

### Christmas related notices:

**Christmas Flowers** –if you would like to make a gift for Christmas Flowers in remembrance and thanksgiving of a loved one then the forms are now available at the back of Church. Please hand your form and donation to either Jayne or Phil. All information is on the pink form. **The last day for submitting forms is Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December.**

**Decorating Church with Christmas Flowers** – if you are available to help with decorating the church for Christmas the team will be meeting on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> December at 9.30am.

**St Paul's Knitvity Card Packs** – these are currently on sale at the back of Church and Hala – 1 pack of 10 is £3 or special offer of 4 packs for £10.  
Proceeds from Card sales go to the Church Roof Appeal.

**Christingle Candles:** These are available at the back of church if you would like to contribute to the work of the Children's Society. They can be returned at the service next week or at any other time before Christmas.

**Carol Singing for the Homeless Action Christmas Shelter** - Come and join in at Marketgate on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> December from 10.00 - 11.00 am and/or 11.30am - 12.30pm, or if you don't feel like singing, perhaps you would be prepared to hold a collection box! Last year we raised £472 and would like to equal or better that amount. So please come and help. Thanks Arton Medd.

### Christmas Services:

<b>23<sup>rd</sup> Dec</b>	11.15am – Carol Service at Hala
	6.30pm – Carols by Candlelight at St Paul's
<b>24<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	3.00pm – Crib Service at Hala <b>Children welcome to come dressed as Nativity characters</b>
	5.00pm – Crib Service at St Paul's <b>Children welcome to come dressed as Nativity characters</b>
	7.30pm – Holy Communion at Hala
	11.30pm – Holy Communion at St Paul's
<b>25<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	8.00am – Holy Communion (BCP) at St Paul's
	10.00am – Holy Communion at St Paul's
<b>30<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	8.00am – Holy Communion (BCP) at St Paul's
	9.45am – Holy Communion at St Paul's
	11.15am – Service of the Word at Hala
	There will be no Evensong service today

**Unless stated, all other services will be as normal.**

## **WELCOME TO SCOTFORTH ST PAUL**

Worshipping God, Growing in faith,  
Serving the community

**Sunday 9th December 2018  
Second Sunday of Advent**

Local or visitor alike, we hope you'll find something in our worship that inspires, comforts or stimulates you. If we can help in any way, ask those who welcomed you.

*We have a 'loop' system installed in Church.*

*Please let the clergy know if you need a Gluten-free wafer*

### **Services for the week**

Prayers are said Mon-Fri in church starting at 09.00 (for around 20 mins), except Thursday when it is Holy Communion at 09.15 followed by refreshments.

#### **Next Sunday**

- 08.00 Holy Communion (BCP) (St Paul's)
- 09.45 Parish Communion (St Paul's)
- 11.15 Christingle Service (Hala)
- 18.30 Christingle with Parade Service (St Paul's)

#### **Next Sunday's readings**

Zephaniah 3: 14-20, Philippians 4: 4-7, Luke 3: 7-18

## **FOR YOUR PRAYERS**

Heavenly Father, as we seek our new Vicar, may you call out a loving person of prayer and understanding, to help us all in Scotforth to grow in faith, courage and fellowship in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Mission partners:** *Stephen and Marit Impey working for Ethiopia, Colin and Audrey Gibson in Lebanon*

From the **Parish prayer diary:** Viscount Drive and Addenbrooke Close

**From our Church prayer diary:** Children's Society

Those who have asked for **prayers for healing:** Mary Wilson, Alan, Kath & family, David Fox, Eunice and Frank Parkinson

All who have the **ministry of the church at home:** Olive Jenkinson

**All who mourn:** Anne Harling

**VICAR:** During the vacancy all enquiries (including Weddings) to be directed to Jayne Weatherill, Church Warden via the Parish Office – thank you.

**PARISH OFFICE:** is open each weekday 09:30 to 12:30  
Tel: 01524 843135; Email: [office@stpauls-scotforth.org](mailto:office@stpauls-scotforth.org)

**CHRISTENINGS** can be arranged at our Church 'Drop-in Session' which is held each **Sunday at 11-11.30am**

**CHURCH WEBSITE:** <https://stpauls-scotforth.org>

**FACEBOOK:** regular updates about life at St Paul's can be found on our Facebook page: *Scotforth St Paul's Church* and our Instagram page *@churchatstpauls*

**Notices for next week to the Office by 12 noon Weds**