



ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS 3rd October 2024



Sunday Worship – 6th October 2024 Trinity 19

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

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 – Holy Communion at St Paul's, Scotforth Road

Parish Diary:

Date & Time	Name of Event
Monday 7th October at 2pm at 7.30pm	Tea@2 in the Parish Hall – everyone welcome PCC Meeting in St Paul's Parish Hall Meeting Room
Wednesday 9th October at 2:00pm	Gardening with the Gardening Team at St Paul's Church – all welcome
Sunday 13th October 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 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: Church Avenue, St Paul's Drive, St Paul's Road

From our Church prayer diary: Our environmental witness

Those who have asked for prayers for healing: Mary Wilson, Mary Smith, John Harding, Jonathan Easton, Ian Smith, Kathleen Walker, Muriel Ellison, Martin Pearson, Marit Impey, Mark Dawkins

All who mourn: David Hoyle, Sarah 'Jenny' McEvoy, Dorothy Bolton

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 October:

Faithful Lord,
whose steadfast love never ceases
and whose mercies never come to an end:
grant us the grace to trust you
and to receive the gifts of your love,
new every morning,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings for Sunday 6th October

Hebrews 2.5-12

⁵ Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. ⁶But someone has testified somewhere, 'What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them? ⁷You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honour, ⁸subjecting all things under their feet.' Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside

their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, ⁹but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honour because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. ¹⁰ It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. ¹¹For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, ¹²saying, 'I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.'

Mark 10.2-16

² Some Pharisees came, and to test him they asked, 'Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?' ³He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' ⁴They said, 'Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.' ⁵But Jesus said to them, 'Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. ⁶But from the beginning of creation, "God made them male and female." ⁷ "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, ⁸and the two shall become one flesh." So they are no longer two, but one flesh. ⁹Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.' ¹⁰ Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. ¹¹He said to them, 'Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; ¹²and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.' ¹³ People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. ¹⁴But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. ¹⁵Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.' ¹⁶And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

Post Communion Prayer for Sunday 6th October:

Holy and blessed God,
you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son
and filled us with your Holy Spirit:
may we honour you,

not only with our lips
but in lives dedicated to the service of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Readings for next Sunday:

Job 23.1-19, 16-end; Psalm 22.1–15 Hebrews 4.12-end; Mark 10.17-31

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

Make a Joyful Noise:

If you enjoy singing, perhaps you would like to be part of a group to sing at our evening Christmas carol service on Sunday 22nd December. We are aiming to keep rehearsals few and short, and to have them immediately after the 9.45am services, until approx 11.15am, on the following dates: October 6th and 27th, November 17th and 24th, December 15th and 22nd.

You don't have to be able to read music, or feel that you have a brilliant voice. Remember that we are told to make a 'joyful noise'. Please let me know if you intend to sing, so that I can have words/music ready for the first rehearsal.

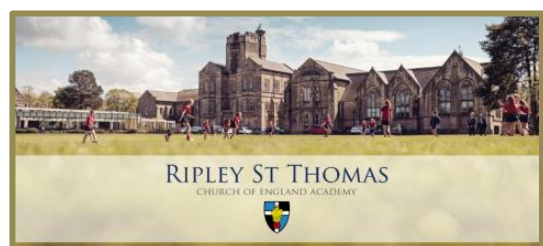
Christine Medd tel: 01524 64730; email arton.medd@btinternet.com

Secondary School Admissions Meetings:

This is the last opportunity to make a booking for Ripley St Thomas Church School Supplementary Forms to be signed. There will be two evenings – Tuesday 8th October and Thursday 10th October between 6.00pm and 7.30pm in the Parish Office. Please contact the office by telephone to make an appointment (9.30-12 noon Mon - Fri) or email: office@stpauls-scotforth.org

In order to make an appointment we will need the following information:

- Preferred date;
- Your name;
- Your child's name;
- Your child's school;



- Your contact telephone number.

If you email the office for an appointment you will receive a confirmation email stating the date and time of your appointment. Please remember that you will need to bring your school admission green card with you and the supplemental form you received in your RST prospectus pack. Please note, only one parent needs to attend the meeting in order to reduce any possible congestion in the Parish Hall.

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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 to Friday from 9.30am –12 noon.

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: lifeevents@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



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.

Giving Sunday report: Last Sunday Revd Catherine and I talked at all our services about our commitment to our local and wider parish communities and how we could prayerfully consider how God might be calling us to give through both time and talents as well as financially. This included talking about financial support through the weekly offertory plate, gift aid envelopes if you are a tax payer, paying through standing order or using the card machine. A 'Volunteers Booklet' was produced with information about some of the many ways you can give of your time and talents, here is a link to this on the website if you didn't get a copy: <https://stpauls-scotforth.org/fundraising/regular-giving-campaign/volunteering-opportunities/>

An update on the church roof was given and here is a brief summary:

- All the internal netting will be completed by the end of November;
- We are still waiting to hear from Historic England to see if we can go on the Heritage At Risk Register – this will give access to different and more varied grant funding bodies;
- Thanks were given to the Diocesan Church Buildings Team who have supported the wardens especially with faculty (planning permission) and funding support advice;
- We will need a new fundraising team for events but we would expect our new Vicar to 'figurehead' this work and our current position will be stated in the Parish Profile (description of our parish);
- A lot of grant funding bodies expect you to have between 30-50% of funding in place before you can even apply;
- The current cost estimate is around £1 million.

We are aware that there have been concerns voiced over the years that all the repair work inside has been funded from money raised to replace the roof over the last 10 years. This is not the case, in fact, £886 of the roof fund has been spent on replacing some broken tiles. The fund currently stands at £167,000 – it is in a restricted fund so can only be used for the purpose for which it was donated, in replacing the roof.

As churchwardens we, Keith and I, are working with the PCC, the Fabric Group, Architects and the Diocese to ensure the focus on the roof is maintained. It is not a 'quick fix' and there is a long way to go but the internal netting should ensure that we can keep the building open to our parish community whilst we concentrate on the fundraising and building requirements. It is much preferred, and sometimes essential, to grant funding bodies that the church building remains open and available rather than one that is closed. We are blessed that we have the Parish Hall available for services if required and our recent use of it was received really positively.

If anyone has any questions at all then please do talk to Keith or myself. We will endeavour to keep everyone informed of progress in either the Parish News or from the front of church services as we did during the recent closure.

Jayne Weatherill



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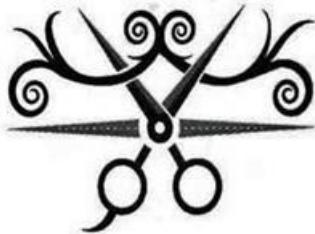
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