



ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS 10th October 2024

Sunday Worship – 13th October 2024 Trinity 20

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 – BCP Evening Prayer at St Paul's, Scotforth Road

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 |
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| Monday 14 th October at 2:00pm | Women's Fellowship at the Parish Hall |
| Tuesday 15 th October at 7:30pm | Reflective Prayer Group - St Paul's Church |
| Wednesday 16 th October at 2:00pm | Gardening with the Gardening Team at St Paul's Church – all welcome |
| Sunday 20 th October 8:00am 9:45am 11:15am 12:30pm | BCP Holy Communion – St Paul's Church Holy Communion – St Paul's Church Service of the Word at St Paul's, Hala Holy Baptisms at St Paul's Church |
| Thursday 24 th October at 1:00pm | Funeral of Kathleen Walker at St Paul's Church |



*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: Rossmoyne Road, Ardengate, Chatsworth Road

From our Church prayer diary: Our funeral and wedding vergers

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

All who mourn: Dorothy Bolton, Stephen Robey, Jean Glasgow, Kathleen Walker

Prayer for the Vacancy:

Loving God, we give you thanks for our church family here at St Paul's. Send your Holy Spirit amongst us at this time of uncertainty and change during the vacancy. Give us wisdom as we prepare to appoint a new vicar. May we be faithful in prayer for this process as we seek to find the next person called to lead us. Be with that person now preparing them for this place, that they would be able to lead us into greater knowledge and love of you, so that together we may discover your way for the future and see your kingdom grow here in Scotforth and Hala. Amen.



Praying for our new Vicar

We saw this unusual sight on our recent holiday – rugby shirts hanging from a church ceiling! It is from a pilgrim chapel at Rocamadour in France, where rugby players have donated a shirt in thanks to God.

There were hanging model ships from sailors thankful for a safe passage after a storm, and police caps from coppers saved from danger on duty.

It may seem strange to us, but placing these objects in a pilgrim church are ways of saying thanks to God for what he has done in everyday practical ways.

As we pray for our new Vicar, especially using the suggested prayer, we can be thankful too. Give thanks for the previous Vicars. Give thanks for the Bishop, Archdeacon and Patrons who will help us appoint. Give thanks for the Church Council tasked to write a 'Parish Profile'. Give thanks for the

person God probably has in mind for us - and even give thanks for the time we have in the Vacancy. There is a lot to be thankful for.

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances: for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. (I Thessalonians 5:16-18)

Jim Currin

Collect for Sunday 13th October:

God, our light and our salvation:

illuminate our lives,

that we may see your goodness in the land of the living,

and looking on your beauty

may be changed into the likeness of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings for Sunday 13th October

Hebrews 4.12-end

¹² Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

¹³ And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

¹⁴ Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession.

¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶ Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Mark 10.17-31

¹⁷ As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, 'Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' ¹⁸ Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ¹⁹ You know the commandments: "You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honour your father and mother."' ²⁰ He said to him, 'Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.' ²¹ Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, 'You lack one

thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.’²² When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.²³ Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, ‘How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!’²⁴ And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, ‘Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God!²⁵ It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.’²⁶ They were greatly astounded and said to one another, ‘Then who can be saved?’²⁷ Jesus looked at them and said, ‘For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.’²⁸ Peter began to say to him, ‘Look, we have left everything and followed you.’²⁹ Jesus said, ‘Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news,³⁰ who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life.³¹ But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.’

Post Communion Prayer for Sunday 13th October:

God our Father,
whose Son, the light unfailing,
has come from heaven to deliver the world from the darkness of
ignorance:
let these holy mysteries open the eyes of our understanding
that we may know the way of life,
and walk in it without stumbling;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Readings for next Sunday:

Job 38.1–7 [34–end]; Hebrews 5.1–10; Mark 10.35–45

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

Women's Fellowship:

We shall meet on Monday 14th October at 2pm in the parish hall when our speaker will be from Slynedales. Everyone is welcome to join us.

Jean Mount



Make a Joyful Noise:

If you enjoy singing, perhaps you would like to be part of a group to sing at our evening Christmas carol service on Sunday 22nd December. We are aiming to keep rehearsals few and short, and to have them immediately after the 9.45am services, until approximately 11.15am, on the following dates:

October 27th, November 17th and 24th,

December 15th and 22nd.

You don't have to be able to read music, or feel that you have a brilliant voice. Remember that we are told to make a 'joyful noise'. Please let me know if you intend to sing, so that I can have words/music ready for the rehearsals.

Christine Medd tel: 01524 64730; email arton.medd@btinternet.com

VICAR: We are currently in a period of vacancy – please contact a Churchwarden.

ASSOCIATE PRIEST: Rev Catherine Haydon: Tel: 07723 642973;

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Rest day is Friday – if you have an urgent enquiry then please contact a Churchwarden.

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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

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



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.

Songs of Praise - Sunday 20th October at 3:00pm

South Lancaster Churches Together are to hold a Songs of Praise service on Sunday 20th October beginning at 3:00pm. in Lancaster Methodist Church (formerly Greaves Methodist Church, Scotforth Road). Each church has asked two people to choose a hymn, and then be willing to talk for a few minutes about their choice, before we sing it. We have a varied and uplifting selection of hymns, which

we should all enjoy singing, and it will be interesting to hear the reasons why they have been chosen. So do come along to the service, bring your family and friends, sing together with people from other churches; and stay for a cup of tea afterwards!

You are all invited.

Arton Medd

Christian Aid Gaza Update

Christian Aid's (CA) partners continue to work in Gaza, West Bank and Israel one year on from the Hamas attack. We can despair and feel helpless in the situation, however CA's nine partner organisations are still giving life-saving support in response to the unimaginable violence and destruction across the region. They are providing medical relief, psychological support, shelters and sanitation as well as enabling community led kitchens. But as the crisis deepens our gifts, prayers and actions are needed more than ever.

CA believes that a different more peaceful future is possible in the Middle East and that our faith compels us to support both the Israeli and Palestinian people to build it. Recently CA delivered letters from Gaza children to 10 Downing Street as part of the calls for a ceasefire and an end of arms sales to Israel. We are asked to lend our support by contacting our MP, Cat Smith, and asking her to support this call.

Details can be found at **caid.org.uk/CeasefireMP**

Arton Medd

Volunteer Roles – opportunities to support the work of St Paul's:

At our recent Giving Sunday service we talked about being able to support the ministry and outreach opportunities in our parish through time and talents. At the end of the service, for those who were at there that day, a booklet giving many varied opportunities to offer your time and talents was handed out. It's not too late to volunteer, a copy of the booklet is available on our website at: <https://stpauls-scotforth.org/fundraising/regular-giving-campaign/volunteering-opportunities/> and hard copies are still available from the back of church. Please prayerfully consider how you can give back to St Paul's Church.

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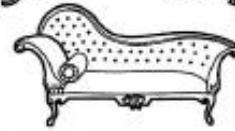


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