



ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS 20th June 2024



Sunday Worship – 23rd June 2024 Trinity 4

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

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
Wednesday 26 th June at 2:15pm	Funeral of Jean Hardy
Saturday 29 th June at 3:00pm	Memorial Service for Ben Booth at St Paul's Church
Sunday 30 th 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: Scotforth Road: Hala Road to Burrowbeck; Palatine Avenue to Hala Road; Brunton House to Palatine Avenue

From our Church prayer diary: 16th Lancaster Beavers

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

All who mourn: Hilary Jones, Tony Walker, Jean Hardy

Collect for Sunday 23rd June:

Gracious Father,
by the obedience of Jesus
you brought salvation to our wayward world:
draw us into harmony with your will,
that we may find all things restored in him,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Readings for Sunday 23rd June:

2 Corinthians 6.1-13

6As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. ²For he says, 'At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you.' See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! ³We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, ⁴but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵beatings, imprisonments, riots, labours, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, ⁷truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; ⁸in honour and dishonour, in ill repute and good repute. We

are treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything. ¹¹ We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. ¹²There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. ¹³ In return—I speak as to children—open wide your hearts also.

Mark 4.35-end

³⁵ On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, ‘Let us go across to the other side.’ ³⁶And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. ³⁷A great gale arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. ³⁸But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, ‘Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?’ ³⁹He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, ‘Peace! Be still!’ Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. ⁴⁰He said to them, ‘Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?’ ⁴¹And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, ‘Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?’

Post Communion Prayer for Sunday 23rd June:

Eternal God,
comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken,
you have fed us at the table of life and hope:
teach us the ways of gentleness and peace,
that all the world may acknowledge
the kingdom of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Readings for next Sunday:

2 Samuel 1.1,17–end; Psalm 130; 2 Corinthians 8.7–end;
Mark 5.21–end

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 are still available 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. If you have any other questions, would like to view them or would like to purchase one then please talk to Rev Rebecca.

A message from Chris Walker:

To all our dear friends: our beloved Tony's funeral will take place at 12:30pm on Tuesday 25th June at St Swithin's Church, Holmesfield . We appreciate that distance will make it difficult for many to attend, but if you do plan to join us, could you please let us know, preferably by Sunday 9th, so that we can offer hospitality. If you would like information about parking, please let us know and provide an e-mail address. Funeral directors are Alfred Dunham of Dronfield and there will be an opportunity to make a donation in Tony's memory to Ashgate Hospice Chesterfield and Macmillan Cancer Support. Family flowers only, please. Thank you once again for your care, prayers and good wishes and the lovely cards which are beginning to arrive. X

From Steve and Marit Impey:

Greetings from Hamburg!

We're just about to start the 5-hour drive to the Wycliffe Centre in Burbach-Holzhausen for our annual members meeting this weekend. We're heading there a couple of days early this time for a house-viewing in the area tomorrow. There are really very few (1-2) on the market at the moment so we hope and pray this will be a good fit for us to move to in late August. Please pray with us. More news in the usual format, - please see Church noticeboard. Thank you for your interest, ongoing support and prayers.

Steve & Marit

Update:

Thank you for all your prayers. The drive here was uneventful, although strenuous with a number of traffic jams and both of us having to drive the whole way, as we needed to ferry a colleague's car here as well as our own. But all went well. Our first house-viewing yesterday went well.

Next one on Sunday afternoon. We're looking forward to see if we may even have a choice :)

On a more informative note, we were made aware that we had an out-of-date address for Wycliffe UK in our letter. The current address for any postal correspondence is:

Wycliffe UK, Ltd,
PO Box 1643,
Oxford,
OX4 9PB

The phone number remains unchanged.

Steve & Marit

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- **VICAR:** Rev Dr Rebecca Aechtner: **Tel: 749693;**
- **Email:** vicar@stpauls-scotforth.org
- ***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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Electrics in church: We are pleased to say that the remedial work should be completed by the end of this week. After this time we will be putting out an appeal for help in giving the church a spring/summer clean.

Garden Help Desperately Needed:



'The seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how'

The above line was taken from last Sunday's Gospel reading and how true it is. Every week the gardening team feel like that before starting to tackle the forever sprouting weeds. We are desperate for more help. You don't have to have any gardening knowledge. It is surprising

how quickly you learn to recognise the weeds. We could also do with more help cutting back the shrubs and hedges.

