



ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS 21st NOVEMBER 2024

Sunday Worship – 24th November 2024 Christ the King

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

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
Wednesday 27 th November at 2:00pm	Gardening with the Gardening Team at St Paul's Church – all welcome
Sunday 1st December 8:00am 9:45am 11:15am 6:30pm	BCP Holy Communion – St Paul's Church Holy Communion – St Paul's Church Service of the Word - St Paul's, Hala Advent Carol Service - 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: Acorn Close, Spruce Avenue and The Cedars, Cherry Tree Drive

From our Church prayer diary: The work of Hala Pantry in our community

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 24th November:

God the Father,
help us to hear the call of Christ the King
and to follow in his service,
whose kingdom has no end;
for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, one glory.

Readings for Sunday 24th November

Psalm 93

1 The Lord is king and has put on glorious apparel; •
the Lord has put on his glory
and girded himself with strength.

2 He has made the whole world so sure •
that it cannot be moved.

3 Your throne has been established from of old; •

you are from everlasting.

4 The floods have lifted up, O Lord,
the floods have lifted up their voice; •
the floods lift up their pounding waves.

5 Mightier than the thunder of many waters,
mightier than the breakers of the sea, •
the Lord on high is mightier.

6 Your testimonies are very sure; •
holiness adorns your house, O Lord, for ever.

John 18.33–37

³³ Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' ³⁴Jesus answered, 'Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?' ³⁵Pilate replied, 'I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?' ³⁶Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.' ³⁷Pilate asked him, 'So you are a king?' Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.'

Post Communion Prayer for Sunday 24th November:

Stir up, O Lord,
the wills of your faithful people;
that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works,
may by you be plenteously rewarded;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Readings for next Sunday:

Jeremiah 33.14-16; 1 Thessalonians 3.9-end; Luke 21.25-36

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.



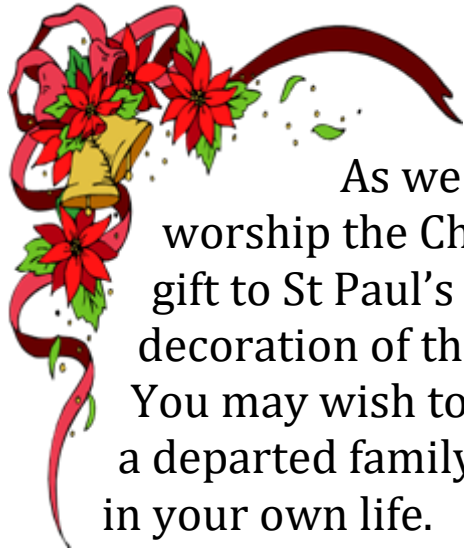
Donations will be in aid of the Church Roof Fund and perhaps you can gift aid your donation. If you would like to participate please give your greeting (no more than 30 words) with a minimum donation of £5 to a sides-person or the Parish Office or to myself at 20 Newlands Road. The closing date will 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.



Tuesday 26th November – Access to the Parish Hall Car Park:

We have been notified that due to work to remove a tree from an adjoining property to the Parish Hall there will be no access for cars to the hall car park on this day. For information, there may well be a short closure of the A6 as well and there will be no parking on the A6 outside the church.



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 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 on 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

The Real Advent Calendar:

Most Advent Calendars for sale in shops come with pictures of children's TV characters most of which have nothing to do with the Christian season of Advent. The Real Advent Calendar (£4.95) has a line from the Christmas story behind each of the 25 windows and includes a 24 page Christmas story-activity book with a page for every day of Advent and some fun challenges along the way. It is Fairtrade, the quality milk chocolate is 35% cocoa solids, palm oil free, sealed in foil, and the box and tray are also recyclable. Available in church after the 9.45 service (cash only) or email me at arton.medd@btinternet.com or phone 01524 64730 to reserve one.

If you wish you can order direct from

www.meaningfulchocolatecompany.co.uk where you can also find and they also have also reusable ones, Christmas Tree decorations, Christingle chocolate oranges and a range of other chocolate items. They also have a 'Send Chocolate Scheme' which will send the chocolate you buy to someone else with your personal message on a card.

Arton 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:

Mrs Jayne Weatherill:

Tel: 60597 or 07986 993007; Email: sjayneweatherill@gmail.com

Mr Keith Weatherill:

Tel: 60597 or 07986 993005; Email: keith.weatherill@gmail.com

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



Exultate Ladies Choir

**Christmas
Carols**

St Paul's Church,
Scotforth, Lancaster
LA1 4ST

Monday 16th December,
7:30pm

Tickets £10 (£7.50 concessions)
inc. festive refreshments

Christmas Appeal

Please help us to collect the items listed below so we can make Christmas gift bags, to give out to each of our guests from the **beginning of December.**

To ensure every one of our guests receives a gift bag before Christmas, we'd be grateful if donations can reach us (or one of our collection points!) as early as possible, and **by 10th December 2024.**



Christmas cake

Mince pies

Christmas puddings

Christmas Crackers

Biscuit boxes

Chocolates

Crisps

Nuts

New toiletries

New childrens toys

Non-alcoholic drinks

Coffee

Finding a New Vicar:

At a recent meeting of the Church Council, I offered to write something for the parish news about how we are finding a new Vicar, and especially about a critical bit of the process called the 'Parish Profile'.

As we are a parish in the Diocese of Blackburn, our new Vicar will be appointed through the diocese, using the Parish Profile (PP) as the guiding document. The Church Council were asked to put together a writing group that could collate all the information about the parish in one document.

The writing group consisted of 5 members of our Church Council, drawing on material available from the diocese, our Church School, the groups and activities of the Parish, both at St Paul's Scotforth and St Paul's Hala. I estimate that about 20-25 people have been involved in the whole process, but after many revisions it is now complete and on the diocesan website under

Vacancies: <https://www.blackburn.anglican.org/clergy-vacancies>

We are all encouraged to pray for our new Vicar, and indeed to share the web link if we know potential clergy who might apply. Also, please pray for Keith Weatherill and Paul Ducklin who have been nominated to be our Parish Representatives when it comes to joining the Patrons (Bishop Jill, John Gedge, Gary Rycroft, Jayne Weatherill, Rev Canon Chris Newlands), Archdeacon David, Rev Craig Abbot (Area Dean) and Rev Leah Saunders (Vicar of Lancaster) at the interview stage.

We hope and pray very much that the PP feels accurate, upbeat, and a fully informative document for a potential new Vicar to come and join us. Will you keep praying? Thank you.

Jim Currin



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



**CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT
ST PAUL'S CHURCH, SCOTFORTH**

**THURSDAY 19TH DECEMBER - BLUE CHRISTMAS
REFLECTION AT 6.00PM**

**SUNDAY 22ND DECEMBER - 9 LESSONS AND CAROLS
SERVICE AT 6.30PM**

**CHRISTMAS EVE - CRIB SERVICE WITH CHRISTINGLE AT
3.00PM**

**CHRISTMAS EVE - BETHLEHEM COMMUNION SERVICE AT
9PM**

CHRISTMAS DAY - BCP HOLY COMMUNION AT 8AM

CHRISTMAS DAY - HOLY COMMUNION AT 10AM

BOXING DAY - NO SERVICES

**SUNDAY 29TH DECEMBER - SERVICE OF THE WORD AT
9.45AM**



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