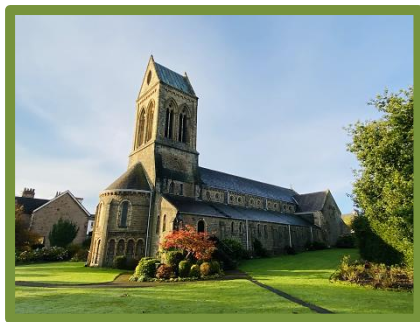




ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS 13TH NOVEMBER 2025

Sunday Worship – 16th November 2025 2 before Advent

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

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

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

12:30pm – Baptism at St Paul's, Scotforth Road

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
Wednesday 19th November from 2pm	Gardening with the Garden Team at St Paul's Church – all welcome
Sunday 23rd November 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 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: Ashford Avenue, Ashton Road

From our Church prayer diary: Our Parish Safeguarding Officer

We pray for the parents, godparents and family of Elodie Kathleen 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, Heather Richardson, Liz Field, Bill Haworth, Jennie Webster, Jean Jeffreys

All who mourn: Stephen Currah, Jean Mary Parker

Collect for Sunday 16th November:

Heavenly Lord,
you long for the world's salvation:
stir us from apathy,
restrain us from excess
and revive in us new hope
that all creation will one day be healed
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings for Sunday 16th November:

2 Thessalonians 3.6-13

⁶ Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. ⁷For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, ⁸and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labour we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. ⁹This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. ¹⁰For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. ¹¹For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. ¹²Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly

and to earn their own living. 13 Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

Luke 21.5-19

⁵ When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, ⁶ 'As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.'

⁷ They asked him, 'Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?' ⁸ And he said, 'Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and, "The time is near!" Do not go after them.

⁹ 'When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.'

¹⁰ Then he said to them, 'Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; ¹¹ there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

¹² 'But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. ¹³ This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴ So make up your minds not to prepare your defence in advance; ¹⁵ for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶ You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷ You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸ But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹ By your endurance you will gain your souls.

Post Communion prayer for Sunday 16th November:

Gracious Lord,
in this holy sacrament
you give substance to our hope:
bring us at the last
to that fullness of life for which we long;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

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Readings for next week:

Jeremiah 23.1–6; Colossians 1.11–20; Luke 23.33–43

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.

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY



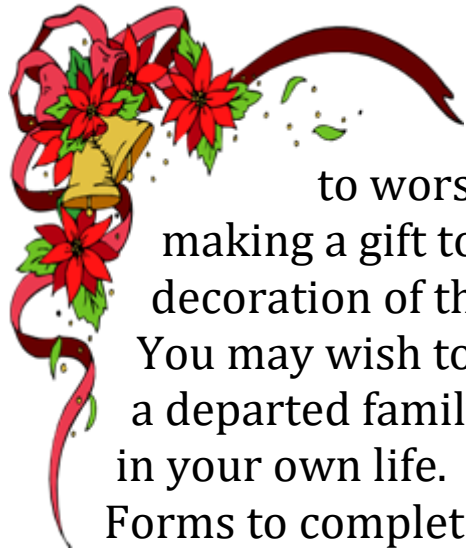
The Children's Society Christmas card brochure will be at the back of church and at Hala from this coming Sunday along with a form for indicating your choice. It is a few years since we have had any cards from the Society. As I look around I see that their prices are comparable with other charity cards so I hope we can get a good order in to mark

our support for this very important charity.

I have also received some new collecting boxes. Whilst these days we don't use cash so much I am hoping we can build up our army of collectors again. Again there will be a form with the boxes at the back of church and at Hala for names and addresses of anyone who would like to take one.

As always thank you for your support for the important work the Society does.

Tricia Impey



Poinsettias for Christmas

As we once again prepare to go to Bethlehem to worship the Christ-child, we invite you to consider making a gift to St Paul's for the purchase of poinsettias for the decoration of the church at Christmas.

You may wish to make your gift as a thanksgiving for the life of a departed family member or friend, or for a particular blessing in your own life.

Forms to complete will be available in church from **Sunday 2nd November** and from the Parish Office. Once you have completed the form then please place this, with the suggested donation of £11 (which covers the cost of purchasing the poinsettias), into an envelope with Poinsettia written on it and either place it in the offertory plate, hand to a sides person or take to the parish office by **Sunday 30th November**.

The poinsettias will be arriving in church on Saturday 20th December.

Jayne and Keith, Churchwardens

Christmas Greetings

Christmas is getting nearer and there are all those cards to write. A frightening thought! One way to reduce your workload would be to send just one greetings message to everyone in the parish. This means that it will be sent out in the Parish News and displayed on the Church and Hala notice boards.

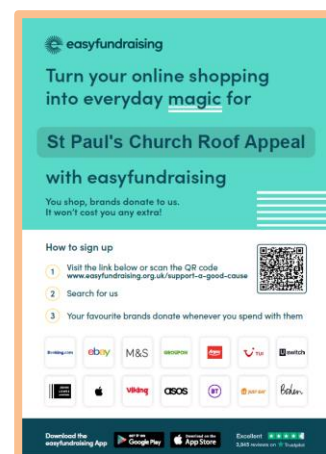


Donations will be in aid of the Church Roof and perhaps you could gift aid your donation. If you would like to join us please give your greeting (no more than 30 words) with a minimum donation of £5 to a sidesperson, the Church Office or to myself at 20 Newlands Rd. The closing date will be **November 25th**. Any messages arriving later than this date will possibly miss the printing deadline. If you have any queries please contact:
Maureen Leach on 07531 285199.

