had my recent radiotherapy treatment, especially as at a recent meeting with my consultant she reported that my PSA (a measure of the seriousness of the cancer) has dropped from about 60 to just 5 which is really good news! So, thank you for your prayers.

Second, may we ask for your prayers for Marit, our daughter in law: she had a non-malignant growth removed from her brain eighteen months ago and was making a steady recovery but now it has been discovered that it is beginning to grow again. She and Stephen will be meeting the surgeon in Hamburg next week and I'm sure they would value your prayers. They are due to move south to Holzhausen in the autumn for Stephen to take on the post of Head of the Administrative and Training Centre for Wycliffe Germany.

Many thanks.

Richard Impey

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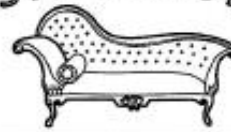
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