



ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS 18TH SEPTEMBER 2025



Sunday Worship – 21st September 2025 Harvest Service

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

9:45am – Harvest Service of the Word with Parade
at **St Paul's Parish Hall**, Scotforth Road

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 (rice, custard); biscuits. 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.

11:15am – **No Service** at St Paul's, Hala

*Morning Prayer is taking a short break over the summer
it will restart on Wednesday 8th October*

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

Parish Diary:

Date & Time	Name of Event
Wednesday 24th September from 2pm	Gardening with the Garden Team at St Paul's Church – all welcome
Sunday 28th September 8:00am 9:45am 11:15am	BCP Holy Communion at St Paul's, Scotforth All Age Holy Communion Holy Communion at St Paul's, Hala



***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: Chiltern Court, Hastings Road, The Hastings, Kensington Road

From our Church prayer diary: Our Churchwardens and Assistant Churchwardens

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

All who mourn: Alan Lamb, Maureen North, Alan Hellier



Message from Rev Catherine:

Thank you so much to everyone for your love and support, prayers and kind words, cards and gifts, and riotous applause upon my licensing and induction on

Sunday. Thank you to everyone who attended the service, and to those cheering from afar. The service was such a joyful celebration, and the love and joy was palpable. Thank you for making my family and friends so welcome, and for those who brought cake!

Above all, thank you for the love and support you have shown me over the last couple of years since I arrived here, especially during the vacancy and application process. Without your encouragement and cheering me on I wouldn't be here today. What an utter joy and privilege it is to now continue to serve you as your vicar. I look forward to seeing what God has in store for us all in this next stage of our journey as the family of St Paul's.

Rev Catherine

Collect for Sunday 21st September:

Eternal God,
you crown the year with your goodness
and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season:
grant that we may use them to your glory,
for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being;
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 21st September:

Philippians 4.4-9

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ⁸ Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

John 6.25-35

²⁵ When they found him on the other side of the lake, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' ²⁶Jesus answered them, 'Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.' ²⁸Then they said to him, 'What must we do to perform the works of God?' ²⁹Jesus answered them, 'This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.' ³⁰So they

said to him, 'What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?' ³¹Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, "He gave them bread from heaven to eat." ³²Then Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' ³⁴They said to him, 'Sir, give us this bread always.' ³⁵ Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

Post Communion prayer for Sunday 21st September:

Lord of the harvest,
with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation
and have shared in the bread and the wine of the kingdom:
by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us
and make us generous and wise stewards
of the good things we enjoy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Readings for next week:

Jeremiah 32.1–3a, 6–15; 1 Timothy 6.6–19; Luke 16.19–end

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

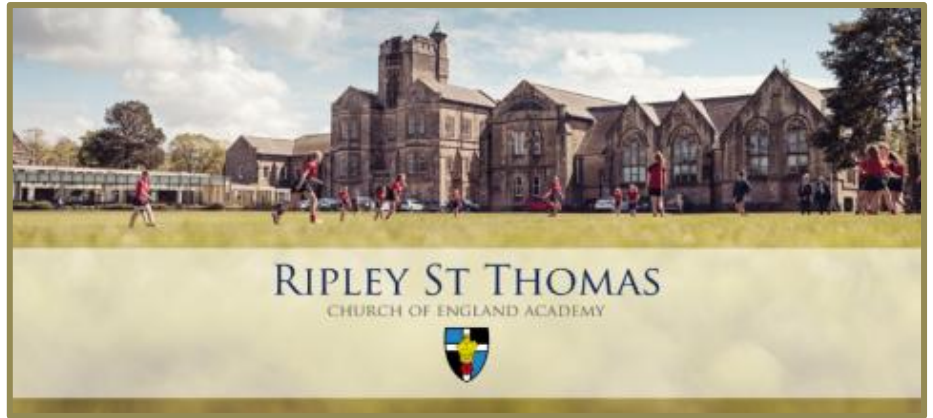
LAHS:

The first meeting of the 2025-2026 Lancaster Archaeological and Historical Society season will take place on 25th September 2025 in St Paul's Parish Hall, Scotforth, LA1 4TS, at 7.30pm for 7.45pm start. The lecture will be given by Dan Elsworth and Dot Boughton (Green

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.



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VICAR: Rev Catherine Haydon: Tel: 07723 642973;

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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

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

Do you have a spare copy of 100th and 125th St Paul's booklet?

I wonder if anyone has a spare copy of the 100th (Wilfred Wolfendale) and 125th (Peter Gedge - blue) previous anniversary books please.

We are preparing a brand-new booklet for the 150th Anniversary next year and would like to have links to digital copies of the previous booklets included so we have easy access to all the historic information of both previous guidebooks. What this requires though is a spare copy of each previous booklet that we can send off and have made into a digital book. The only problem with this is that the process of making the digital book removes the spine! If anyone therefore has a copy of either previous anniversary books can you please donate it so we don't have to use the rare copies that survive in church? It would be much appreciated. Please leave at church/Hala/office or tell me where to collect: jim.currin@me.com.
Thank you!

Jim Currin





Hala Pantry is a food club at St Paul's, Hala.

Can you help out on Fridays?

Come and join our busy team of volunteers!

We are actively seeking driving volunteers to support our weekly food club service at St Paul's Hala Pantry.

Safeguarding & Manual Handling training is provided.

DUTIES

- To drive out to Preston in our hired van and drive back to Hala loaded up with the food allocation from Fareshare
- Unloading at the Hala Community Centre

WHEN/WHAT TIME?
Friday mornings
9am – 11am

WHEN?
Once per month, by rota

INTERESTED?
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