



ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS 10TH JULY 2025



Sunday Worship – 20th July 2025 Trinity 5

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

12.30pm – Baptism Service 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
Wednesday 16th July from 2pm	Gardening with the Garden Team at St Paul's Church – all welcome
Monday 21st July – 7pm	Fabric Committee meeting in Parish Office.
Sunday 20th July 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
Thursday 24th July – 11am	Funeral in church of Denis Beetham



*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: Lily Grove, Fernbank

From our Church prayer diary: Our Home Groups

We pray for the parents, godparents and family of Luca Malcolm David and Leo Edward David who are to be baptised this week

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

All who mourn: Denis Beetham

Prayer for Revd Catherine as she prepares to become the next Vicar of St Paul's:

God our Father, we give our heartfelt thanks for the appointment of Catherine as our new Vicar here at St Paul's. We pray for her as she prepares to move into the Vicarage and all that involves. Send us all your Holy Spirit at this time of change to fill us with vision and energy and faithfulness in prayer that we may be true to our calling to bring new life to our community. We pray for Catherine that she may be a wise and gentle shepherd of your people, ready to serve us with joy, build us up in faith and to lead us by example in loving obedience to your son Jesus. Amen.

Collect for Sunday 20th July:

Almighty God,
send down upon your Church
the riches of your Spirit,
and kindle in all who minister the gospel
your countless gifts of grace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings for Sunday 20th July:

Colossians 1.15-28

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

²¹ And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²²he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him— ²³provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.

²⁴ I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. ²⁵I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, ²⁶the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. ²⁷To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

Luke 10.38-end

³⁸ Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. ³⁹She

had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. ⁴⁰But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.'
⁴¹But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; ⁴²there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.'

Post Communion prayer for Sunday 20th July:

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you,
that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by your
governance,
that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Readings for next week:

Hosea 1.2-10; Colossians 2.6-15 [16-19]; Luke 11.1-13

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.



Palestine & Israel – The Real Situation:

Friday 25th July from 10.30-12.30 at Lancaster Methodist Church,
Scotforth Road Lancaster.

Rev Dave Hardman, Methodist Liaison Office **based in Jerusalem, Israel and the West Bank, Palestine**, and Bea Foster, of Women for Peace Burnley, will discuss the current situation for **The Tent of Nations**, an educational and environmental Christian project in Bethlehem.

Rev David Hardman was the Christian Aid officer for North West England for several years.

This event is being hosted by East Meet West in Partnership with NL Methodist Circuit at Lancaster Methodist Church, Scotforth Road.

Arton Medd

Denis Beetham 1938-2025:

The older members of St Paul's congregation will have heard with sorrow of the death of Denis. He became our church organist and choirmaster way back in 1964, playing for the 10.45am service and 6.30pm Evensong. In 1994 he celebrated 40 years as a church organist, 30 of which had been at St Paul's. When in 2012 we changed from having two morning services to just the one at 9.45am, Denis opted to play for Evensong, weddings and funerals. He continued to serve in this way until COVID closed all churches; on their reopening there was no evening service and Denis possibly didn't play the organ again.

In May 2020, during COVID, Denis wrote the following about his memories of VE Day. 'I was 9 on VE Day. I lived in Edward St and went to St Anne's church, which is now the Duke's Theatre. I can remember the sandwiches and jellies at our street party and the fact that there were very few men. I had 2 uncles who were prisoners of war and my dad was still with his unit in Sherwood Forest. The only

men around were those who were in reserved occupations or who were in some way ill.'

He also spoke of not being able to go into church during 'lockdown' and playing the Good Friday hymns at home on his piano. On Easter Sunday morning he opened the doors and played the hymns loudly!

Those of us who knew Denis and who worked alongside him will remember a quiet, polite, smart, gentle man. He always wore his academic gown and hood when playing the organ, and his old but well-cared-for music case was always placed on top of the piano! He was totally reliable, always in plenty of time, and worked readily with the numerous clergy he came into contact with over many years. A true gentleman and dedicated professional.

Christine Medd

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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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