We meet every Wednesday from 2:00pm - 4.00pm but if you could only come for an hour or just once month it would be much appreciated. Of course if you are at work we realise that this is impossible. However, you could for example 'adopt' a small plot and just come when it's more convenient for you.

If you feel you could lend a hand please come along on a Wednesday at 2:00pm or contact me on 07531 285199.

Maureen Leach

All tools are provided!

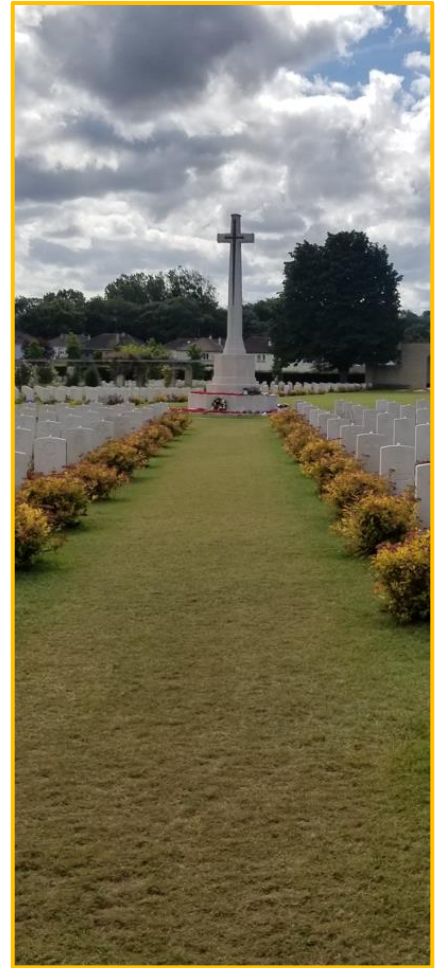
Commemorations and Preparations:

Thursday 6th June was the 80th anniversary of the D Day landings on the beaches of Normandy in 1944.

Many months ago, Arton and I had by coincidence booked a river Seine cruise which began on that date! Arriving in Paris, we were warned about traffic jams, time delays, because 'Biden is here'. Many more VIPs were in northern France at this time and we saw cavalcades of cars with blackened windows, while all other traffic was stopped and police were blowing whistles. Chaotic! The taxi driver reminded us that the Olympics were to be held in Paris in July and pointed out the new stadiums which were still being

completed. Everywhere there were posters advertising the various events and even the Eiffel Tower displayed the 5 Olympic rings.

Our cruise sailed away from Paris after two hectic days. By Sunday we were in Rouen and on Monday we travelled by coach to the Normandy beaches. Most of the cruise passengers were from the USA and had come specifically for the visit to Omaha beach and the American cemetery. There were only 12 who chose to go to the Commonwealth war graves – 6 English, 2 Australian, 2 from New Zealand and 2 Canadians. We were fortunate in having a sensitive and knowledgeable guide, who made sure that we saw, visited and heard about, as much as possible. We stood on Juno beach, walked across Pegasus Bridge, visited museums, watched the numerous flags of the Allied armies blowing in the strong breeze – and saw many crosses; large, small, wooden, stone, concrete – many with wreaths and flowers around the base.



Late in the afternoon we drove to Ranville, a village near Caen, where we walked quietly and freely around a Commonwealth war graves cemetery. In the calm and serenity of this lesser-known cemetery, our small group stood together by the cross. Our guide quietly played a recording of the Last Post on his phone, 2 pot plants of red and white flowers were placed alongside the wreaths, and we stood in silence for a few minutes, each with private thoughts or prayers. It was an extremely moving time, probably more so because we were away from the crowds at the more well known sites.

It had been a long and emotional day, but the effect of it had been to ask, even more so than before – Why? There are still wars being fought in many parts of the world – thousands of people being killed, maimed, starving, frightened, made homeless. When will it end? When will people learn?

When peace and justice light the way the will of God is done.

When arms are changed to farming tools the fruits of life abound.

What quiet joy can bloom and grow when people work for peace,

When hands and voices join as one that hate and war may cease.

(Ruth Duck)

Christine Medd