

ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS 11TH SEPTEMBER 2025



Sunday Worship – 14th September 2025 Trinity 13

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

7:30pm – Institution and Induction Service for
Revd Catherine Haydon at
St Paul's Church, 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 17th September from 2pm	Gardening with the Garden Team at St Paul's Church – all welcome
Sunday 21st September 8:00am 9:45am 11:15am	BCP Holy Communion at St Paul's, Scotforth Harvest Festival Service of the Word with Parade at <u>St Paul's Parish Hall.</u> NO SERVICE at St Paul's, Hala



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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: Dorrington Road, Heaton Road

From our Church prayer diary: Ecumenical relationships

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, Maureen North, Alan Hellier

Collect for Sunday 14th September:

Almighty God,
you search us and know us:
may we rely on you in strength
and rest on you in weakness,
now and in all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings for Sunday 14th September:

Jeremiah 4.11-12, 22-28

¹¹ At that time it will be said to this people and to Jerusalem: A hot wind comes from me out of the bare heights in the desert towards my poor people, not to winnow or cleanse—¹²a wind too strong for that. Now it is I who speak in judgement against them.

²² 'For my people are foolish, they do not know me; they are stupid children, they have no understanding. They are skilled in doing evil, but do not know how to do good.'²³ I looked on the earth, and lo, it was waste and void; and to the heavens, and they had no light.

²⁴ I looked on the mountains, and lo, they were quaking, and all the hills moved to and fro. ²⁵ I looked, and lo, there was no one at all, and all the birds of the air had fled.

²⁶ I looked, and lo, the fruitful land was a desert, and all its cities were laid in ruins before the Lord, before his fierce anger.

²⁷ For thus says the Lord: The whole land shall be a desolation; yet I will not make a full end. ²⁸ Because of this the earth shall mourn, and

the heavens above grow black; for I have spoken, I have purposed; I have not relented nor will I turn back.

Luke 15.1-10

15Now all the tax-collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, 'This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.' ³ So he told them this parable: ⁴'Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? ⁵When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbours, saying to them, "Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost." ⁷Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who need no repentance. ⁸ 'Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbours, saying, "Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost." ¹⁰Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.'

Post Communion prayer for Sunday 14th September:

God our creator,
you feed your children with the true manna,
the living bread from heaven:
let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage
until we come to that place where hunger and thirst are no more;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Readings for next week:

Philippians 4.4-9; Luke 15.1-10

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.



Celebrating '150' Years of St Paul's

As you will already know, in 2026 St Paul's will be celebrating its 150th birthday. We would love to have some information from you!

Were you baptised, confirmed, married in St Paul's church; or perhaps one of your relations was? Do you still have that special dress! Were you a member of any group within the church? Have you any photos, newspaper cuttings or information about any events or activities which have taken place in church, especially from many years ago? Can you remember celebrations to mark the 100th anniversary? Did you have older family members who were involved with St Paul's? Is there something special you could write about?

Please do help to make next year really interesting by providing us with as much information as you can.

We would like your contributions as soon as you are able, but to give you time to look through drawers and cupboards to see what you can find, we would appreciate receiving them by the end of October.

Information and contributions to Christine Medd in the following ways:

Email arton.medd@btinternet.com

Phone 01524 64730; Address 65 Winchester Ave; In church at 9.45am Sunday services

Christine Medd, on behalf of the '150' working group

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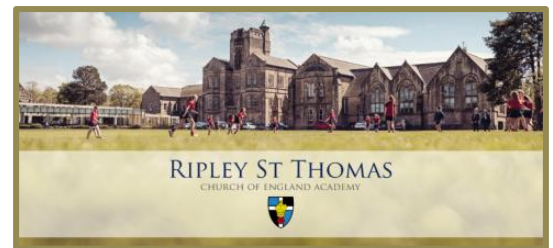
School Admission and 'Green Card' System:

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.

