

ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS 9TH OCTOBER 2025

Sunday Worship – 12th October 2025 Trinity 17

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

6:30pm – Evening Prayer at St Paul's, Scotforth Road

Wednesday 15th October at 9:00am – Morning Prayer
by telephone conference resumes

Please contact Margaret Ives if you would like to join the telephone conference

Thursday at 9:15am – Service of the Word at St Paul's, Scotforth Road

Parish Diary:

Date & Time	Name of Event
Monday 13th October at 2:00pm	Women's Fellowship at the Parish Hall, Scotforth Road
Wednesday 15th October from 2pm	Gardening with the Garden Team at St Paul's Church – all welcome
Sunday 19th October 8:00am 9:45am 11:15am	BCP Holy Communion at St Paul's, Scotforth Holy Communion 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: Rossmoyne Road, Ardengate, Chatsworth Road

From our Church prayer diary: The work of Christian Aid

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: Enid Ashton

Collect for Sunday 12th October:

Gracious God,
you call us to fullness of life:
deliver us from unbelief
and banish our anxieties
with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings for Sunday 12th October:

2 Kings 5.1-3, 7-15c

5 Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favour with his master, because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. ²Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. ³She said to her mistress, 'If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy.'

⁷When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, 'Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me.' ⁸But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, 'Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel.' ⁹So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. ¹⁰Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, 'Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean.'

¹¹But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, 'I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! ¹²Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?' He turned and went away in a rage. ¹³But his servants approached and said to him, 'Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, "Wash, and be clean"?' ¹⁴So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean. ¹⁵ Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, 'Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel; please accept a present from your servant.'

Luke 17.11-19

¹¹ On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹²As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³they called out, saying, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!' ¹⁴When he saw them, he said to them, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷Then Jesus asked, 'Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? ¹⁸Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?' ¹⁹Then he said to him, 'Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.'

Post Communion prayer for Sunday 12th October:

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us,
and make us continually to be given to all good works;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Readings for next week:

James 2: 14-26; John 3: 16-25

Women's Fellowship

We will be meeting on Monday 13th October, at 2:00pm the Parish Hall when we will be collecting subs; and Arton Medd will be our guest speaker.

Jean Mount

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.



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.



Bishop Philip's Harvest Appeal Pedal-along – Friday 17th October:

In order to draw attention to this year's Harvest Appeal, Bishop Philip is going to undertake a Pedal-along on Friday 17th October. His aim is to visit a church or school in every Deanery in the Diocese in a single day. Bishop Philip will be visiting us at St Paul's as part of the day and will arrive at 8.32am and depart at 8.45am. He has asked if it is possible for church to be open and would like to invite people to come along and pray with him – if you are up and would like to come along you would be very welcome. Please aim to arrive for 8.25am, but it does seem that he has prepared his schedule down to the minute!

Jayne and Keith

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.

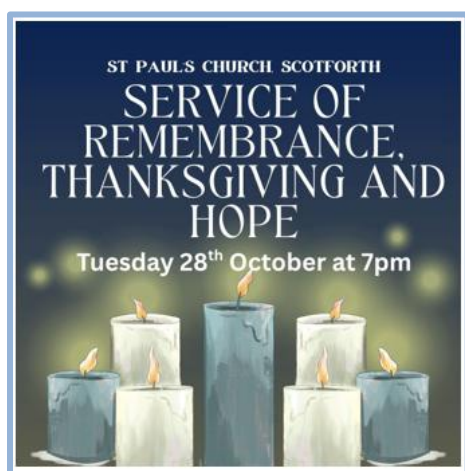
We would like your contributions as soon as you are able, but to give you time to look through drawers and cupboards to see what you can find, we would appreciate receiving them **by the end of October**.

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.

Open Deanery Synod Meeting:

The next meeting of the Deanery Synod will be on **Wednesday 15th 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**

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**

To All Singers:

If you enjoy singing and would like to join with a group to sing at the Christmas carol service and at a concert early next year for the St Paul's 150th celebrations, irrespective of which Sunday or Thursday service you attend, please do continue reading!

I am trying to arrange rehearsals at various times – not always the same each week – so that members of all our congregations are given the opportunity to take part.

In order to help with arrangements and to know numbers of music copies required, please could you be kind enough to let me know if you intend to sing by contacting me by phone: 01524 64730 or email:

arton.medd@btinternet.com

We need a really big group of enthusiastic singers – so please don't be shy, or think that your voice isn't good enough.

Christine Medd



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Wednesday 15th October 2025
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1.30 pm – 3.00 pm

Archbishop Designate Sarah Mullally – a personal note:

Bishop Sarah Mullally is the Chair of the Board of Trustees of Christian Aid and her introduction to its 80th Anniversary Service in Westminster Abbey included these words on faith, hope and love:

‘Our faith drives us forward in the knowledge that poverty was never part of God’s plan for the world and that through collective action with people of every faith and belief, we can work together for good.

Hope inspires us to ask difficult questions and seek to tackle the causes of poverty, such as the climate crisis, conflict and unfair economic systems. Hope compelled us to campaign against apartheid . . . to campaign for debt relief and to create the fair-trade movement. Hope is in our hearts when we campaign for wars to cease . . . and work with partners across social, political and cultural divides, building peace so people everywhere can restore and protect their dignity and freedom. . .

Above all our greatest motivation is love as we ... work alongside our sisters and brothers worldwide.’

That someone with this approach has been appointed as Archbishop of Canterbury is inspiring.

In Church House after the service the seating plan for the afternoon tea and awards ceremony placed me next to Bishop Sarah whose awareness of others saw her going for a new pot of tea when it was needed!


Christine and I introduced ourselves to her as coming from the parish where Rev Anderson, now Bishop of Edmonton, had been an associate priest. She apologised for ‘stealing’ Rebecca, our former vicar, and we then talked about Anderson’s experiences of discrimination, his participation in racial justice campaigns, including speaking at a Black Lives Matter rally in Lancaster, and his being the first Dalit to become a bishop in the Church of England. It was not known then that Bishop Sarah would also become a

first, as the first woman to be elected as the Archbishop of Canterbury.

We pray for Archbishop Designate Sarah Mullally as she takes on her new role.



Arton Medd




**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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