

# **ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS 18<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2025**

## **Sunday Worship – 21<sup>st</sup> December 2025 Advent 4**

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 – 9 Lessons and Carols at St Paul's, Scotforth Road

**Wednesday** at 9:00am – Morning Prayer by telephone conference  
*Please note: there will be **no** Morning Prayer by telephone conference  
on **24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> December.***

## **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Eve**

3:00pm – Crib Service with Christingle at St Paul's, Scotforth Road

9:00pm – Bethlehem Christmas Eve Communion Service  
at St Paul's, Scotforth Road

## **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Day**

9:00am – Holy Communion at St Paul's, Scotforth Road



***Worshipping God,  
Growing in Faith,  
Serving the Community.***

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas 1**

9:45am – Service of the Word at St Paul's, Scotforth Road

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> January – New Year's Day**

**NO SERVICE today**

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> January – Christmas 2/Epiphany/**

**Diocesan 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Day**

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**FOR OUR PRAYERS**

**Our mission Partners:** For Stephen and Marit Impey's work with Wycliffe Bible Translators International.

**From our Parish prayer diary:** Stodday

**From our Church prayer diary:** All Churches in Lancaster proclaiming the good news of Jesus in our city

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

**All who mourn:**

**Message from Rev Catherine:**

Christmas reminds us that God chose to come close to us. Jesus was born to bring hope, peace, and joy to the world. The Bible tells us he is called Emmanuel, 'God with us', a promise that God is present with us in every season: the good, the bad, the messy chaos, and everything in between.

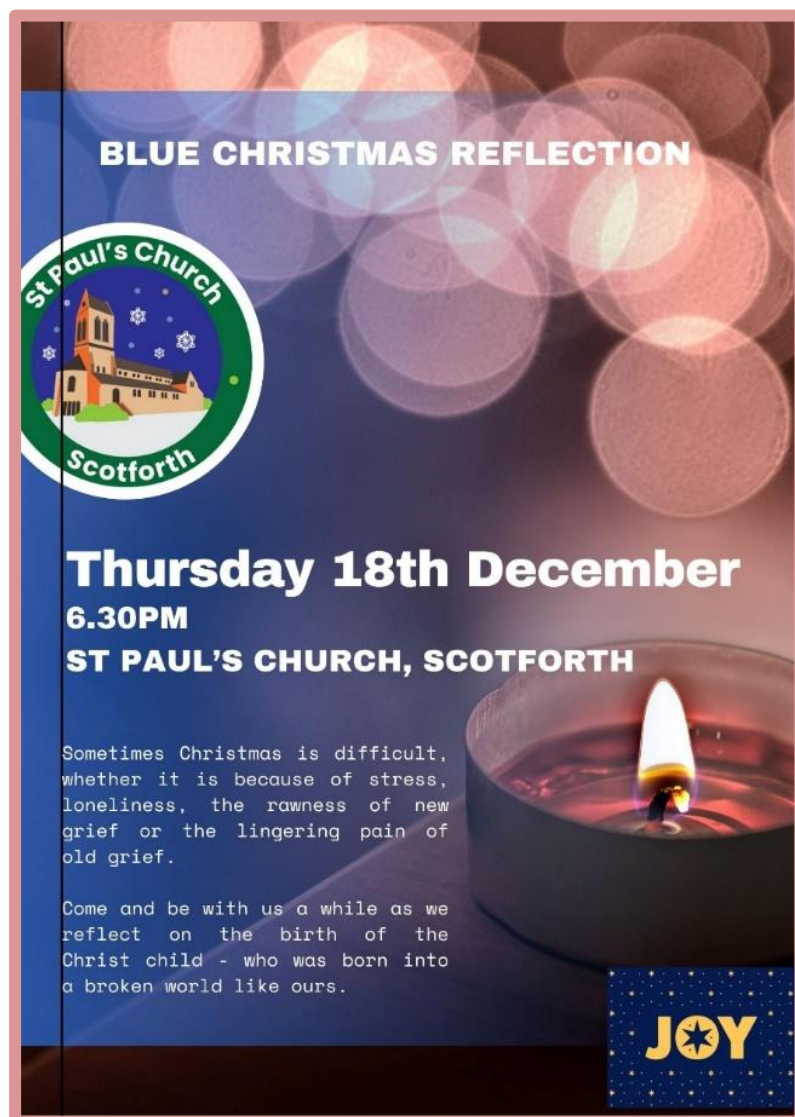
As we celebrate, may our hearts be full of joy, our homes filled with peace, and may we share Christ's love with everyone around us.

Merry Christmas!

***Love Rev Catherine and Stanley***

- Please note: the next edition of Parish News will be published on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> January
- Parish Office closure – the office will be closed from 12 noon on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December until 9.30am on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> January. Emails and phone messages will be monitored for urgent enquiries.

**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. ***The next deadline is Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January.***





# CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Happy Jesus' Birthday to my lovely St Paul's family!  
With love and prayers for a happy and holy Christmas,  
and best wishes for the New Year.

**Rev Catherine (and Stanley) x**

May you have the spirit of Christmas which is Peace, the gladness of Christmas  
which is Hope, and the Heart of Christmas which is Love.

