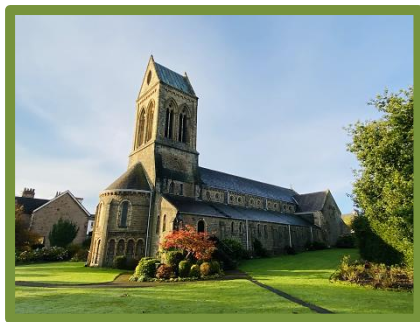




ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS 16TH OCTOBER 2025

Sunday Worship – 19th October 2025
Trinity 18 – Safeguarding Sunday

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

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

11:15am – Service of the Word at St Paul's, Hala

Wednesday at 9:00am – Morning Prayer by telephone conference
Please contact Margaret Ives if you would like to join the telephone conference

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

Parish Diary:

Date & Time	Name of Event
Friday 17th October from 8.30-8.45am	 Everyone is welcome to come along to pray with Bishop Philip as he undertakes his Pedal-along for the Bishop's Harvest Appeal.
Wednesday 22nd October from 2pm	Gardening with the Garden Team at St Paul's Church – all welcome
Sunday 26th October 8:00am 9:45am 11:15am	BCP Holy Communion at St Paul's, Scotforth All Age Service of the Word at St Paul's, Scotforth Service of the Word 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: Eden Park, Hall Park

From our Church prayer diary: The Refreshment Team

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:

Collect for Sunday 19th October:

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 19th October:

James 2:14-26

¹⁴What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? ¹⁵If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food ¹⁶and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? ¹⁷So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

¹⁸But someone will say, "You have faith, and I have works." Show me your faith without works, and I by my works will show you my faith.

¹⁹You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder. ²⁰Do you want to be shown, you senseless person, that faith without works is barren? ²¹Was not our ancestor

Abraham justified by works when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? ²²You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was brought to completion by the works. ²³Thus the scripture was fulfilled that says, "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness," and he was called the friend of God. ²⁴You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone. ²⁵Likewise, was not Rahab the prostitute also justified by works when she welcomed the messengers and sent them out by another road? ²⁶For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is also dead.

John 3:16-24

¹⁶"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him.

¹⁸Those who believe in him are not condemned, but those who do not believe are condemned already because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. ²¹But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

²²After this Jesus and his disciples went into the Judean countryside, and he spent some time there with them and baptized. ²³John also was baptizing at Aenon near Salim because water was abundant there, and people kept coming and were being baptized. ²⁴John, of course, had not yet been thrown into prison.

Post Communion prayer for Sunday 19th October:

God of peace, we thank you that by sharing bread and wine, we are more aware of your love for us and for all humanity. Guide us when encountering those in distress, loving as you love, and being prompted to action. May we share in keeping your precious ones safe and cared for. Amen.

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Readings for next week:

Joel 2.23-end; 2 Timothy 4.6-8, 16-18; Luke 18.9-14

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.

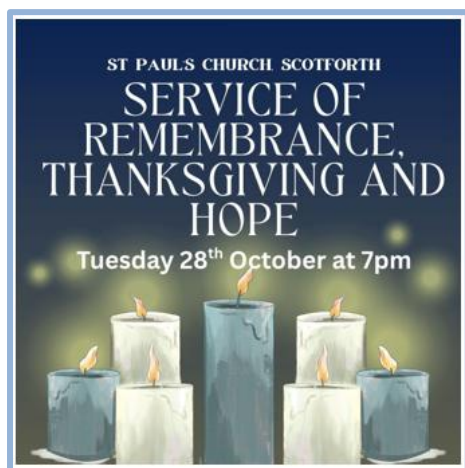
We would like your contributions as soon as you are able, but to give you time to look through drawers and cupboards to see what you can find, we would appreciate receiving them **by the end of October.**

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



Service of Remembrance, Thanksgiving and Hope:

Our service where we can remember those who we have loved and lost (All Souls') is on **Tuesday 28th October at 7pm** in St Paul's Church, Scotforth Road.

The lists where your loved one's names can be added will be in church and at Hala from Sunday 12th October.

150 Planning Group 29th October 2025

The next meeting of the Planning Group is on Wednesday 29th October 7:30pm in the Parish Office. Everyone is welcome as we plan and pray for the events throughout 2026. ***Jim Currin***

young 'fun' CHURCH VOLUNTEER HELPERS NEEDED

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE TALK TO JAYNE,
CHURCHWARDEN/PARISH SAFEGUARDING OFFICER



Quiz to celebrate the 80th Anniversary of Christian Aid

Lancaster Methodist Church

Scotforth Road LA1 4TE

Fri Nov 14th at 7 pm

A general knowledge quiz for all ages.

(Under 16s must be accompanied by an adult.)

Light refreshments. Donations to Christian Aid.

Come as a team or join one when you arrive.

Bring your friends – all welcome.

More info: Gill Burgess, Lancaster and area Christian Aid group:

07790 507326 gill.burgess@gmail.com

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• **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:**

• Mrs Jayne Weatherill:

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• **PARISH SAFEGUARDING OFFICER:** Mrs Jayne Weatherill:

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• **PARISH OFFICE:** Office hours are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 9.30am –12 noon, we are closed on a Thursday until week beginning 8th December. 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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Amended Parish Office hours:

Due to upcoming holidays etc, the Parish Office **will be closed every Thursday morning from Monday 13th October through to week beginning Monday 8th December.** If you have an urgent query then please do drop the office an email: office@stpauls-scotforth.org or leave a message on the answer machine: (01524) 843135 and we will get back to you as soon as we can. Thank you.

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