



# ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS 8<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2026

## Sunday Worship – 11<sup>th</sup> January 2026 Baptism of Christ

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

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

11:15am – Holy Communion at St Paul's, Hala

6:30pm – Evening Prayer 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
<b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January</b> at 12 noon – 1.30pm	Tea@2 at St Paul's Parish Hall
<b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January</b> at 2pm	Women's Fellowship at St Paul's Parish Hall
<b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January</b> 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 Baptisms at St Paul's, Scotforth

## FOR OUR PRAYERS

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

**From our Parish prayer diary:** The isolated homes within the parish, Aldcliffe Mews, Inverlune and the Residencies of the University

**From our Church prayer diary:** All staff and governors at Scotforth St Paul's School

**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

### Collect for Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January:

Heavenly Father,  
at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son:  
may we recognize him as our Lord  
and know ourselves to be your beloved children;  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

### Readings for Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January:

#### Isaiah 42.1-9

1Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. 2He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; 3a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. 4He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. 5Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: 6I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, 7to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. 8I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. 9See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

## **Matthew 3.13-end**

<sup>13</sup>Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. <sup>14</sup>John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?' <sup>15</sup>But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness.' Then he consented. <sup>16</sup>And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. <sup>17</sup>And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'

## **Post Communion Prayer for Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January**

Lord God,  
the bright splendour whom the nations seek:  
may we who with the wise men have been drawn by your light  
discern the glory of your presence in your Son,  
the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Lord of all time and eternity,  
you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father  
in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son:  
by the power of your Spirit  
complete the heavenly work of our rebirth  
through the waters of the new creation;  
through 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:**

Isaiah 49.1–7; 1 Corinthians 1.1–9; John 1.29–42

**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.

### **Tea@2 – postponed from last week**

Tea@2 was postponed last week due to the bad weather. We shall be meeting on this coming Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January from 12 noon to 1:30pm.

***Jayne***

### **Hala Pantry – Christmas Gifts**

Thanks to everyone's generosity- we smashed it again this year! With your help all our families have been gifted Christmas in a bag! Special and personalised gifts for all the local children and lots more to take the pressure off families and ensure they have a magical Christmas. The feedback was overwhelmingly joyful as ever, with everyone grateful for support and one family saying 'out of the world helpful'. Wishing everyone involved a fantastic Christmas- and personal thanks from me to make this happen again for another year! And thank you for those offers of support that we had to decline as we had allocated all children- don't worry we will ask again next year!



***Vikki Pattinson***

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Closing date: Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January at 9.00am

- **VICAR:** *Rev Catherine Haydon: Tel: 07723 642973;*  
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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.  
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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:**  
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- **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](mailto:pastoral@stpauls-scotforth.org) or telephoning Jayne on Tel: 07986993007.
- **Scotforth School:** Headteacher – Mrs Katie Walsh – Tel: 01524 65379

**Banner Making Workshop**  
 Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> January 1pm to 4pm  
 in the Parish Hall to celebrate our 150<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:bearobic@hotmail.com) (Alison Alderson)

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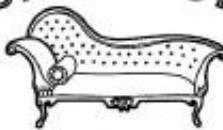
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