



ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS 6TH FEBRUARY 2025



Sunday Worship – 9th February 2025 4 before Lent

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 – BCP Evening Prayer at St Paul's, Scotforth Road

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 10 th February at 2:00pm	Women's Fellowship at the Parish Hall
Sunday 16th February 8:00am 9:45am 11:15am 12:30pm	BCP Holy Communion at St Paul's, Scotforth Holy Communion at St Paul's, Scotforth Service of the Word at St Paul's, Hala Baptism at St Paul's, Scotforth



*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: Barton Road

From our Church prayer diary: Our 'Young 'Fun' Church' leaders

Those who have asked for prayers for healing: Mary Wilson, Mary Smith, John Harding, Jonathan Easton, Ian Smith, Martin Pearson, Christopher Simpson

All who mourn: Philip Oglethorpe, Bob Cowan

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 9th February:

Lord of the hosts of heaven,
our salvation and our strength,
without you we are lost:
guard us from all that harms or hurts
and raise us when we fall;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings for Sunday 9th February:

Isaiah 6.1-8

6 In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. ²Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with

two they flew. ³And one called to another and said: 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.' ⁴The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. ⁵And I said: 'Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!' ⁶ Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: 'Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.' ⁸ Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I; send me!'

Luke 5.1-11

5 Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, ²he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. ³He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. ⁴When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, 'Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.' ⁵Simon answered, 'Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.' ⁶When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. ⁷So they signalled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. ⁸But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, 'Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!' ⁹For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; ¹⁰and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.' ¹¹When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

Post Communion Prayer for Sunday 9th February:

Go before us, Lord, in all we do
with your most gracious favour,
and guide us with your continual help,
that in all our works
begun, continued and ended in you,
we may glorify your holy name,
and finally by your mercy receive everlasting life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Readings for next week:

Jeremiah 17.5-10; 1 Corinthians 15.12-20; Luke 6.17-26



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.

Women's Fellowship:

We shall be meeting in the Parish Hall on **Monday 10th February** when our speaker will be Pat Ascroft. The title of her talk is "Walking the Thames, Source to Sea". Anyone who would like to hear this talk is very welcome to attend. We meet in the parish hall at 2pm.

Jean Mount

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.

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 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



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Running soon:

**Tuesdays: February
25th to April 8th 2025,
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Christian Aid Update Event - Tuesday 11th February at 7:00pm, Lancaster Methodist Church, Scotforth Road 'Holding Hope in Her Hands'

Emergencies caused by wars, floods and earthquakes make the headlines but most of Christian Aid's work is long term with partners overseas. Zoë Abernethy from Christian Aid (CA) will speak about the work in Guatemala, the focus for this year's Christian Aid Week.

CA Guatemala works with Congcoop, to support indigenous women and local communities helping them to adapt their farming techniques to better resist the effects of climate change, and also to defend their ancestral lands from extractive industries. Come and hear about Aurelia, aged 53, a community leader who has hope as she has been able to apply more resilient farming techniques on her cocoa farm, and train others to do the same. All welcome – come along, bring your friends and be inspired!

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Confirmation Service:

We have arranged for a Confirmation Service to take place on **Sunday 27th April at 4pm** which will be led by Bishop Jill. If you are interested in being confirmed (adult or child) then please pick up a registration pack from either the back of church, at Hala or the Parish Office. Classes for children, in Year 6 or above, will be held on Thursday 27th February, 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th March and 3rd April at 3.30pm until 5.00pm in the Parish Hall. The rehearsal for the service will be on Saturday 26th April at 10am in church. You must be able to attend **all** the classes and the rehearsal in order to be put forward as a candidate for confirmation. Group sessions for adults will be arranged when we know what the numbers are.

If you have any questions at all then please talk to Rev Catherine, Jayne or Keith.

Please note that all registration forms/packs must be returned by Sunday 16th February at the latest – thank you.



Children's Society Collection Box Co-ordinator – Volunteer needed:

Many of you will be aware that Grace has been our co-ordinator for a number of years but has, unfortunately, had to make the decision to stand down from this role.

We urgently need a volunteer who be able to advertise for the boxes to be brought to church, collect and bank the money, write an article on the amount raised for the parish news and distribute the new boxes. This is usually an annual task. If you think you may be able to help then please do talk to either Jayne, Keith or Rev Catherine or if you would like to know more information about it then you can chat to Grace and her number is: 07980 391256

Renewing The Electoral Roll 2025

We are legally required to replace our electoral roll every 6 years. In 2025 we have to create a new electoral roll. This means that if you want to remain on the electoral roll, then you must complete another form this year.

The electoral roll exists to record those who are entitled to vote at the Annual Parish Meeting [APM] which selects the Parochial Church Council [PCC]. Normally candidates must have been on the roll for at least 6 months before the APM at which they offer themselves for election to the PCC, but that rule does not apply this year because of the renewal of the roll.

The electoral roll is the foundation of the system of government used by the Church of England. Each parish is allocated a number of seats on its local Deanery Synod based on the number on its electoral roll. The lay members of the Deanery Synod elect the lay members of the Diocesan Synod and the General Synod. The General Synod effectively is the parliament which makes the policy decisions that determine how the Church of England operates.

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 will be 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

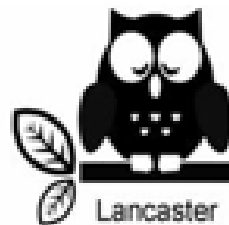
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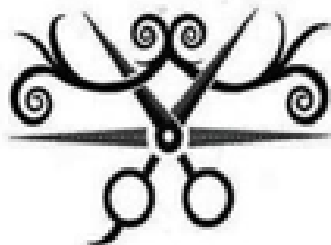
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