



ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS 3RD APRIL 2025



Sunday Worship – 6th April 2025 Lent 5

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 – Baptisms at St Paul's, Scotforth Road

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
Monday 7 th April at 2pm Monday 7 th April at 7:30pm Wednesday 9 th April at 2pm	Tea@2 at the Parish Hall PCC Meeting at the Parish Hall Gardening with the Gardening Team at St Paul's Church – all welcome
Sunday 13th April 8:00am 9:45am 11:15am 6:30pm	BCP Holy Communion at St Paul's, Scotforth Holy Communion at St Paul's, Scotforth Service of the Word at St Paul's, Hala Holy Week through readings and songs



*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: Larchwood, Gregory's Court, Bishopgate

From our Church prayer diary: St Paul's Monday Rainbows

We pray for the parents, godparents and family of Ruby Rose Jade who is to be baptised this week

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

All who mourn: James Morley, Kevin Ireland, 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 6th April:

Gracious Father,
you gave up your Son
out of love for the world:
lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion,
that we may know eternal peace
through the shedding of our Saviour's blood,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings for Sunday 6th April:

Isaiah 43.16-21

¹⁶Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, ¹⁷who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: ¹⁸Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. ¹⁹I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. ²⁰The wild animals will honour me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, ²¹the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

John 12.1-8

12 Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ²There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. ³Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, ⁵ 'Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?' ⁶ (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) ⁷Jesus said, 'Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. ⁸You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.'

Post Communion Prayer for Sunday 6th April:

Lord Jesus Christ,
you have taught us
that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters
we do also for you:
give us the will to be the servant of others
as you were the servant of all,
and gave up your life and died for us,
but are alive and reign, now and for ever.

Readings for next week:

Luke 19.28-40; Psalm 118.1-2,19-end [or 118.19-24]

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:

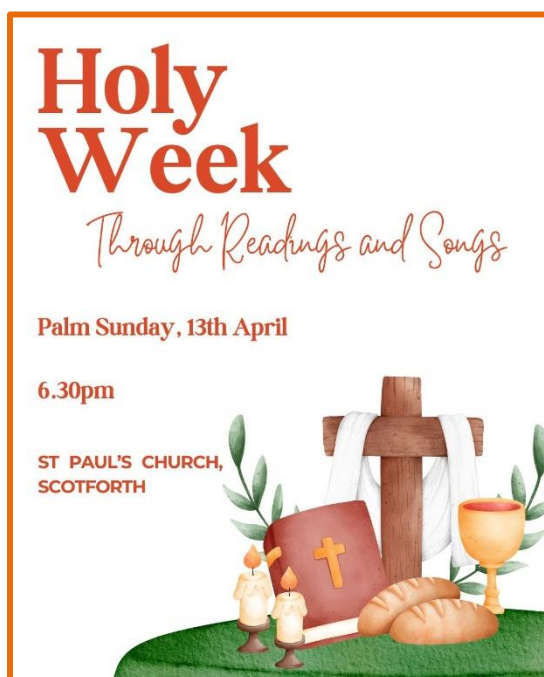
We will be meeting on Monday 14th April at 2pm in the Parish Hall. Our Speaker is to be Margaret Ives with the title of "My Pilgrimage to Finisterre". All are welcome to join us then.

Jean Mount

Gardening Team:

We are restarting gardening on Wednesday 2nd April at 2pm. Thereafter we shall meet on Wednesdays at 2:00pm – 4:30pm. All are welcome to help in the church gardens.

Maureen Leach



Holy Week and Easter Services - 2025



Maundy Thursday: 17th April
9.15am – Holy Communion
7pm – Holy Communion
at St Paul's Church, Scotforth Road

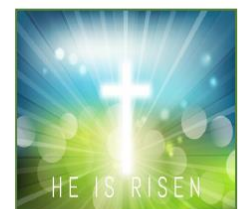
Good Friday: 18th April
11am – Good Friday Reflection
at St Paul's Church, Scotforth Road



Holy Saturday: 19th April
4pm – Service of Waiting
at St Paul's Church, Scotforth Road

Easter Day: 20th April
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



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While on the subject of chocolate, please don't give it up for Lent and thereby deprive the cocoa farmers of six weeks (almost 12%) of their annual income. You could make sure in Lent that it is all Fairtrade – and then keep up the habit!

Arton Medd

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 .

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:

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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

Renewing The Electoral Roll 2025

If you are baptized, at least 16 years old, and regard yourself as a member of our worshipping community, joining the electoral roll is a good way to record that membership. The process is simple: just complete a form. **There is no membership fee.** There are forms available in church and the Hala Centre, just ask a warden or sidesperson. If you have any difficulty getting a form, you can email me on jdennyg41@gmail.com.

If you have already completed a form please return it as soon as possible. Thank you.

John Gedge, Electoral Roll Officer

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

Join with other supporters of The Olive Branch on Saturday 3rd 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, 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 27th 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.

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.



The Vicarage – volunteers needed:

As we will be showing around candidates for interview on Friday 25th April we would like to give the vicarage a dust, vacuum and mop to make it look its best – in addition to turning the heat up. If you are able to give us a hand on **Tuesday 22nd April between 10am and 12 noon** it would be very much appreciated. If you have a vacuum, cloths and bucket you could bring that would also be very useful. **Jayne & Keith**

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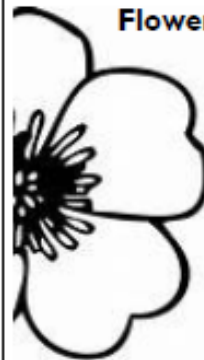


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