



ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS 19TH JUNE 2025



Sunday Worship – 22nd June 2025 Trinity 1

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

9:45am – All Age Holy Communion at St Paul's, Scotforth Road

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

Tuesday – Prayer for the Vacancy between 8am and 5pm 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
Saturday 21st June At 12.30pm 	Wedding of Connor and Bethany at St Paul's Church, Scotforth Road.
Wednesday 25th June from 2pm	Gardening with the Garden Team at St Paul's Church – all welcome
Sunday 29th June 8:00am 9:45am 11:15am	BCP Holy Communion at St Paul's, Scotforth Holy Communion at St Paul's, Scotforth Service of the Word at St Paul's, Hala



***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: Scotforth Road: Hala Road to Burrowbeck; Palatine Avenue to Hala Road; Brunton House to Palatine Avenue

From our Church prayer diary: 16th Lancaster Beavers

We pray for Connor and Bethany as they are married this week at St Paul's Church

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

All who mourn: Joan Hunt, Audrey Butcher, Lorraine Benefer, Cameron "Cammy" Gallagher

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 22nd June:

God of truth,
help us to keep your law of love
and to walk in ways of wisdom,
that we may find true life
in Jesus Christ your Son.

Readings for Sunday 22nd June:

Galatians 3.23-end

²³ Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. ²⁴Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, ²⁶for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. ²⁷As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

Luke 8.26-39

²⁶ Then they arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. ²⁷As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. ²⁸When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, 'What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me'—²⁹for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) ³⁰Jesus then asked him, 'What is your name?' He said, 'Legion'; for many demons had entered him. ³¹They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

³² Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. ³³Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. ³⁴ When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. ³⁵Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. ³⁶Those

who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. ³⁷Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. ³⁸The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹ 'Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.' So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

Post Communion prayer for Sunday 22nd June:

Eternal Father,
we thank you for nourishing us
with these heavenly gifts:
may our communion strengthen us in faith,
build us up in hope,
and make us grow in love;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Readings for next week:

Acts 12.1-11; Matthew 16.13-19; 1 Peter 2.19-end;

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:

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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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• **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 Jayne on Tel: 07986993007.

• **Scotforth School:** Headteacher – Mrs Katie Walsh – Tel: 01524 65379
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Vacancy Praying:

As we continue to trust God for his guidance in the appointment of a new Vicar at St Paul's, here are some opportunities to focus our prayers as we approach the Interview date of Tuesday 24th June.

Tuesday 24th June: A Day of Prayer on the Interviews Day, starting with a short service of Morning Prayer at 8am and finishing with a short service of Evening Prayer at 5pm, both in St Paul's, Scotforth Road.

To help you, and the whole church, to pray, there will be a resource available from this Sunday at the back of St Paul's and at Hala, together with a sign-up sheet if you would like to offer time during the Interview day, as a kind of Prayer Rota.

Jim Currin

Many Happy Returns of the Day!

“Happy ‘Special’ Birthday” to Tricia Impey from all at St Paul's for the 20th June.



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