VICAR: 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:

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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

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



Fun Church:

This is a reminder to all parents that we do need to have completed paperwork for your child to attend Fun Church across the road in the Parish Hall during the 9.45am service. If it's your child's first time attending then they will be given a registration pack which they will give to you. Where possible, please can you complete this at the end of the service and hand it in to Jayne or Keith (wardens) or Rev Catherine. If your child attends for a second time and we don't have their paperwork they will be brought back over to church and returned to you. This is for your child's health, safety and well-being - we need to have contact information, any relevant medical information in case of emergencies. Thank you for your co-operation.

Jayne

Church Roof Update:

Whilst all might have seemed quiet on the church roof news recently, we have been working behind the scenes with our architect, Historic England and our professional fundraiser. Whilst it might seem strange to be pleased to report, we are now on the Heritage At Risk register officially. This means we can now access grant funding that we wouldn't otherwise be able to - the main one being the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF). We are also looking at moving our current Grade II listing to Grade II* - this will also raise us above all the other, very worthy, heritage buildings by being a higher grade. Our architect is working with us to put in this application.

Our professional fundraiser will be putting in the initial enquiry for funding to the HLF very soon and we hope to be able to report back before the end of the year whether they feel we are a project that they will support. This is just the first stage of a very long process. We are looking at anywhere between 2-4 years for the completion of the whole project - getting funding, going out to tender, work being undertaken and final project reports being written. We have been told 3-4 years is more likely.

Whilst we are applying for the funding we were advised to include other work in church, which has been highlighted in the last 3 Quinquennial Reports (building report undertaken by our architect which outlines work that needs undertaking) but were, last time, noted to be undertaken after the roof replacement. Mainly work on windows, looking at refurbishing the toilet and kitchen facilities, decorating, carpeting etc.

Also linked to HFL applications are heritage events, opening your building more, using it for different events. A lot of what the 150th Anniversary group are looking into links throughout the requirements of the HLF - however, after the anniversary year we will still need to undertake some annual events etc.

So, whilst it may seem to have gone quiet, the work on the roof and fundraising is still happening and we do appreciate everyone who has donated to the fundraising over the many years - each and every penny is getting us closer to what is needed for funding and ensuring once the project is finished we have a church building equipped for the next 150 years, at least!

Jayne and Keith



St Paul's 150 planning update

Friends, here are some updates from our recent conversation in the Church Council and Working Group to keep you up to date. We will keep the updates coming on a 'What you need to know when you need to know it' basis! Our next planning meeting will be on Wednesday 1st October 7.30pm. This time it is in the Parish Office. Space may be a bit tight but again all are welcome.

The main shape of next year is coming together with the launch by Bishop Philip on 22nd February 2026 with invited guests - including yours! Do please start to mention it to family and friends who had/have special connections with St Paul's to come along. Please invite them yourself to the main morning service of celebration.

Lots of interesting things are planned throughout the year. At the moment we think there is a likely focus once a month. Many activities will be All-Age and we are planning an Exhibition, Guidebook, Social events, Video, Drama on the Life of St Paul, History lectures, Mission Weekend, Children's Trail etc. It is quite a list and will be spread throughout the whole year. Please be in touch if you would like to ask more or have a particular interest in any of these activities as we plan them now. There will be something for everyone to do!

Two particular things to note.

First is that we have a coordinator for a team coming together to host all of the events in terms of 'being around', providing refreshments, etc. If you would like to be part of this team and be available once a month for the different events we would be delighted to hear from you. Of course, nearer the time you will hear about specific events you could help support without having to be 'up front'. This will be an important contribution and much valued.

Second, we will be raising funds during the year, half of which will be for St Paul's and the other half we will give away to charities with close links to the parish, namely: The Olive Branch; St Paul's School 'Scot4All' group and St John's Hospice. We have already set up a St Paul's 150 Fund which can be easily accessed using the QR code (ask if you need to know). This is not a restricted fund but will track what is given to cover costs and we hope make a profit. Would you fancy supporting in kind, holding a sponsored event, selling craft things, or support with direct giving for the 150? We'd like to hear from you as we plan.

Finally, as ever, please pray for the planning and all the activities coming together, perhaps most of all that many, many people will see something of our witness and love of God and so want to be part of our next 150 years of 'Following Jesus in the Footsteps of St Paul. Thank you.

If you would like to chat about any of these things please email either the Reverend Catherine, the Parish Office or jim.currin@me.com.



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