

# ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS 25TH SEPTEMBER 2025



**Sunday Worship – 28<sup>th</sup> September 2025  
Trinity 15**

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

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

**11:15am – Holy Communion 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:**

<b>Date &amp; Time</b>	<b>Name of Event</b>
<b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October</b> from 2pm	Gardening with the Garden Team at St Paul's Church – <b>all welcome</b>
<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October</b> 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 Road



***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:** Devonshire Street, Franklin Street, Cheltenham Road, Victoria Avenue

**From our Church prayer diary:** Our environmental witness

**Those who have asked for prayers for healing:** Mary Wilson, Mary Smith, John Harding, Ian Smith, Phil Simpson, Irene Harper, Heather Richardson, Liz Field

**All who mourn:** Maureen North, Michael Nicholson, Enid Ashton

### **Collect for Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September:**

Lord God,  
defend your Church from all false teaching  
and give to your people knowledge of your truth,  
that we may enjoy eternal life  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **Readings for Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September:**

#### **1 Timothy 6.6-19**

<sup>6</sup>Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; <sup>7</sup>for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; <sup>8</sup>but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. <sup>9</sup>But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. <sup>10</sup>For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

<sup>11</sup> But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. <sup>12</sup>Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. <sup>13</sup>In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you <sup>14</sup>to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>15</sup>which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. <sup>16</sup>It is he

alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honour and eternal dominion. Amen. <sup>17</sup> As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. <sup>18</sup> They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, <sup>19</sup> thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

### **Luke 16.19-end**

<sup>19</sup> ‘There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. <sup>20</sup> And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, <sup>21</sup> who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. <sup>22</sup> The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. <sup>23</sup> In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. <sup>24</sup> He called out, “Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.” <sup>25</sup> But Abraham said, “Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. <sup>26</sup> Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.” <sup>27</sup> He said, “Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house—<sup>28</sup> for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.” <sup>29</sup> Abraham replied, “They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.” <sup>30</sup> He said, “No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.” <sup>31</sup> He said to him, “If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.””

### **Post Communion prayer for Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September:**

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy;  
and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall,  
keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful,  
and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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### **Readings for next week:**

Habakkuk 1.1–4; 2.1–4; 2 Timothy 1.1–14; Luke 17.5–10

**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 150<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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***

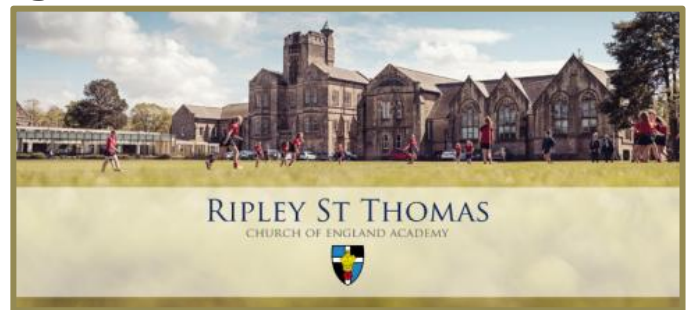
## **Open Deanery Synod Meeting:**

The next meeting of the Deanery Synod will be on **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October at 7-for 7.30pm** to be held at St Thomas' Church, Marton Street, Lancaster, LA1 1XX. This is an open meeting and if you would to attend for what promises to be a really important, informative and stimulating evening led by Professor John Whitton, North West Regional Net Carbon Zero Fundraising Officer. John will give us a presentation on the Church of England Net Zero Programme, where we are up to in the North West, with a case study on community energy in Blackburn. The discussion will focus on how all our churches can be supported in our own journey to Net Zero.

**Phil Simpson, Deanery Synod Representative**

## **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 7<sup>th</sup> October and Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.

**VICAR:** 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:**

Mrs Jayne Weatherill:

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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: [lifeevents@stpauls-scotforth.org](mailto:lifeevents@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

**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](mailto:jim.currin@me.com). Thank you!

*Jim Currin*

### 'Calling all Creatives'!

As part of the 150 celebrations, we are planning an Exhibition in St Paul's church of our history, activities and Christian faith. It will be an All-Age interactive display with video, pictures on the screens, displays, artefacts etc. One of the discussions that keeps coming up is about contributions from 'Creatives' to make the exhibition fresh and interesting, especially art, sculpture, banners, poetry, writing etc. We are hoping that there will be something for friends, neighbours, visitors, classes from St Paul's school and the general public to see at various events throughout 2026.

It is not too early to think and plan possible contributions in terms of art, graphics, needlework, poetry etc. We already have a script written for the drama of St Paul, a Photographic contribution, and someone planning to write Reflections. We hope the children from school will enjoy doing artwork and drama. So, this is a 'Call for Creatives' for adults or teenagers who have creative gifts that you think could contribute. If you do, for anything, but especially artists and needleworkers, could you have a word with Rev Catherine, the Wardens or email me: [jim.currin@me.com](mailto:jim.currin@me.com)? We will consider ideas at our next meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> October (7:30pm in the Parish Hall Meeting Room) to which everyone is invited. Thank you!

*Jim Currin*



## Harvest Service – thanks:

A huge thank you to everyone who helped make the Harvest Service such a success last Sunday:

- The Scout leaders for cooking and serving the burgers, they were delicious. Special thanks to Jim Holland for doing all the shopping and co-ordinating to make this happen.
- To the refreshment team for making sure there were drinks and biscuits to accompany the burgers.
- To all those who helped set up and clear away for the service, many hands do make light work!
- To everyone who attended and joined in the service, bringing goods for us to take to The Olive Branch where the gifts are much needed and very much appreciated.

We do have quite a few burgers left over and with winter approaching another BBQ is probably not going to happen. The burgers are butcher made and were made fresh and collected last Friday. They were frozen in 6 packs (individually separated) on Sunday lunchtime. If anyone would like to purchase a pack of 6 burgers for the discounted price of £5 then please email the church office giving your name and when you would like to collect them – cash on collection. Jayne or Keith can bring them to a service in a cool box with freezer blocks to ensure they don't defrost.

***Rev Catherine,***

***Jayne and Keith***

