



# ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS 10<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2025



## Sunday Worship – 13<sup>th</sup> April 2025 Palm Sunday/Holy Week

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

6:30pm – Holy Week through readings and songs

### Wednesday

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 16 <sup>th</sup> April at 2pm	Gardening with the Gardening Team at St Paul's Church – <b>all welcome</b>
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> April at 9:15am at 7pm	Holy Communion <b>Maundy Thursday Service</b>
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> April at 11am	<b>Good Friday Reflection</b>
Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> April at 4pm	<b>Easter Saturday Service of Waiting</b>
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> April – 8:00am 9:45am 11:15am	<b>Easter Sunday</b> BCP Holy Communion at St Paul's, Scotforth All Age Holy Communion at St Paul's, Scotforth 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:** Ingleton Drive

**From our Church prayer diary:** All those in Lay Ministry

**Those who have asked for prayers for healing:** Mary Wilson, Mary Smith, John Harding, Ian Smith, Gwen Danskin, Audrey Butcher

**All who mourn:** Derek Rowlands

### 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 13<sup>th</sup> April:

True and humble king,  
hailed by the crowd as Messiah:  
grant us the faith to know you and  
love you,  
that we may be found beside you  
on the way of the cross,  
which is the path of glory.

**Holy Week and Easter Services - 2025**

	<b>Maundy Thursday: 17<sup>th</sup> April</b> 9.15am – Holy Communion 7pm – Holy Communion at St Paul's Church, Scotforth Road
	
	<b>Good Friday: 18<sup>th</sup> April</b> 11am – Good Friday Reflection at St Paul's Church, Scotforth Road
	<b>Holy Saturday: 19<sup>th</sup> April</b> 4pm – Service of Waiting at St Paul's Church, Scotforth Road
	
	<b>Easter Day: 20<sup>th</sup> April</b> 8am: BCP Holy Communion 9.45am: All-Age Holy Communion at St Paul's Church, Scotforth Road  11.15am: Holy Communion At St Paul's, Hala Worship Centre

## Readings for Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April:

### Psalm 118.1-2,19-end

<sup>1</sup> O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; • his mercy endures for ever. <sup>2</sup> Let Israel now proclaim, • ‘His mercy endures for ever.’  
<sup>19</sup> Open to me the gates of righteousness, • that I may enter and give thanks to the Lord. <sup>20</sup> This is the gate of the Lord; • the righteous shall enter through it. <sup>21</sup> I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me • and have become my salvation. <sup>22</sup> The stone which the builders rejected • has become the chief cornerstone.  
<sup>23</sup> This is the Lord’s doing, • and it is marvellous in our eyes.  
<sup>24</sup> This is the day that the Lord has made; • we will rejoice and be glad in it. <sup>25</sup> Come, O Lord, and save us we pray. • Come, Lord, send us now prosperity. <sup>26</sup> Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; • we bless you from the house of the Lord. <sup>27</sup> The Lord is God; he has given us light; • link the pilgrims with cord right to the horns of the altar. <sup>28</sup> You are my God and I will thank you; • you are my God and I will exalt you. <sup>29</sup> O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; • his mercy endures for ever.

### Luke 19.28-40

<sup>28</sup> After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.  
<sup>29</sup> When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, <sup>30</sup>saying, ‘Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. <sup>31</sup>If anyone asks you, “Why are you untying it?” just say this: “The Lord needs it.”’ <sup>32</sup>So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. <sup>33</sup>As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, ‘Why are you untying the colt?’ <sup>34</sup>They said, ‘The Lord needs it.’  
<sup>35</sup>Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. <sup>36</sup>As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. <sup>37</sup>As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, <sup>38</sup>saying, ‘Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the

highest heaven!' <sup>39</sup>Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, order your disciples to stop.' <sup>40</sup>He answered, 'I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.'

### **Post Communion Prayer for Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April:**

Lord Jesus Christ,  
you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant,  
and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation:  
give us the mind to follow you  
and to proclaim you as Lord and King,  
to the glory of God the Father.

