

ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS 4TH SEPTEMBER 2025

Sunday Worship – 7th September 2025 Trinity 12

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

12:30pm – Baptism 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
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.
Monday 8th September 2pm – 4pm	Women's Fellowship AGM at the Parish Hall
Wednesday 10th September from 2pm	Gardening with the Garden Team at St Paul's Church – all welcome
Sunday 14th September 8:00am 9:45am 11:15am 7:30pm	BCP Holy Communion at St Paul's, Scotforth Holy Communion at St Paul's, Scotforth Service of the Word at St Paul's, Hala Installation Service for Revd Catherine 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: Ash Grove, Bridge Road, West Street

From our Church prayer diary: All the staff and pupils at Scotforth St Paul's, and all schools in our parish as they begin the new school year

We pray for the parents, godparents and family of Isaac Christopher who is to be baptised this week

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

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 7th September:

God of constant mercy,
who sent your Son to save us:
remind us of your goodness,
increase your grace within us,
that our thankfulness may grow,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings for Sunday 7th September:

Jeremiah 18.1-11

18The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: ²'Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words.' ³ So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. ⁴The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him. ⁵ Then the word of the Lord came to me: ⁶'Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the Lord. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. ⁷At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, ⁸but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. ⁹And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, ¹⁰but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. ¹¹Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the Lord: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

Luke 14.25-33

²⁵ Now large crowds were travelling with him; and he turned and said to them, ²⁶'Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. ²⁷Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰saying, "This fellow began to build and was not able to finish." ³¹Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten

thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³²If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. ³³So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

Post Communion prayer for Sunday 7th September:

God of all mercy,
in this eucharist you have set aside our sins
and given us your healing:
grant that we who are made whole in Christ
may bring that healing to this broken world,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Readings for next week:

Numbers 21.4–9; Psalm 22.23–28; Philippians 2.6–11; John 3.13–17

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

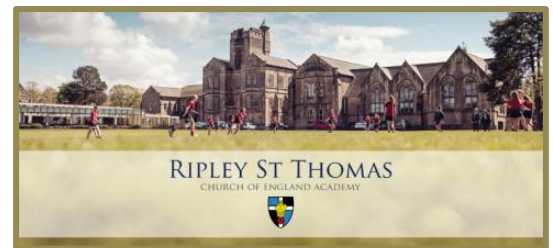
School Admission and 'Green Card' System:

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



Tuesday Morning House Group

We are a small group, meeting on Tuesday mornings for an hour from 10.00am, to read, discuss, pray about anything and everything connected with the Bible, Christianity, church, worship, current events etc. We end with coffee/tea at 11.00am. We would love to have a larger group, so if you would like to join us, you would be very welcome. Our first meeting for the new session will be on **September 9th** at 65 Winchester Avenue, Lancaster LA14HX.

If you are interested in joining, or would like more information, please contact Arton or Christine Medd at a Sunday morning 9.45 am service; by tel 01524 64730 or email arton.medd@btinternet.com

Christine and Arton Medd



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 ~~Eareshare~~.
- Unloading at the Hala Community Centre

WHEN/WHAT TIME?

Friday mornings
9am – 11am

WHEN?

Once per month, by rota
INTERESTED?

Please contact us – *details
below*



Please contact us at
halapantry@stpauls-scotforth.org
or phone 07866 599896

Christian Aid Afghanistan Earthquake Appeal

Christian Aid is working closely with its networks to carry out assessments and to identify the extent of the damage and the risk to the most vulnerable, especially for women and girls. Our partner - OCHR (Organisation for Coordination of Humanitarian Relief) - maintains a strong operational presence in east Afghanistan, particularly in Kunar Province.

Christian Aid has made an initial £50,000 available to OCHR which will aid an emergency humanitarian response consisting of food parcels, water kits, shelters, and cash for essential supplies. We are ready to stand by our partners and quake-affected communities to support their recovery over the coming weeks and months.

Arton Medd

Donations can be made via www.christianaid.org.uk or phone Supporter Relations on 020 7523 2269

A prayer for Afghanistan

When the earth trembles and the mountains quake and the earth melts away...

Hold our hearts, God. Send our hands and feet to help however we can.

When the skies darken and the foundations falter and hell erupts underneath...

Hold our hearts, God. Send our hands and feet to help however we can.

When fear and grief shake foundations to the core and continue their devastation long after the world falls still...

Hold our hearts, God. Send our hands and feet to help however we can.

Our sisters and brothers, our family, in Afghanistan live this horror - now.

God of uncontrollable love and mercy, may we match your love in the way we respond - now.

Amen





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