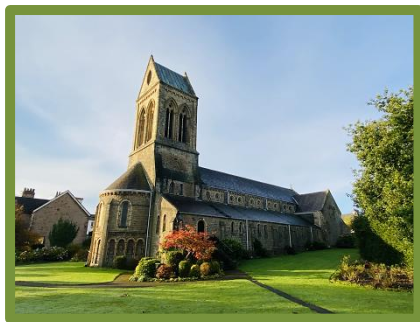




ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS 28TH AUGUST 2025



Sunday Worship – 31st August 2025 Trinity 11

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

9:45am – Service of the Word at St Paul's, Scotforth Road

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

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

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

Parish Diary:

Date & Time	Name of Event
Monday 1st September at 2pm	Tea@2 in the Parish Hall
Monday 1st September at 7:30pm	PCC Meeting in the meeting room, Parish Hall
Wednesday 3rd September at 7:30pm	Parish 150 Meeting at St Paul's Church, Scotforth
Wednesday 3rd September from 2pm	Gardening with the Garden Team at St Paul's Church – all welcome
Saturday 6th September from 10am – 12 noon	Cleaning in church – please come along and lend a hand if you can – if you can bring a bucket and cloth that would be great.
Sunday 7th September 8:00am 9:45am 11:15am 12:30pm	BCP Holy Communion at St Paul's, Scotforth Holy Communion at St Paul's, Scotforth Holy Communion 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: Brunton Road, Pickard Street, Binyon Court

From our Church prayer diary: All who receive a Pastoral or Home Communion visit in our parish

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: Alan Lamb

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 31st August:

God of glory,
the end of our searching,
help us to lay aside
all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom,
and to give all that we have
to gain the pearl beyond all price,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Readings for Sunday 31st August:

Hebrews 13.1-8, 15-16

¹Let mutual love continue. ²Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. ³Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. ⁴Let marriage be held in honour by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. ⁵Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, 'I will never leave you or forsake you.' ⁶So we can say with confidence, 'The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?'

⁷ Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith.

⁸Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever.

¹⁵Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. ¹⁶Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Luke 14.1, 7-14

¹⁴On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

⁷ When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. ⁸'When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; ⁹and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, "Give this person your place", and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. ¹⁰But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, "Friend, move up higher"; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. ¹¹For all who exalt

themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.' 12 He said also to the one who had invited him, 'When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. 13But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. 14And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.'

Post Communion prayer for Sunday 31stAugust:

Lord of all mercy,
we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice
which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace:
by our communion
keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel
and preserve us from all sin;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Readings for next week:

Jeremiah 18:1-11 and Luke 14:25-33

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 14th 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 7th September. All contributions can be brought along to the service and left at the back of church on the refreshment table. Thank you.



Concerned about the Climate?

We are a newly-formed Greenpeace group for Lancaster and Morecambe. We have recently met with both our local MPs as part of the Climate Coalition 'Mass Lobby' to discuss the climate emergency. Both MPs agreed a number of actions and have agreed to follow-up meetings.

We wonder whether anyone from St Paul's would be interested in joining our next meeting with Cat Smith (MP, Lancaster and Wyre)? There are representatives from 2 other local eco-churches attending. It's on the **19th of September at 11am** in the St Paul's meeting room at the Parish Hall.

Key themes at our previous meetings were the Ocean Treaty, plastic pollution and the Climate and Nature Bill. We are hoping to follow up on these at the next meeting as well as asking her to sign the Make Polluters Pay pledge.

Cat Smith did emphasise to us that she needs to hear from more people about the climate emergency, and so we are reaching out to other local organisations including eco-churches, the Women's Institute etc, to see if they would like to join us for what we hope will be an on-going discussion with our MPs about the climate emergency. There will be room for individuals to raise issues of concern.

If you would like to join or have any questions, please do call Hilary Simmons on 07969 757887 / 01524 846790, or email her via hilsimmo13@gmail.com.

Hilary Simmons

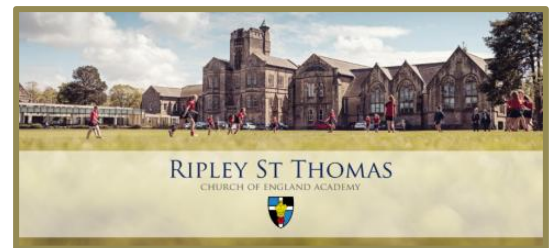
School Admission and 'Green Card' System:

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. Any questions then please do talk to a Churchwarden or Rev Catherine.

Secondary School Admissions Meetings:

We are now taking bookings for Ripley St Thomas Church of England High School Supplementary Forms to be signed. There will be two evenings – Tuesday 7th October and Wednesday 8th October

between 6.00pm and 7.30pm in the Parish Office. Please contact the office by telephone to make an appointment (9.30-12 noon Mon - Fri) or email: office@stpauls-scotforth.org



In order to make an appointment we will need the following information:

- Preferred date;
- Your name;
- Your child's name;
- Your child's school;
- Your contact telephone number.

If you email the office for an appointment you will receive a confirmation email stating the date and time of your appointment. Please remember that you will need to bring your school admission green card with you and the supplemental form you received in your RST prospectus pack. Please note, only one parent needs to attend the meeting in order to reduce any possible congestion in the Parish Hall.

Harvest Service – Sunday 21st September at 9.45am – in the Parish Hall

There will be no 11.15am service at St Paul's, Hala today as we are coming together as a parish to celebrate Harvest.

Donations as part of the service will be gratefully received and we will be sending these to The Olive Branch. Their 'Five for the Foodbank' requests are:

- tinned meat meals (eg mince and onions, chilli con carne)
- tinned veg
- tinned fruit
- tinned puddings (eg rice, custard)
- biscuits

Please do not bring fresh produce as we do not have any means of distributing this.

After the service there will be tea/coffee served by our refreshment team. The Scouts will be preparing a BBQ and burgers will be on sale - +/- £1.50 each; cash only.



Women's Fellowship:

We shall be meeting on Monday 8th September at 2pm for our AGM. In October we will be collecting our subs for the year.

Jean Mount

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

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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

● Mr Keith Weatherill:

● Tel: 60597 or 07986 993005; Email: keith.weatherill@gmail.com

● **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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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



Parish 150 meeting 7:30pm on 3rd September 2025



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 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