

ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS 7TH AUGUST 2025



Sunday Worship – 10th August 2025 Trinity 8

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

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

11:15am – Holy Communion at St Paul's, Hala

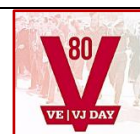
6:30pm – Evening Prayer at St Paul's, Scotforth Road

***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
Wednesday 13 th August from 2pm	Gardening with the Garden Team at St Paul's Church – all welcome
Friday 15 th August at 11.30am	Funeral of Tommy Layfield at Lancaster and Morecambe Crematorium.
Friday 15 th August at 2pm	Service to mark the 80 th Anniversary of VJ Day at St Paul's, Scotforth
Sunday 17 th August 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: Bedford Place, Rutland Avenue, Gloucester Avenue

From our Church prayer diary: Wednesday Morning Prayer Group Members

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, 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 10th August:

Lord God,
your Son left the riches of heaven
and became poor for our sake:
when we prosper save us from pride,
when we are needy save us from despair,
that we may trust in you alone;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings for Sunday 10th August:

Hebrews 11.1-3, 8-16

11 Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval.

³By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

⁸ By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. ¹²Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, ‘as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.’ ¹³ All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Luke 12.32-40

³² ‘Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. ³⁵ ‘Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may

open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

³⁹ 'But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into.

⁴⁰You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

Post Communion prayer for Sunday 10th August:

Strengthen for service, Lord,
the hands that have taken holy things;
may the ears which have heard your word
be deaf to clamour and dispute;
may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit;
may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love
shine with the light of hope;
and may the bodies which have been fed with your body
be refreshed with the fullness of your life;
glory to you for ever.

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Readings for next week:

Isaiah 5.1–7; Hebrews 11.29—12.2; Luke 12.49–56

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.

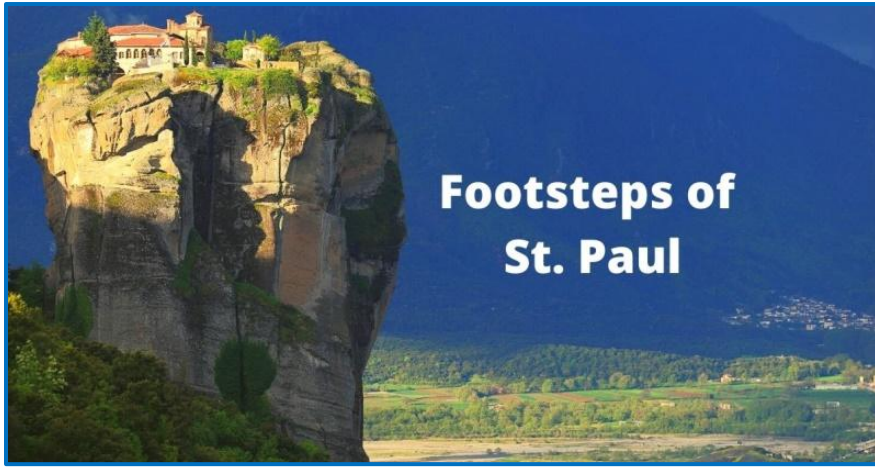


Service to mark the
80th Anniversary
of VJ Day

Friday 15th August
at 2pm
St Paul's Church,
Scotforth



The poster features a central text area with a light grey background. To the left is a black silhouette of a soldier in profile, holding a rifle. The top and bottom corners are decorated with large, stylized red poppies. In the top right corner, there is a faded background image of a crowd of people in a city street. A large red 'V' logo with '80' inside and 'VE | VJ DAY' at the bottom is positioned to the right of the main text.



Footsteps of St. Paul

150th Celebrations - Advance Notice:

As part of our 150th celebrations, as we journey with St Paul, there will be an opportunity to literally walk in his footsteps. I am looking to lead a

pilgrimage to Greece to travel in the footsteps of St Paul, visiting sites of significance from his ministry such as Corinth, Philippi and Athens. It would be in either late 2026 or early 2027, for 8-10 days, and will cost something in the region of £3000. At this point we don't need a definite commitment, but strong declarations of interest will help to decide if this is a viable trip with a good number interest, then please speak to Rev Catherine or send her an email.

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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: sjaynewweatherill@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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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.

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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



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 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



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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



Enquiries: pete@citychurch.uk or mark@st.tees.org.uk



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