

# ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS 14<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2025



## Sunday Worship – 17<sup>th</sup> August 2025 Trinity 9

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 – Baptisms at St Paul's, Scotforth Road

*Morning Prayer is taking a short break over the summer  
it will restart on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October*

**Thursday** at 9:15am - Holy Communion at St Paul's, Scotforth Road

### Parish Diary:

Date & Time	Name of Event
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> August at 11.30am	Funeral of Tommy Layfield at Lancaster and Morecambe Crematorium.
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> August at 2pm	Service to mark the 80 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VJ Day at St Paul's, Scotforth
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> August from 2pm	Gardening with the Garden Team at St Paul's Church – <b>all welcome</b>
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> August at 12.00 noon	Wedding of Alex and Tanya
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> August 8:00am 9:45am 11:15am	BCP Holy Communion at St Paul's, Scotforth All Age Holy Communion at St Paul's, Scotforth Service of the Word at St Paul's, Hala

## **FOR OUR PRAYERS**

**Our mission Partners:** For Stephen and Marit Impey's work with Wycliffe Bible Translators International.

**From our Parish prayer diary:** Wakefield Drive, Emerson Street, Addle Street, Devon Place

**From our Church prayer diary:** All who read and lead Intercessions

**We pray for the parents, godparents and family of** Leo George

**We pray for** Alex and Tanya 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, Eileen Unsworth

**All who mourn:** Joan Pearson, Tommy Layfield

**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 17<sup>th</sup> August:**

Almighty God,  
who sent your Holy Spirit  
to be the life and light of your Church:  
open our hearts to the riches of your grace,  
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit  
in love and joy and peace;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,

who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## **Readings for Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> August:**

### **Isaiah 5.1-7**

5 Let me sing for my beloved  
my love-song concerning his vineyard:

My beloved had a vineyard  
on a very fertile hill.

<sup>2</sup> He dug it and cleared it of stones,  
and planted it with choice vines;  
he built a watch-tower in the midst of it,  
and hewed out a wine vat in it;  
he expected it to yield grapes,  
but it yielded wild grapes.

<sup>3</sup> And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem  
and people of Judah,  
judge between me  
and my vineyard.

<sup>4</sup> What more was there to do for my vineyard  
that I have not done in it?  
When I expected it to yield grapes,  
why did it yield wild grapes?

<sup>5</sup> And now I will tell you  
what I will do to my vineyard.  
I will remove its hedge,  
and it shall be devoured;  
I will break down its wall,  
and it shall be trampled down.

<sup>6</sup> I will make it a waste;  
it shall not be pruned or hoed,  
and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns;

I will also command the clouds  
that they rain no rain upon it.

<sup>7</sup> For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts  
is the house of Israel,  
and the people of Judah  
are his pleasant planting;  
he expected justice,  
but saw bloodshed;  
righteousness,  
but heard a cry!

### **Luke 12.49-56**

<sup>49</sup> 'I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! <sup>50</sup>I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! <sup>51</sup>Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! <sup>52</sup>From now on, five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; <sup>53</sup>they will be divided: father against son  
and son against father,  
mother against daughter  
and daughter against mother,  
mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law  
and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

<sup>54</sup> He also said to the crowds, 'When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, "It is going to rain"; and so it happens.

<sup>55</sup>And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, "There will be scorching heat"; and it happens. <sup>56</sup>You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?

## **Post Communion prayer for Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> August:**

Holy Father,  
who gathered us here around the table of your Son  
to share this meal with the whole household of God:  
in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace,  
gather people of every race and language  
to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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## **Readings for next week:**

Jeremiah 1.4-10; Psalm 71.1-6; Hebrews 12.18-end; Luke 13.10-17

**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.

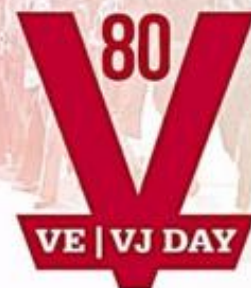


## **Revd Catherine's Institution and Induction Service – Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm:**

Tea/Coffee and cakes will be served after the end of this service – if you would like to contribute to the cakes/biscuits please can you sign up on the sheet which is at the back of church and at Hala – last date to do this is 7<sup>th</sup> September. All contributions can be brought along to the service and left at the back of church on the refreshment table. Thank you.



Service to mark the  
80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
of VJ Day



Friday 15<sup>th</sup> August  
at 2pm  
St Paul's Church,  
Scotforth



## **You can do something for the People of Palestine**

We see the deaths and devastation on our screens and feel helpless, but we could give support through our MP. Cat Smith is running the Great Scottish Run (half marathon in Glasgow) on 5 October.