**Jayne, Keith and Emily**

Wishing everyone a joy-full Christmas season and a good start to 2026.

**Richard and Tricia Impey**

To wish you all a very Happy Christmas,  
and wishes for a Peaceful and Healthy New Year and 2026. **Jean J**

Wishing a Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year to all.

**Arton and Christine Medd**

Happy Christmas to you all  
and best wishes for 2026.  
**Maureen and Stuart Leach**

With every blessing for Christmas  
and good health and happiness in 2026.  
**Margaret Ives**

Wishing everyone at St Paul's  
a happy and healthy Christmas.  
from **Iris**

Love and blessings this Christmas  
to all at St Paul's Scotforth and Hala.  
**Jim and Linda**



# CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

May God's love bring you and your family peace and joy over the festive season.

**Phillip and Yvonne Simpson**

Wishing Rev. Catherine and all at St. Paul's a Joyous and Blessed Christmas  
and a Healthy, Peaceful and Prosperous 2026.

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**Anne Quainoo**

Wishing everyone peace, hope and joy at Christmas and in the year ahead.

With love from **Gwen**

To all my friends at St Paul's, wishing you a happy, holy Christmas and best wishes  
for a happy and healthy New Year.

**Jean Mount**

To all my friends at St Paul's Scotforth and Hala, wishing you peace and joy at  
Christmas and health and happiness throughout 2026.

With love in Christ

**Joan G**

**Mervyn and Vivienne**

wish all their friends at St Paul's a Merry Christmas  
and a happy and healthy New Year.

Merry Christmas Everyone!  
from **Sammy and Emily**

Wishing a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone  
at St Paul's Scotforth and Hala. **Ken and Beryl Fawcett**

May this holiday season fill your hearts with love, joy  
and countless precious memories. Merry Christmas and a happy New Year!

With our love, **Michelle, David, Sachiyo and Michael Gahan**

Wishing everybody at St Paul's Church and  
the Hala Centre a very happy Christmas  
and a healthy 2026

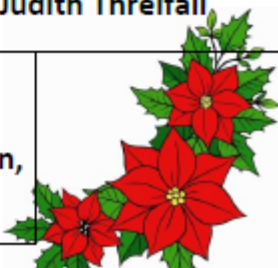
**Sandra and Ian**

With all good wishes for Christmas  
and the New Year.

**Brian and Judith Threlfall**

Happy Christmas to Rev Catherine  
and everyone at St Paul's Church.

With love and best wishes from **the Dewars - Diane and Ian,  
Aidan, Alice and Tay, Rory and Jem**



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*Rest day is Friday – if you have an urgent enquiry then please contact a Churchwarden.*

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**PARISH OFFICE:** Office hours are Monday to Friday from 9.30am –12 noon, we are closed on a Thursday until week beginning 8<sup>th</sup> December. We are closed on weekends and Bank Holidays.

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**BAPTISMS AND WEDDINGS:** Booking enquiries - please contact Jayne Weatherill through the parish office or Email: [lifeevents@stpauls-scotforth.org](mailto:lifeevents@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](mailto:pastoral@stpauls-scotforth.org) or telephoning Jayne on Tel: 07986993007.

**Scotforth School:** Headteacher – Mrs Katie Walsh – Tel: 01524 65379

## CHRISTMAS CAROL SINGING Lancaster Royal Infirmary (RLI)

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

**Friday 19th December from 10:15am**

Meet in the restaurant in the basement of the Centenary Building  
All welcome at any or all of the sessions. Carol Sheets will be provided.

*Christine and Arton Medd*



## NATIVITY TRAIL:

There is a nativity trail available in the church grounds if any children (and adults) would like to learn more about the Christmas Story. There may be actions involved.



## **Carols at The Wobbly Cobbler**

This **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December** there will be carol singing at The Wobbly Cobbler, led by a small joint band from St Paul's and New Life church. Come and join in! Any donations on the night will be for St Paul's, to be shared between the Roof Fund and Hala Pantry. Christmas jumpers optional!

***Linda Currin***

## **The Children's Society:**



A big 'THANK YOU' to everyone who bought Christmas cards from the Children's Society. Through your support I have been able to send a cheque for £159.75 to the Society.

***Tricia Impey***

## **Carol Singing for Lancaster and District Homeless Action Service (LDHAS)**

Thank you to all who came to sing in Marketgate last Sunday afternoon. There were twenty five singers, from various churches and Lancaster Choral Society, who came for all or part of the time to take the Christmas message to shoppers. We raised £145.12 for LDHAS Christmas Support. This is somewhat less than we raised in previous years on a Saturday morning, but our time-slot was moved by the management.

***Arton and Christine Medd***





Mulled wine, fruit juice and mince pies will be available at the end of the Nine Lessons and Carols service.



Everyone welcome to come in 'dress up' – Christmas jumpers, nativity outfits etc.





# Bethlehem Christmas Eve Communion Service

24 December 2025

9pm

St Paul's Church, Scotforth



**JOY**



# CHRISTMAS

INVITATION  
TO WORSHIP



DECEMBER 25  
SERVICE AT 9AM

ST PAUL'S CHURCH, SCOTFORTH

JOY





**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 CRISTINGLE 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**

**JOY**



