



ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS 15TH JANUARY 2026

Sunday Worship – 18th January 2026 Epiphany 2

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 – Baptisms at St Paul's, Scotforth Road

Wednesday at 9:00am – Morning Prayer by telephone conference

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

Parish Diary:

Date & Time	Name of Event
Sunday 25th January	
8:00am	BCP Holy Communion at St Paul's, Scotforth
9:45am	All Age Service of the Word at St Paul's, Scotforth
11:15am	Service of the Word at St Paul's, Hala

FOR OUR PRAYERS

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

From our Parish prayer diary: Newlands Avenue, Bowerham Road

From our Church prayer diary: All who contribute to the life of St Paul's, Hala Worship Centre

We pray for the parents, godparents and family of Grace and Emily who are to be baptised this week

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: Chris Doggett, George James Paul Darbyshire

Collect for Sunday 18th January:

Almighty God,
in Christ you make all things new:
transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace,
and in the renewal of our lives
make known your heavenly glory;
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 18th January:

1 Corinthians 1.1-9

¹Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, ² To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: ³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵for in every way you have been enriched in him, in

speech and knowledge of every kind— ⁶just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— ⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

John 1.29-42

²⁹The next day he saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, 'Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me." ³¹I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.' ³²And John testified, 'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit." ³⁴And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.'

³⁵ The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' ³⁷The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' ³⁹He said to them, 'Come and see.' They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. ⁴⁰One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. ⁴¹He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed). ⁴²He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas' (which is translated Peter).

Post Communion Prayer for Sunday 18th January:

God of glory,
you nourish us with your Word
who is the bread of life:
fill us with your Holy Spirit
that through us the light of your glory
may shine in all the world.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Centenary Prayer for Blackburn Diocese:

Heavenly Father,
in our Centenary year
we rededicate ourselves and our Diocese to you.
Send the Holy Spirit to give us
confidence in our witness,
generosity in our service,
and love for our neighbours,
that your Church may be renewed
and many come home to you,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Readings for next week:

Jeremiah 1.4-10 or Acts 9.1-22;
Acts 9.1-22 or Galatians 1.11-16a; Matthew 19.27-end

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.



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Closing date: Wednesday 21st January at 9.00am

- **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 OFFICE:** Office hours are Monday to Friday from 9.30am –12 noon. 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: 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](https://www.facebook.com/@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



Banner Making Workshop

Saturday 31st January 1pm to 4pm
 in the Parish Hall to celebrate our 150th year. All welcome!

We are offering a crafting afternoon with light refreshments to create a 'Fruits of the Spirit' banner to decorate St Paul's in our special year. No experience needed as guidance will be available! Donations of fabric/thread would be welcome on the day or in advance.

There will be a sign up sheet in church and you can contact us via email

bearobic@hotmail.com (Alison Alderson)

Come along and have fun!

150 Artsy Things Group



LANCASTER



Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Join us for a service of reflective worship with scripture, prayer, silence and chant.



6.30pm, Wednesday 21st January

**@ The Cornerstone,
Sulyard Street,
Lancaster**

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the Branch
faith in action

QUIZ Night



7.30 pm start (doors open 7 pm)
on Saturday 28th February 2026
St Thomas' Church Centre, LA1 1XX

Tickets £20 each

2 course meal included!

Raffle tickets (exceptional prizes), alcoholic & non-alcoholic drinks to be purchased on the night.

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