Cat writes:

‘As some of you know, I’ve been deeply moved and distressed by the ongoing humanitarian crisis in Gaza. I’ve raised these issues in Parliament, spoken out for the people of Palestine, for the recognition of the Palestinian state, and called for immediate aid and justice. But like so many, I’ve felt the need to do something more — something tangible. So I’m running this half marathon to raise funds for Medical Aid for Palestinians (MAP) — an incredible organisation providing life-saving healthcare, emergency medical supplies, and essential support in Gaza and across Palestine. I’ve run these kinds of races before, but this one feels different. I’ll be carrying with me the stories and suffering of those I’ve heard from — and I’ll be running in solidarity with them.’

‘If you are able to support my run by donating to MAP, I’d be incredibly grateful. Every pound makes a real difference.’

The website is:

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/cat-smith-palestine>

Cat is a member of Lancaster Methodist Church and has also been invited to open the new hall at Trinity United Reformed Church next month.

***Arton Medd***

**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](mailto: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](mailto:office@stpauls-scotforth.org)

**BAPTISMS AND WEDDINGS:** Booking enquiries - please contact Jayne Weatherill through the parish office or Email: [lifeyvents@stpauls-scotforth.org](mailto: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](mailto:pastoral@stpauls-scotforth.org) or telephoning Jayne on Tel: 07986993007.

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



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## Did you know we have a team of Lay Pastoral Visitors?

If you know of anyone, or you would appreciate a visit from a team member, then please contact Jayne Weatherill, tel: 01524 843135 or email [pastoral@stpauls-scotforth.org](mailto:pastoral@stpauls-scotforth.org)



## Cleaning in Church

Volunteers are needed to help clean Church before Rev. Catherine's Institution and Induction. If you can spare some time on Saturday 6th September between 10am and noon, please come along and lend a hand. If you can also bring along a bucket and cleaning cloths, that would be a big help.

***Keith Weatherill***

## Parish 150 meeting 730pm on 3/9/25



St Paul's Church  
Scotforth  
Celebrating  
150 years

The next open meeting of the group looking at the plans for the forthcoming 150th Anniversary of our

parish is at **7:30pm on Wednesday 3rd**

**September in church.** Everyone is welcome.

The exciting plans are shaping up on a wide range of ideas that will be spread throughout 2026. Do come and hear all about it and be part of the planning.

For more information email [jim.currin@me.com](mailto:jim.currin@me.com) or look out for more information in future Parish News. Finally, please pray even now for God's guidance as we plan to celebrate our church past, present and future.

***Jim Currin***

## **School Admission and 'Green Card' System and change to signing:**

We would like to remind parents about the 'green card' system that we operate at St Paul's, both in church and at our Hala Worship Centre. At the present time attendance for either primary or secondary school admissions is for "parent and/or child". This means if you attend a service without your child you should still get your card signed.

If your child attends with another family member, e.g. grandparent, then the green card can be signed for your child's attendance however, if they attend without your child the card cannot be signed – your child has to be with them.

We would like to remind parents that when we sign supplementary forms (primary or secondary) either in-person or after being contacted by a school; we will need to see the green card to ratify and inform the completion of the requests.

We have been reminded in recent weeks the importance of parents understanding and reading the admission policy of the school chosen – it is not the responsibility of the church to ensure your understanding. We can only complete the information requested by the school following their guidance. If you have any queries about a specific school admission policy then you should contact the school directly.

### ***Change moving forward:***

Please note that the green cards will only be signed at the end of the service you are attending and must be signed by either a member of clergy or lay minister leading the service, churchwarden (Jayne or Keith) or Assistant Churchwarden (Phil, Jon, Dave or Michelle).

If you have any additional questions then please talk to Jayne or email: [lifeevents@stpauls-scotforth.org](mailto:lifeevents@stpauls-scotforth.org)



# 24-HOUR PRAYER FOR LANCASTER & MORECAMBE

**12PM WED 3 SEP TO 12PM THU 4 SEP**

As part of 24/7 Prayer's global week this September, Lancaster & Morecambe will pray for 24 hours from 3-4 September. All prayer activities are hosted by **St Thomas' Church, Lancaster LA1 1XX.**

## **24/7 Prayer Room | 12pm til 12pm, 3 - 4 Sept**

We have a dedicated space at St Tees church centre, with creative ways to pray. Come on your own or with friends.

Sign up here: <http://bit.ly/44xKWjo> or scan the QR code



## **Evening Prayer Gathering | 7pm, Wed 3 Sept**

Join us in the main church from 7pm for refreshments and then a special evening of worship and prayer from 7.30pm. We'll lift up Lancaster & Morecambe, our churches, schools, families, and more – asking God to move. No need to book.



## **Prayer Walk | 9.15am, Thu 4 Sept**

Gather for a prayer walk, praying for the needs of Lancaster & Morecambe on Thursday 4th Sept.

Start: 9:15am outside St Thomas' Church Centre

Finish: Around 10:45am at Trafalgar Point, Morecambe

Contact Marcus: [marcus@newlifelancaster.org.uk](mailto:marcus@newlifelancaster.org.uk)



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