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**Readings for next week:**  
Acts 10.34-43; John 20.1-18

**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 will be meeting on Monday 14th April at 2pm in the Parish Hall. Our Speaker is to be Margaret Ives with the title of "My Pilgrimage to Finisterre". All are welcome to join us then. ***Jean Mount***

- **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: [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.
- **Scotforth School:** Headteacher – Mrs Katie Walsh – Tel: 01524 65379

## Christian Aid - Coordinator

Hello All. I have had to make the decision to stand down as Christian Aid Coordinator this year, and so I am hoping to find a replacement. We have a good



team of post-people at St Paul's and Hala, the coordinator role involves ringing/emailing round throughout April to check everyone is ok to volunteer again, hand over the bundles of envelopes at the start of May, and take the donations to the bank at the start of June. The role also involves finding a few extra hands each year to cover the roads which don't have anyone assigned. Christian Aid's work is vital - usually only the 'exciting' news makes the headlines, whereas Christian Aid often works with those whose suffering would otherwise be forgotten. If you feel you could coordinate the collection from our Parish, please talk to me in Church or contact the parish office. Many thanks.

*Sammy Dawkins*



**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.

## Myanmar Appeal

Christian Aid's partners are already at work amidst the devastation and loss of life caused by the earthquake in Myanmar. If you wish to donate to the appeal you can do so on [www.christianaid.org.uk](http://www.christianaid.org.uk)

*Arton Medd*

## Walk the sands of Morecambe Bay in support of The Olive Branch

Join with other supporters of The Olive Branch on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> May to walk across Morecambe Bay from Arnside to Grange-over-Sands. Enjoy this spectacular 3-4 hour walk across the sands, led by the King's Guide, Michael Wilson. Tickets £20 per person, proceeds going to The Olive Branch (Faith in Action). If you can raise sponsorship money as well, that would be great! For more information or to book your place, go to [www.the-olivebranch.uk/latest-news/cross-bay-walk-2025](http://www.the-olivebranch.uk/latest-news/cross-bay-walk-2025), or have a word with Linda Currin or Katherine Froggatt.

**Fancy a spring adventure?!**

Join us on a Cross Bay Walk in aid of The Olive Branch!

Walking from Arnside to Grange-over-Sands, a stunning 7-10 mile walk led by the King's Guide from The Guide Over Sands Trust, Michael Wilson.

**Date:** Saturday 3rd May 2025, 9:15 AM registration

**Tickets:** £20 per person and £2 for dogs

We are asking, where it is possible, for people to try and raise a further £40 in sponsorship.

Find out more and book tickets here → 

<https://the-olivebranch.org.uk/latest-news/cross-bay-walk-2025>



The **Annual meeting (APCM)** is a major event in the parish calendar. This year we are going to continue the tradition of incorporating our Annual Meeting within our 9.45am service on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April at St Paul's Church – there will be no service at St Paul's Hala. Copies of the Agenda, last

year's minutes, Annual Report for 2024 and the Church Accounts are now available on the website,:

<https://stpauls-scotforth.org/pcc/>

We would encourage you to view them electronically where possible to reduce photocopying and to be more eco-friendly. Hard copies are available, if required.

The Annual meeting elects Churchwardens for the coming year. We also **elect the Parochial Church Council (PCC)**. On the Church Council we have four vacancies for a 3-year period and three for a 1-year period so if you are interested in learning more about the work of the PCC and only want to give it a trial then maybe the 1-year period would be of interest to you.

If you would like to learn about being a member of the Church Council then please talk to either Jayne, Keith or Rev Catherine or pick up a nomination form from the back of church or at Hala.

**Electoral Roll Review:** There is a list on the table at the back of church and at Hala of everyone who completed an electoral roll form recently. Please can you check that your name is entered correctly and amend the sheet if necessary. It's not too late to go on the electoral roll, forms are still available. **The deadline for reviewing your entry is Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May.**



**Sidesperson (Welcome Team):** The welcome received at the front door to church is the first impression that all visitors to our church receive. We need more people to join our team. Please talk to either Jayne or Keith if you would be interested in joining this team before the Annual Meeting.

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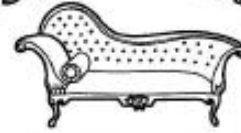
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