



# ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS 7<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2024



## Sunday Worship – 10<sup>th</sup> November 2024 Third Before Advent / Remembrance Sunday

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 – **NO SERVICE TODAY**  
**NETTING IN CHURCH BEING PUT IN PLACE THIS WEEK**

### Parish Diary:

Date & Time	Name of Event
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> November at 2:00pm	Gardening with the Gardening Team at St Paul's Church – <b>all welcome</b>
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> November at 2pm	Women's Fellowship at the Parish Hall
<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November</b> 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 Baptism 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:** Toll Bar Crescent, Rays Drive

**From our Church prayer diary:** All Service Personnel

**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:** Kathleen Walker, Ernest Parker, John Robey

### **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 10<sup>th</sup> November:**

God, our refuge and strength,  
bring near the day when wars shall cease  
and poverty and pain shall end,  
that earth may know the peace of heaven  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **Readings for Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November**

#### **Philippians 4.6-9**

<sup>6</sup>Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup> Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. <sup>9</sup>Keep on doing the things that you have learned and

received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

### **John 15.9-17**

<sup>9</sup>As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love.

<sup>10</sup>If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup>I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.

<sup>12</sup>"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. <sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup>I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing, but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. <sup>16</sup>You did not choose me, but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. <sup>17</sup>I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

### **Post Communion Prayer for Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November:**

God of peace,  
whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom  
and restored the broken to wholeness of life:  
look with compassion on the anguish of the world,  
and by your healing power  
make whole both people and nations;  
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

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### **Readings for next Sunday:**

Daniel 12.1–3; Hebrews 10.11–14 [15–18] 19–25; Mark 13.1–8

**Church ceiling update:** The work to complete the netting in church starts on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November and will take a week to complete. Please note that there will be **no** Thursday morning service on **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November**. The work will not affect any of our Sunday services.

*Jayne Weatherill*

**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.**



**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.

### **The Olive Branch**

Come and find us in the central library as part of Light up Lancaster on the evenings of 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> November, where we will have a stand and a light installation created by local artist Anna Read, with help from families during 'Explore' workshops during half term. Happy birthday, Olive Branch!



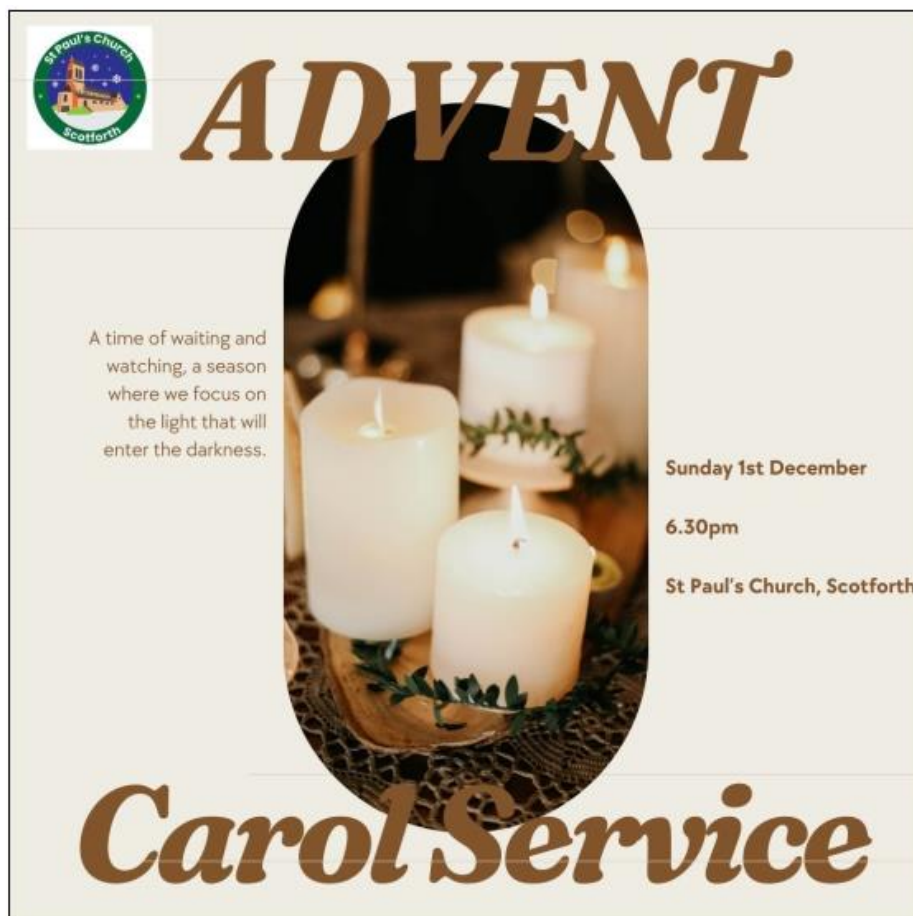
*Linda Currin*


## 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 1<sup>st</sup>. 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.

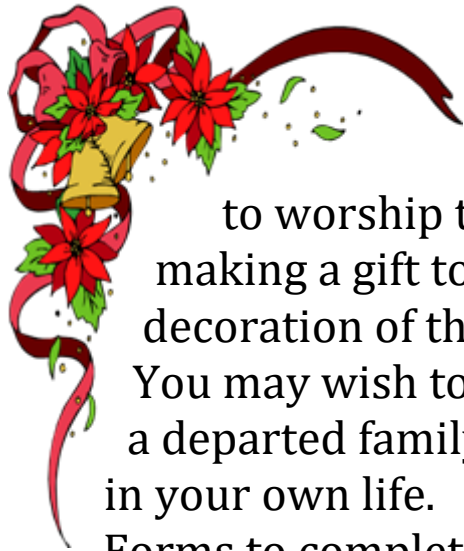


 **ADVENT**

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*

## **Women's Fellowship**

We will be meeting at 2pm in the Parish Hall on Monday 11th November for a games afternoon.

All are welcome.

*Jean Mount*



**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](mailto:catherine@stpauls-scotforth.org)*

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

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Closed on Bank Holidays.

Tel: 01524 843135; Email: [office@stpauls-scotforth.org](mailto:office@stpauls-scotforth.org)

**BAPTISMS AND WEDDINGS:** Booking enquiries - please contact Jayne Weatherill through the parish office or Email: [lifeyvents@stpauls-scotforth.org](mailto: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](mailto:pastoral@stpauls-scotforth.org) or telephoning Irene on Tel: 64701.

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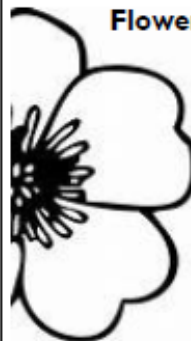
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