



ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS 14th NOVEMBER 2024

Sunday Worship – 17th November 2024 Second Before Advent

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

12:30pm – Baptism Service 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 21st November at 9:15am – Holy Communion
at St Paul's, Scotforth Road

Parish Diary:

Date & Time	Name of Event
Tuesday 19 th November 7:30pm – 8:30pm	Reflective Prayer – St Paul's Church
Wednesday 20 th November at 2:00pm	Gardening with the Gardening Team at St Paul's Church – all welcome
Sunday 24 th November 8:00am 9:45am 11:15am	BCP Holy Communion – St Paul's Church Holy Communion – St Paul's Church 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: Ashford Avenue, Ashton Road

From our Church prayer diary: Our Parish Safeguarding Officer

We pray for Eileen and John who are to be married on Saturday 16th at St Paul's.

We pray for the family, Godparents and friends of Kai Ray who is to be baptised this week

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:

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.

Collect for Sunday 17th November:

Heavenly Lord,
you long for the world's salvation:
stir us from apathy,
restrain us from excess
and revive in us new hope
that all creation will one day be healed
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings for Sunday 17th November

Hebrews 10.11-14, 19-25

¹¹ And every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. ¹²But

when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, 'he sat down at the right hand of God', ¹³and since then has been waiting 'until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.' ¹⁴For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified ¹⁹ Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), ²¹and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²²let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. ²⁴And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, ²⁵not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Mark 13.1-8

13As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, 'Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!' ²Then Jesus asked him, 'Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.' ³ When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, ⁴ 'Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?' ⁵Then Jesus began to say to them, 'Beware that no one leads you astray. ⁶Many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and they will lead many astray. ⁷When you hear of wars and rumours of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. ⁸For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.

Post Communion Prayer for Sunday 17th November:

Gracious Lord,
in this holy sacrament
you give substance to our hope:

bring us at the last
to that fullness of life for which we long;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

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Readings for next Sunday:

Daniel 7.9-10, 13-14; Revelation 1.4b-8; John 18.33-37

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

Please note that until the end of the year our office will be closed on Thursdays. Our office hours will be Monday to Wednesday 9:30 -12 noon and Friday 9:30 – 12 noon.

Christmas Greetings

Christmas is getting nearer and you have all those cards to write. A frightening thought! One way to reduce your workload would be to send just one greeting's message to everyone in the parish. Give us your money and we will take care of it by sending out your message in the Parish News and displaying it on the Church and Hala notice boards.

Donations will be in aid of the Church Roof

Fund and perhaps you can gift aid your donation. If you would like to participate please give your greeting (no more than 30 words) with a minimum donation of £5 to a sides-person or the Parish Office or to myself at 20 Newlands Road. The closing date will be December 1st. Any messages received later than this date will possibly miss the printing deadline. If you have any queries please contact Maureen Leach on 07531 285199.



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.



ADVENT

A time of waiting and watching, a season where we focus on the light that will enter the darkness.

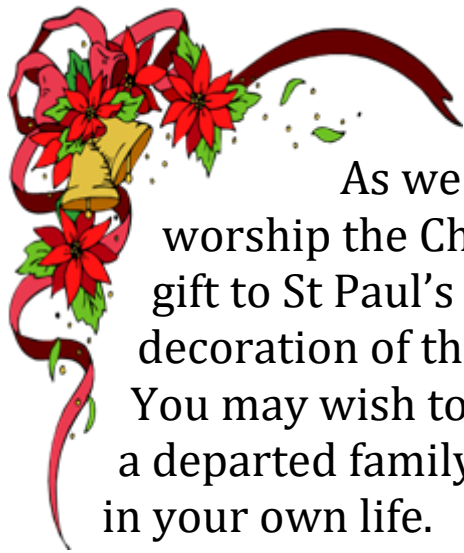


Sunday 1st December

6.30pm

St Paul's Church, Scotforth

Carol Service



Poinsettias for Christmas

As we once again prepare to go to Bethlehem to worship the Christ-child, we invite you to consider making a gift to St Paul's for the purchase of poinsettias for the decoration of the church at Christmas.

You may wish to make your gift as a thanksgiving for the life of a departed family member or friend, or for a particular blessing in your own life.

Forms to complete are available in church from **Sunday 10th November** and are also available from the Parish Office. Once you have completed the form please place this, with the suggested donation of £11 (which covers the cost of purchasing the poinsettias) into an envelope with Poinsettia written on it and either place it in the offertory plate, hand to a churchwarden or sides person or take to the parish office by **Sunday 1st December**. Let us take this opportunity to thank you in anticipation of your gift and to wish you and yours the joy and peace of the Christmas Season

Jayne, Churchwarden

Carol Singing Rehearsal



There will be a rehearsal after the 9:45am service this coming Sunday, 17th November and on the following Sunday, 24th November, for the singing group preparing for the Christmas Carol service. If you have not already joined us, please do – all welcome!

Christine Medd

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

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

Email: catherine@stpauls-scotforth.org

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

CHURCHWARDENS:

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PARISH SAFEGUARDING OFFICER: Mrs Jayne Weatherill:

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PARISH OFFICE: Office hours are Monday - Wednesday and Friday from 9.30am –12 noon. We are closed on a Thursday until the end of the year.

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

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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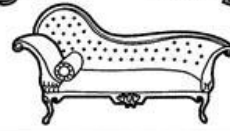
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