



ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS 18th July 2024



Sunday Worship – 21st July 2024 Trinity 8

8:00am - BCP Holy Communion at St Paul's Parish Hall

9:45am – Joint Service of Holy Communion at St Paul's Parish Hall
as we come together for Rev Rebecca's last service at St Paul's.

11:15am – Please note that there will be no service at St Paul's, Hala
Centre today

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 24 th July at 2:00pm	Gardening with the Gardening Team at St Paul's Church
Sunday 28 th July 8:00am 9:45am 11:15am	BCP Holy Communion Holy Communion Service of the Word



*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: Lily Grove, Fernbank

From our Church prayer diary: Our Home Groups

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: David Stubbs, Leonard Walker, Katie Beth Beattie

Collect for Sunday 21st July:

Lord God,
your Son left the riches of heaven
and became poor for our sake:
when we prosper save us from pride,
when we are needy save us from despair,
that we may trust in you alone;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings for Sunday 21st July

Ephesians 2.17-end

¹⁷So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; ¹⁸for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, ²⁰built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. ²¹In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; ²²in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God.

Mark 6.30-34, 53-end

³⁰ The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. ³¹He said to them, 'Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.' For many were coming and

going, and they had no leisure even to eat. ³²And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. ³³Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. ³⁴As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

⁵³ When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. ⁵⁴When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, ⁵⁵and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. ⁵⁶And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the market-places, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

Post Communion Prayer for Sunday 21st July:

Strengthen for service, Lord,
the hands that have taken holy things;
may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute;
may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit;
may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope;
and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fullness of your life;
glory to you for ever.

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Readings for next Sunday:

2 Samuel 11.1-15; Ephesians 3.14-end; John 6.1-21

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

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 summer clean very soon – depending on other building work.

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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● ***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.***

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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: lifeevents@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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SLCT Prayer Walk – an enjoyable evening:

The SLCT Prayer walk took place last Thursday evening (11th July). The weather was kind to us for most of the walk, but it just started to rain as we returned to the Hala centre – so we rushed in and concluded the event in comfort and dryness!

There were 28 walkers – the largest number we have had for our annual walk – mostly from our 4 SLCT churches, but joined by several members of the committee from Lancaster Churches Together. The walk took us around the local area, stopping every so often to pray for the countryside, residential areas, Universities, care homes, poverty, refugees, volunteers and world-wide problems. All those leading the prayers had willingly agreed to do so – thank you.

It was a good time to meet and talk with members of other churches, especially with anyone we didn't already know – and there were quite a few 'new' faces.

Arton kept us informed about the dates and the history of properties and buildings we walked past; Mandy, a volunteer at the Hala Hearts Hub explained that it was a meeting place and craft club for refugees; and Ian spoke about the Hala Pantry. Margaret led us in a short service of thanksgiving before we shared light refreshments, to end what had been an enjoyable, informative and prayerful evening.

Christine Medd

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.





Update on the Church Roof:

As you will be aware from the hazard tape in church last Sunday, we do have some new issues with the church roof.

After meeting with our architect and a builder this week we had to, following their advice, close our church for Sunday morning services this week. We have also

had to, regrettably, cancel the Year 6 leavers service and this is now in school today and arrange for two funeral services to take place in another church with Rev Catherine still taking the services.

How can one 'little' hole make such an impact? Well, the whole board is now bowing out and there is a further board that is looking somewhat precarious.

What do we do now? Keith and I are working closely with our architect, builders and the Diocesan Advisory Committee. We are waiting to hear what work will be required so that we can move forward and several suggestions have been put forward by our architect and are under discussion.

Do we know the cost and the timescale? Can we still use church?

These are all questions that we hope we will be aware of the answers by the end of this week, beginning of next week.

Whilst we all love our church building and want to worship inside it the health, safety and well-being of everyone has to be our priority. We are fortunate that we have a lovely parish hall in which to move our services in to. When we have to move into the hall for a longer period of time whilst work is being undertaken then we will be looking for a team of volunteers to help us set up on a Saturday evening – watch out for the appeal.

In the meantime, as soon as we know more then we will include updates in the Parish News and make announcements at services.

Jayne Weatherill

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