



ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS 31st October 2024

Sunday Worship – 3rd November 2024 All Saints' Day

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

9:45am – Service of the Word at St Paul's, Scotforth Road
The Olive Branch – 20 Years' Anniversary

11:15am – Service of the Word at St Paul's, Hala

Wednesday at 9:15am – Morning Prayer by telephone conference will resume on 6th November. 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 30 th October at 2:00pm	Gardening with the Gardening Team at St Paul's Church – all welcome
Monday 4 th November at 2pm	Tea@2 in the Parish Hall
Sunday 10th November 8:00am 9:45am 11:15am 6:30pm	BCP Holy Communion – St Paul's Church Holy Communion – St Paul's Church Holy Communion at St Paul's, Hala BCP Evening Prayer 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: Uggle Lane, Lawson Close, Hibbert Terrace, Ashford Road, Ashford Close

From our Church prayer diary: The Gardening Team

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 3rd November:

God of glory,
touch our lips with the fire of your Spirit,
that we with all creation
may rejoice to sing your praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings for Sunday 3rd November

Deuteronomy 6.1-9

6 Now this is the commandment—the statutes and the ordinances—that the Lord your God charged me to teach you to observe in the land that you are about to cross into and occupy, ²so that you and your children and your children's children may fear the Lord your God all the days of your life, and keep all his decrees and his commandments that I am commanding you, so that your days may be long. ³Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe them diligently, so that it may go well with you, and so that you may multiply greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey,

as the Lord, the God of your ancestors, has promised you. ⁴ Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. ⁵ You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. ⁶ Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. ⁷ Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. ⁸ Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, ⁹ and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

Mark 12.28-34

²⁸ One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, 'Which commandment is the first of all?' ²⁹ Jesus answered, 'The first is, "Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; ³⁰ you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength." ³¹ The second is this, "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." There is no other commandment greater than these.' ³² Then the scribe said to him, 'You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that "he is one, and besides him there is no other"; ³³ and "to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength", and "to love one's neighbour as oneself",—this is much more important than all whole burnt-offerings and sacrifices.' ³⁴ When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' After that no one dared to ask him any question.

Post Communion Prayer for Sunday 3rd November:

Lord of heaven,
in this eucharist you have brought us near
to an innumerable company of angels
and to the spirits of the saints made perfect:
as in this food of our earthly pilgrimage
we have shared their fellowship,
so may we come to share their joy in heaven;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Readings for next Sunday:

Jonah 3.1–5, 10; Psalm 62.5–end; Hebrews 9.24–end; Mark 1.14–20

Church ceiling update: The work to complete the netting in church starts on Monday 11th November and will take a week to complete. Please note that there will be **no** Thursday morning service on Thursday 14th November. It 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 from Monday 4th November until the end of the year our office shall 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 – 20th Anniversary

November 2024 marks 20 years since The Olive Branch started its journey. From small beginnings it has become a well trusted part of local churches' outreach to serve people who are facing extreme hardship, whatever the reason. St Paul's parish is part of the network of churches who support The Olive Branch through food, finance and volunteers. You can find out more about The Olive Branch at the 9.45am and 11.15am services this coming Sunday, where you will also be welcome to bring donations for the foodbank. Or come and find us in the central library as part of Light up Lancaster on the evenings of 7th, 8th and 9th 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 1st. Any messages received later than this date will possibly miss the printing deadline. If you have any queries please contact Maureen Leach on 07531285199.



Are you looking for a

**PARTY
VENUE?**



**St Paul's Parish Hall
and
St Paul's Hala Centre**

are available to hire

Check out our online booking
system at

<https://stpauls-scotforth.org>

Hiring our spaces tab or
use the QR Code



Parish Office: 01524 843135



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:

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Mr Keith Weatherill:

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PARISH SAFEGUARDING OFFICER: Mrs Jayne Weatherill:

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PARISH OFFICE: Office hours are Monday - Wednesday and Friday from 9.30am –12 noon. We are closed on a Thursday until the end of the year.

Closed on 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

Advance notice of Christmas Services for your diary:



**CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT
ST PAUL'S CHURCH, SCOTFORTH**

**THURSDAY 19TH DECEMBER - BLUE CHRISTMAS
REFLECTION AT 6.00PM**

**SUNDAY 22ND DECEMBER - 9 LESSONS AND CAROLS
SERVICE AT 6.30PM**

**CHRISTMAS EVE - CRIB SERVICE WITH CHRISTINGLE AT
3.00PM**

**CHRISTMAS EVE - BETHLEHEM COMMUNION SERVICE AT
9PM**

CHRISTMAS DAY - BCP HOLY COMMUNION AT 8AM

CHRISTMAS DAY - HOLY COMMUNION AT 10AM

BOXING DAY - NO SERVICES

**SUNDAY 29TH DECEMBER - SERVICE OF THE WORD AT
9.45AM**

