



# ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS 11<sup>th</sup> July 2024



## Sunday Worship – 14<sup>th</sup> July 2024 Trinity 7

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

6:30pm – Evening Prayer at St Paul's Scotforth Road

**Tuesday** at 7.30pm – Reflective Prayer Group 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
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July at 2:00pm	Gardening with the Gardening Team at St Paul's Church
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 8:00am 9:45am	BCP Holy Communion Joint Service of Holy Communion at St Paul's Scotforth Road. There will be NO service at St Paul's, Hala this morning.



*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:** Belle Vue Avenue, Belle Vue Terrace, Belle Vue Drive, Sharpes Avenue

**From our Church prayer diary:** All who are seeking to grow in faith

**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:** Jean Hardy, David Stubbs

### **Collect for Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July:**

Generous God,  
you give us gifts and make them grow:  
though our faith is small as mustard seed,  
make it grow to your glory  
and the flourishing of your kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **Readings for Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July**

#### **Psalm 24**

1 The earth is the Lord's and all that fills it, •  
the compass of the world and all who dwell therein.

2 For he has founded it upon the seas •  
and set it firm upon the rivers of the deep.

3 'Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord, •  
or who can rise up in his holy place?'

4 'Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, •  
who have not lifted up their soul to an idol,  
nor sworn an oath to a lie;

5 'They shall receive a blessing from the Lord, •  
a just reward from the God of their salvation.'

6 Such is the company of those who seek him, •  
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.

7 Lift up your heads, O gates;

be lifted up, you everlasting doors; •  
and the King of glory shall come in.

8 'Who is the King of glory?' •

'The Lord, strong and mighty,  
the Lord who is mighty in battle.'

9 Lift up your heads, O gates;  
be lifted up, you everlasting doors; •  
and the King of glory shall come in.

10 'Who is this King of glory?' •

'The Lord of hosts,  
he is the King of glory.'

### **Ephesians 1.3-14**

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup>just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. <sup>5</sup>He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, <sup>6</sup>to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup>In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace <sup>8</sup>that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup>he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, <sup>10</sup>as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. <sup>11</sup>In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, <sup>12</sup>so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup>In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; <sup>14</sup>this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

### **Mark 6.14-29**

14 King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, 'John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him.' <sup>15</sup>But others said, 'It is Elijah.' And others said, 'It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old.' <sup>16</sup>But when Herod heard of it, he said, 'John, whom I beheaded, has been raised.'

17 For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. 18For John had been telling Herod, 'It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife.' 19And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, 20for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. 21But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. 22When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, 'Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it.' 23And he solemnly swore to her, 'Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom.' 24She went out and said to her mother, 'What should I ask for?' She replied, 'The head of John the baptizer.' 25Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, 'I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter.' 26The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. 27Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, 28brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. 29When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

### **Post Communion Prayer for Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July:**

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life,  
ever giving himself that the world may live:

may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion  
that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love;  
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

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### **Readings for next Sunday:**

2 Samuel 7.1-14a; Ephesians 2.11-end; Mark 6.30-34, 53-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.



**Last chance to give a donation for a pew:**



### **Last 2 remaining**

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 still have 2 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.

**Electrics in church:** We are pleased to say that the remedial work is now complete, except for the snagging items. We will be putting out an appeal for help in giving the church a spring/summer clean very soon.

## Garden Help Desperately Needed:

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

The above line was taken from a recent 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. All tools are provided!

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**



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- **VICAR:** Rev Dr Rebecca Aechtner: Tel: 749693;
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  - **CHURCH WEBSITE & HOW TO HIRE OUR ROOMS:**
  - <https://stpauls-scotforth.org> then visit the Hiring our Spaces area at the top of the page.
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  - **PASTORAL CARE TEAM:** Our Clergy and Pastoral Care Team are here to listen and to pray.
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  - **Scotforth School:** Headteacher – Mrs Katie Walsh – Tel: 01524 65379
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## **SLCT Prayer Walk:**

The annual South Lancaster Churches Together prayer walk will take place tonight, Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July, starting at the Hala Centre at 7:00pm. From there we will walk around the local area, stopping at certain points to say a relevant prayer. We aim to be back at the Hala Centre by about 8:15pm, where we shall have a short service of thanksgiving followed by bring and share refreshments, ending around 9:00pm.

The walk will not be strenuous, with very little uphill, and we will not walk quickly! Cars can be left at the Hala Centre where there are two small car parks. Please don't bring too much food to share (!) and it can be left in the Centre during the walk.

If you are willing to lead one of the short prayers en route, please let me know, so that I can give you further details.

The prayer walk has been well supported in previous years and hopefully this year's walk will be a good meeting of people from our various churches. Please do join us and help to make it a worthwhile and enjoyable evening.

If you are unable to manage the walk, please do come to the Hala Centre about 8.15pm for a short service followed by a bring and share supper. You will be most welcome. ***Christine Medd***

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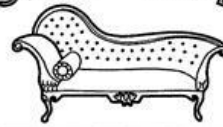
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