Supporting the Church Roof fundraising whilst doing your online shopping (especially with the seasonal shopping approaching):

Do you book your holiday online, do online shopping (whether it is food, clothing, electronics etc)? Are you aware that you could be raising money for our Church Roof appeal? See how you can support our fundraising by simply shopping online.

If you already support us using easyfundraising then why not refer a friend who you think may want to support us – there are usually extra donations available for this. Thank you to all our current supporters.



The Real Advent Calendar



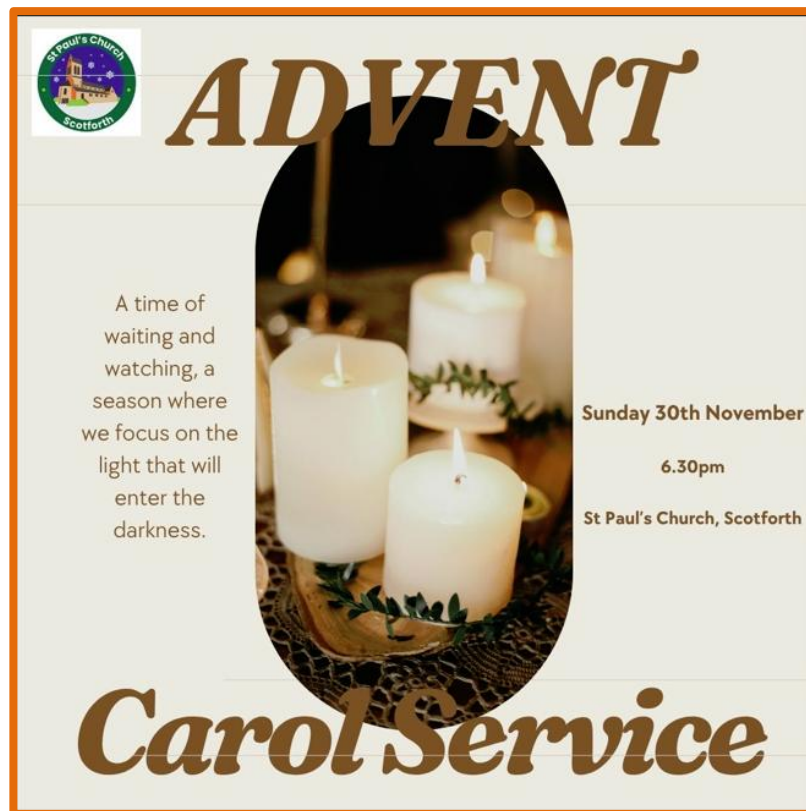
Halloween is over so make room for the Advent Calendar on the shelves but none of those for sale in the shops have anything to do with the Christian season of Advent. The Real Advent Calendar (£5.00) has a line from the Christmas story behind each of the 25 windows and includes a 24-page Christmas story-activity book with a page for every day of Advent and some fun challenges along the way. It is Fairtrade, the quality milk chocolate is 30% cocoa solids, palm oil free, sealed in foil, and the box and tray

are also recyclable. Available in church after the 9:45am service (cash only) or email me at arton.medd@btinternet.com or phone 01524 64730 to reserve one.

If you wish you can order direct from:

www.meaningfulchocolatecompany.co.uk where you can also find reusable ones, Christmas Tree decorations, Christingle chocolate oranges and a range of other chocolate items. They also have a 'Send Chocolate Scheme' which will send the chocolate you buy to someone else with your personal message on a card.

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The Olive Branch - November update

Many thanks to everyone who contributed to the recent Harvest Appeal by bringing tins and packets of food for The Olive Branch (Faith in Action). We currently distribute over 2,000 food items EVERY WEEK, providing food for some 150 people (including 40-50 children), so your contribution is very much needed and very much appreciated.

We are also now looking towards Christmas, and from the middle of December will be giving a bag of seasonal goodies to each guest who visits us for food or other support. Could you consider bringing in any Christmas items to make this possible? Our above advert in this Parish News gives some idea of what is most needed and when gifts need to be with us. On behalf of all our guests - THANK YOU.

Linda Currin



Can you help The Olive Branch collect these items on our Christmas list, to make Christmas gift bags for each of our guests?

Christmas puddings	New toys
Christmas cake	Mince pies
Christmas crackers	Tinned meat
New toiletry gifts	Crisps
Biscuit boxes	Chocolates
Nuts	Coffee

We will be giving out gift bags between 1st and 23rd December, so the earlier items can be donated, the better - ideally by the end of November and please not after 17th December!

Unit 8-0-1, Harpers Mill, White Cross Business Park, LA1 4XQ info@the-olivebranch.org.uk 01524 555 715

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