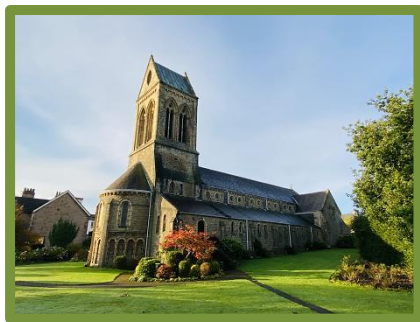




ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS 27TH NOVEMBER 2025

Sunday Worship – 30th November 2025 Advent 1

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

6:30pm – Advent Carol Service 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
Monday 1st December at 2:00pm	Tea@2 at the Parish Hall
Thursday 4th December at 2:00pm	Funeral of Christopher Simpson at St Paul's Church, Scotforth
Sunday 7th December 8:00am 9:45am 11:15am 12:30pm	BCP Holy Communion at St Paul's, Scotforth Holy Communion at St Paul's, Scotforth Service of the Word at St Paul's, Hala Baptism 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: Highgrove, Parsons Close, Lindbergh Avenue, Alderman Road

From our Church prayer diary: the Parochial Church Council

Those who have asked for prayers for healing: Mary Wilson, Mary Smith, John Harding, Ian Smith, Irene Harper, Heather Richardson, Bill Haworth, Jennie Webster

All who mourn: Stephen Worrall, Christopher Simpson

Collect for Sunday 30th November:

Almighty God,
as your kingdom dawns,
turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness,
that we may be ready to meet you
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Readings for Sunday 30th November:

Isaiah 2.1-5

2The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

² In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. ³Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. ⁴ He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

Matthew 24.36-44

³⁶ 'But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴¹Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴²Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

Post Communion prayer for Sunday 30th November:

O Lord our God,
make us watchful and keep us faithful
as we await the coming of your Son our Lord;
that, when he shall appear,
he may not find us sleeping in sin
but active in his service
and joyful in his praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Readings for next week:

Isaiah 11.1–10; Romans 15.4–13; Matthew 3.1–12

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.

Amended Parish Office Hours:

Due to upcoming holidays etc, the Parish Office **will be closed every Thursday morning until 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.

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.



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.

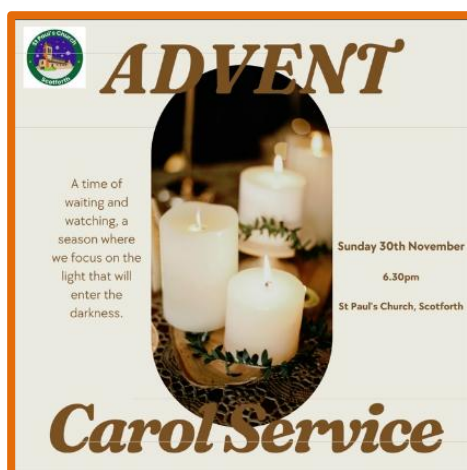
As always thank you for your support for the important work the Society does.

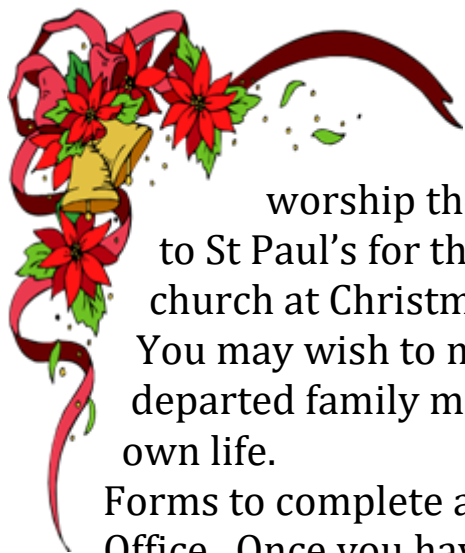
Tricia Impey

Message from Phil Simpson:

On behalf of Christopher Simpson I would like to thank all members of the congregation for the cards, messages and condolences during this very sad time. The funeral will be held at St Paul's Church on **Thursday 4th December at 2pm** followed by internment at Scotforth Cemetery. My special thanks to Reverend Catherine at this very difficult time.

Phil Simpson





*Poinsettias for Christmas - *LAST CHANCE**

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 are available in church 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 - *LAST CHANCE*

We can still send out your message in the Parish News.

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 **this Sunday 30th November**. 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.



Last chance to buy The Real Advent Calendar -



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.

Arton Medd

A call out to those that would like to contribute to our Hala Pantry Toy Appeal



We can allocate a child to support, and will be provided with age, gender and preferences. We also welcome any contribution to support our appeal including wrapping paper or chocolate for the children.

The deadline to receive donations is:

15th December this year and please reach out to: Vikki Pattinson who is coordinating the appeal on: 07789 936406.

Thank you

CHRISTMAS CAROL SINGING

Marketgate, Lancaster

Sunday 14 December from 2.00 –

3.30pm. probably by Primark. The purpose is to raise money for Lancaster and District Homeless Action Service Christmas Support.

Non-singers also needed (spouses, partners, family, friends) to hold the collecting buckets and tins.

Lancaster Royal Infirmary (RLI)

By arrangement with the chaplain, Rev Ian Dewar, we move to different wards and sing for the patients and staff.

Monday 15 Dec from 6.30 – 8.30pm.(approx) Meet in the restaurant in the basement of the Centenary Building

Wednesday 17 Dec from 10.15 am Meet on the second floor of Medical Unit 2

Friday 19 Dec from 10.15 am meeting as above MU2

All welcome at any or all of the sessions. Carol Sheets will be provided.

Christine and Arton Medd



One of our wonderful young people, Jasper, has a 3D printer and has made a variety of little toys and knick knacks which will make brilliant stocking fillers. He will be selling them after the 9:45am service this Sunday (30th November) and has very kindly said that he will be splitting the money raised between church and school. Prices will be from £1, please do bring along some cash and support Jasper in this brilliant and generous endeavour.

Rev Catherine

Exultate Ladies Choir Concert:

Tickets are for sale at the back of church from Sunday 30th November. Please see Jon or Jan this Sunday. Tickets are also available to buy at the Parish Office.

50% of the monies raised from this concert are going to church funds. If you came along on previous years you will know what a wonderful evening of music and singing it was.

Jayne





**CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT
ST PAUL'S CHURCH, SCOTFORTH**

**THURSDAY 18TH DECEMBER - BLUE CHRISTMAS
REFLECTION AT 6.30PM**

**SUNDAY 21ST DECEMBER - 9 LESSONS AND CAROLS
SERVICE AT 6.30PM**

**CHRISTMAS EVE - CRIB SERVICE WITH CHRISTINGLE AT
3.00PM**

**CHRISTMAS EVE - BETHLEHEM COMMUNION SERVICE AT
9PM**

CHRISTMAS DAY - HOLY COMMUNION AT 9AM

**SUNDAY 28TH DECEMBER - SERVICE OF THE WORD AT
9.45AM**

