

ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS 23RD JANUARY 2025

Sunday Worship – 26th January 2025 Epiphany 3

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

9:45am – All Age Holy Communion at St Paul's, Scotforth Road

11:15am – Service of the Word 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 – **No Service today due to installation work
in Church**

Parish Diary:

Date & Time	Name of Event
Thursday 30th January	<i>There will be no 9.15am service of Holy Communion due to the AV Installation – please see article in previous edition of the Parish News</i>
Sunday 2nd February 8am 9:45am 11:15am 12:30pm	BCP Holy Communion at St Paul's, Scotforth Holy Communion at St Paul's, Scotforth Service of the Word at St Paul's, Hala Worship Centre Baptisms at St Paul's, Scotforth



***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: Chelmsford Close, Colchester Avenue, Winchester Avenue, The Potteries Evens 2-56, Odds 57-85

From our Church prayer diary: Our Parish Office staff

Those who have asked for prayers for healing: Mary Wilson, Mary Smith, John Harding, Jonathan Easton, Ian Smith, Martin Pearson, Christopher Simpson

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 26th January:

God of all mercy,
your Son proclaimed good news to the poor,
release to the captives,
and freedom to the oppressed:
anoint us with your Holy Spirit
and set all your people free
to praise you in Christ our Lord.

Readings for Sunday 26th January:

1 Corinthians 12.12-31a

¹² For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. ¹⁴ Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵If the foot were to say, ‘Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body’, that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶And if the ear were to say, ‘Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body’, that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰As it is, there are many members, yet one body. ²¹The eye cannot say to the hand, ‘I have no need of you’, nor again the head to the feet, ‘I have no need of you.’ ²²On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³and those members of the body that we think less honourable we clothe with greater honour, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; ²⁴whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior member, ²⁵that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it. ²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. ²⁹Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

Luke 4.14-21

¹⁴ Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵ He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. ¹⁶ When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷ and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: ¹⁸ 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, ¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.' ²⁰ And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹ Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.'

Post Communion Prayer for Sunday 26th January:

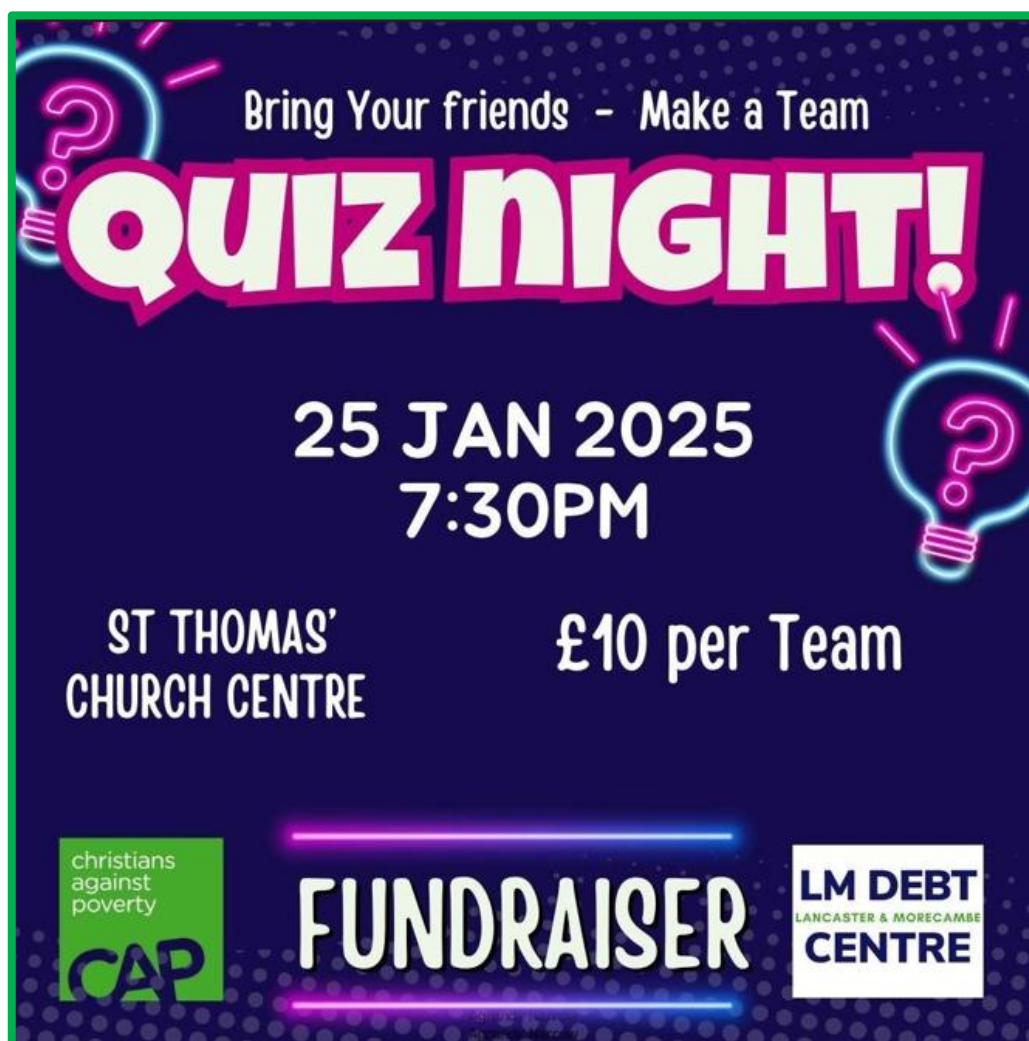
Almighty Father,
whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world:
may your people,
illuminated by your word and sacraments,
shine with the radiance of his glory,
that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the
earth;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

