



ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS 8TH MAY 2025



Sunday Worship – 11th May 2025 Easter 4

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 – 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 12 th May at 2pm	Women's Fellowship meeting at the Parish Hall
Wednesday 14 th May from 2pm	Gardening with the Garden Team at St Paul's Church – all welcome
Sunday 18th May 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 Baptisms 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: Lentworth Drive, Yealand Drive

From our Church prayer diary: All the young people who are preparing to take their SATs and other examinations.

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

All who mourn: Eleanor Hewitt

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 11th May:

Risen Christ,
faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:
teach us to hear your voice
and to follow your command,
that all your people may be gathered into one flock,
to the glory of God the Father.

Readings for Sunday 11th May:

Acts 9.36-end

³⁶ Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. ³⁷At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. ³⁸Since Lydda was near

Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, 'Please come to us without delay.' ³⁹So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. ⁴⁰Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, 'Tabitha, get up.' Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. ⁴¹He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. ⁴²This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. ⁴³Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

John 10.22-30

²² At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.' ²⁵Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; ²⁶but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. ³⁰The Father and I are one.'

Post Communion prayer for Sunday 11th May:

Merciful Father,
you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd,
and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again:
keep us always under his protection,
and give us grace to follow in his steps;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Readings for next week:
Acts 11.1-18; John 13.31-35

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.

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.

Christian Aid Week 11 - 17 May 2025:

No time for delay – we need more people to deliver envelopes this week so that all our allocated streets can be covered. Thank you



to all who have already signed up; your package will be in church this Sunday. Take a few steps and raise a few or more pounds to surpass last year's St Paul's total of £805. You only make one delivery round - you do not have to collect them back as the envelopes have instructions on where to return them.

If you want to help please see Christine at the 9.45 service this Sunday, or contact me beforehand by email

arton.medd@btinternet.com or phone 01524 64730.

St Paul's QR code for Christian Aid is below for anyone to make an immediate donation

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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:
- Tel: 60597 or 07986 993007; Email: sjayneweatherill@gmail.com
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- **PARISH SAFEGUARDING OFFICER:** Mrs Jayne Weatherill:
- Tel: 07986 993007; Email: safeguarding@stpauls-scotforth.org
- **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



Women's Fellowship.

We shall be meeting on Monday 12th May for our usual monthly meeting. Steve Williams will be our Speaker and the title for his talk is **Coastal Lines**. Anyone who would like to join us is most welcome. We meet in the Parish Hall at 2pm **Jean Mount**

Parish and Wider Community Questionnaire:

If you were at our recent Annual Meeting you will have taken part in a questionnaire. However, if you were not then we would like to encourage you to feedback your thoughts. This can be by completing this online link:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeAmFEL-tFzCYt3JHxuEvIUQQat-4qhhk9z3AlRUA2x7IU6oQ/viewform?usp=header>

or by emailing your response to lifeyvents@stpauls-scotforth.org or posting into the parish office letterbox in an envelope addressed 'Questionnaire'.

There is only one question – please imagine that we have a new roof, a new kitchen and toilet area, the windows are all repaired and the walls have all received a much-needed coat of paint.

What activities would you like to see taking place in your church building? This is in addition to regular service and life events such as baptisms, weddings and funerals. E.g. film nights, community coffee morning, knit and knatter.

The deadline for answering this question is 31st May. All the responses will be collated and will be used to help support our application for Heritage Lottery Funding to replace the church roof and carry out other additional work.

Thank you, in anticipation, for your time in answering this question.
Jayne Weatherill

Quiet Revival: A research report by the Bible Society

There are several reports of people returning to church, which is most encouraging. One is the research report from the Bible Society called 'Quiet Revival'.

Here is a summary of things to celebrate in our prayers and to be asking God for even more:

Church attendance has risen by 50 per cent in the UK over the last six years

The most dramatic church growth is among young adults, particularly young men.

There are now over 2 million more people attending church than there were six years ago.

The Church is also becoming more ethnically diverse.

Bible reading and confidence in the Bible have increased as well as church growth.

Churchgoers are more likely to actively participate in things that benefit the local community, such as donating to food banks, volunteering or giving to charity.

Christians also report a higher life satisfaction than non-churchgoers, with a greater connection to their community and less stress and anxiety.

To read the full report, search 'Bible Society Quiet Revival' or use the link: <https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/research/quiet-revival>

Jim Currin

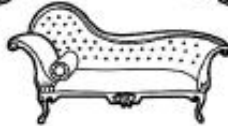
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