



ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS 19th SEPTEMBER 2024

Sunday Worship – 22nd September 2024 Trinity 17/Harvest

8:00am - BCP Holy Communion at St Paul's, Scotforth Road

9:45am –Harvest Service of the Word with Parade
at St Paul's, Scotforth Road with St Paul's, Hala congregation

11:15am – No Hala Service today

Wednesday at 9:15am – Morning Prayer by telephone conference
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
Friday 20th September	Parish Office closed for building work
Wednesday 25 th September at 2:00pm	Gardening with the Gardening Team at St Paul's Church – all welcome
29 th September – Giving Sunday 8:00am 9:45am 11:15am	BCP Holy Communion – St Paul's Church Holy Communion Service of the Word at 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: Chiltern Court, Hastings Road, The Hastings, Kensington Road

From our Church prayer diary: Ecumenical relationships within South Lancaster and Lancaster Churches Together

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

All who mourn: David Hoyle, Sarah 'Jenny' McEvoy, Angela Hanley

Message from Brenda Alexander's family: We would like to thank the congregation at St. Paul's for remembering our mum Brenda Alexander in their prayers for healing. Since suffering a stroke in February Mum has been slowly improving and at the end of August was well enough to move from Lancaster to live with her eldest daughter Jill in North Wales. She is settling in to her own little annex and will now live with not only one of her daughters, but also her three granddaughters and husbands close by. Brenda is avidly awaiting the birth of her first great grandchild in five weeks' time and will then be very busy with babysitting duties!

Having always been a St. Paul's family, mum's move away from Lancaster marks the closing of a chapter for us. We wish you all well and hope that you will remember Brenda and our family in your personal prayers from time to time.

With grateful thanks,

Jill Griffiths and Claire Alexander on behalf of Brenda Alexander

Message from Revd Catherine:

Next Sunday 29th September marks the start of Generosity Week in the Church of England, and we will be dedicating that day as 'Giving Sunday'. There will be plenty more information available on the day, but we invite you to begin to prayerfully consider how God might be calling you to give to our church community, both through your time and talents as well as financially. Thank you.

Collect for Sunday 22nd September:

Creator God,
you made the goodness of the land,
the riches of the sea
and the rhythm of the seasons;
as we thank you for the harvest,
may we cherish and respect
this planet and its peoples,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings for Sunday 22nd September

1 Timothy 6.6-10

⁶Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; ⁷for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; ⁸but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. ⁹But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰
For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

Matthew 6.25-33

²⁵ ‘Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁸And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ³⁰But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? ³¹Therefore do not worry, saying, “What will we eat?” or “What will we drink?” or “What will we

wear?" ³²For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³ But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Post Communion Prayer for Sunday 22nd September:

Lord of the harvest,
with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation
and have shared in the bread and the wine of the kingdom:
by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us
and make us generous and wise stewards
of the good things we enjoy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Readings for next Sunday:

Genesis 28.10–17 or Revelation 12.7–12; Revelation 12.7–12 or Hebrews
1.5–end; John 1.47–end

The Olive Branch at Harvest Time:

The Olive Branch (Faith in Action) works throughout the year to serve people in Lancaster who find themselves facing hardship for whatever reason. One aspect of this is in providing emergency food during a time of crisis for an individual or family.

Most of the food arrives as 'in kind' donations from churches, schools, businesses and individuals, topped up with fresh food bought with financial donations. The cost-of-living increases of the last two years have put a squeeze on supplies; many people find themselves in need of help, while others are also feeling the pinch and not always able to donate as generously as before.

This Harvest season is therefore a crucial time for The Olive Branch. Every donation, whether of 'store cupboard' food items (tins, packets, jars, etc), or of money, goes to help people in our own community at a difficult time in their lives. As we thank God for the food we enjoy ourselves, this is also a practical way to give thanks and to see our own 'faith in action'. Please give as generously as you can.

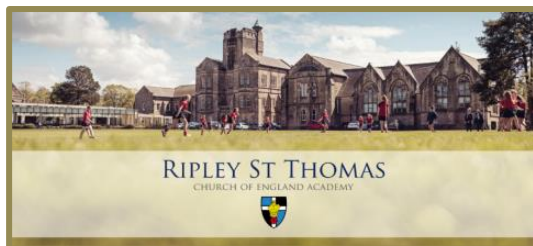
On behalf of every guest supported by The Olive Branch – thank you.

Linda Currin (Chair of Trustees)

Secondary School Admissions Meetings:

We are now taking bookings for Ripley St Thomas Church School Supplementary Forms to be

signed. There will be two evenings – Tuesday 8th October and Thursday 10th October between 6.00pm and 7.30pm in the Parish Office. Please contact the office by telephone to make an appointment (9.30-12 noon Mon - Fri) or email: office@stpauls-scotforth.org



In order to make an appointment we will need the following information:

- Preferred date;
- Your name;
- Your child's name;
- Your child's school;
- Your contact telephone number.

If you email the office for an appointment you will receive a confirmation email stating the date and time of your appointment. Please remember that you will need to bring your school admission green card with you and the supplemental form you received in your RST prospectus pack. Please note, only one parent needs to attend the meeting in order to reduce any possible congestion in the Parish Hall.



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.

Don't Miss the Sale!

Tote Bags were £5 now only £3



Available from the back of church

30 Years of the Fairtrade Mark:



The Cornerstone Lancaster

Come and celebrate

Fairtrade at **30** the future is fair

- * Food by Global Village Cafe (12-2pm)
- * Hot and cold drinks and cakes
- * Craft stalls * Quizzes
- * Information and Films
- * Children's Activities

FREE ENTRY

11am to 4pm
Saturday September 21st

For more information:
simoncornerstonecafe@gmail.com

Come to the 30 years celebration on Saturday 21st September from 11:00am – 4:00pm. at the Cornerstone, (NE corner of Dalton Square), Sulyard Street, Lancaster. There will be stalls, short films, games, quizzes and the Global Village Café will provide refreshments. Free admission.

September 1994 saw the first two products with the Fairtrade mark on the shelves. They were Green & Black's Maya Gold Chocolate and Café Direct Coffee. Thirty years later

there are hundreds of Fairtrade products available, including even gold jewellery, in our local shops, stores and food /drink outlets, the sale of which transforms the lives of millions of farmers, workers and their families around the world who are disadvantaged by global trade. The Mark guarantees payment of a minimum price safety net, and a Fairtrade Premium which the producers can spend how they wish to improve the quality of their lives.

Do you know that St Paul's is a Fairtrade church and that all tea and coffee served at church functions should have the Fairtrade mark?

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ST PAULS CHURCH, SCOTFORTH ROAD AND
ST PAUL'S, HALA WORSHIP CENTRE

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HARVEST SERVICE

SUNDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER
9.45AM

At St Paul's Church, Scotforth Road

Donations for The Olive Branch of store cupboard
items would be greatly appreciated



FOR MORE INFORMATION ON DONATIONS PLEASE
SEE OUR PARISH NEWS