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Readings for next week:

Malachi 3.1–5; Hebrews 2.14–end; Luke 2.22–40

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.



Bring Your friends - Make a Team

QUIZ NIGHT!

25 JAN 2025
7:30PM

ST THOMAS'
CHURCH CENTRE

£10 per Team

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FUNDRAISER

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LANCASTER & MORECAMBE
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The poster features a dark blue background with a green border. It includes two glowing lightbulb icons with question marks inside. The text is in various colors and fonts, including pink, white, and green. The word 'FUNDRAISER' is framed by two horizontal blue lines.



Contactless Giving in Church is available: Our machine is at the back of church so that on your way out, rather than giving a cash donation, you could consider giving by card.

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: sjaynewweatherill@gmail.com

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PARISH SAFEGUARDING OFFICER: Mrs Jayne Weatherill:

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PARISH OFFICE: Office hours are Monday - Friday from 9.30am –12 noon. We are closed on weekends and 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

**Don't
Miss the
Sale!**

**Tote Bags
were £5
now only
£3**



Available from the back of church

Christian Aid Update Event
Tuesday 11th February at 7:00pm
Lancaster Methodist Church, Scotforth Road
'Holding Hope in Her Hands'

Emergencies caused by wars, floods and earthquakes make the headlines but most of Christian Aid's work is long term with partners overseas. Zoë Abernethy from Christian Aid (CA) will speak about the work in Guatemala, the focus for this year's Christian Aid Week.

CA Guatemala works with Congcoop, to support indigenous women and local communities helping them to adapt their farming techniques to better resist the effects of climate change, and also to defend their ancestral lands from extractive industries. Come and hear about Aurelia, aged 53, a community leader who has hope as she has been able to apply more resilient farming techniques on her cocoa farm, and train others to do the same.



All welcome – come along, bring your friends and be inspired!
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Confirmation Service:

We have arranged for a Confirmation Service to take place on **Sunday 27th April at 4pm** which will be led by Bishop Jill. If you are interested in being confirmed (adult or child) then please pick



up a registration pack from either the back of church, at Hala or the Parish Office and return it to Jayne no later than **Friday 14th February.**

Classes for children, in Year 6 or above, will be held on Thursday 27th February, 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th March and 3rd April at 3.30pm until 5.00pm in the Parish Hall. The rehearsal for the service will be on Saturday 26th April at 10am in church. You must be able to attend **all** the classes and the rehearsal in order to be put forward as a candidate for confirmation.

Group sessions for adults will be arranged when we know what the numbers are.

If you have any questions at all then please talk to Rev Catherine, Jayne or Keith.