



# ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS

## 12<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2026

### Sunday Worship – 15<sup>th</sup> February 2026 Sunday next before Lent

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

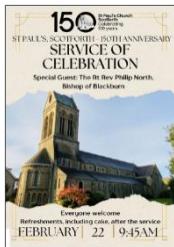
**Wednesday** at 9:00am – Morning Prayer by telephone conference



**Wednesday** at 7:00pm – Ash Wednesday Service  
at St Paul's, Scotforth Road

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

#### Parish Diary:

Date & Time	Name of Event
<b>Sunday 22nd February</b>  9:45am	** there will be <b>no</b> 8am service today ** <b>Special Service of Holy Communion at St Paul's, Scotforth with Bishop Philip and Rev Catherine</b> ** there will be <b>no</b> 11:15am service at Hala today **  

## FOR OUR PRAYERS

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

**From our Parish prayer diary:** Barton Road

**From our Church prayer diary:** Our Baptism Vergers

**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:** Glenys Webster, Yvonne Berry

### Collect for Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February:

Holy God,  
you know the disorder of our sinful lives:  
set straight our crooked hearts,  
and bend our wills to love your goodness and your glory  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

### Readings for Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February:

#### 2 Peter 1.16-end

<sup>16</sup> For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. <sup>17</sup>For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, 'This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.' <sup>18</sup>We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

<sup>19</sup> So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.

<sup>20</sup>First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, <sup>21</sup>because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

## Matthew 17.1-9

17 Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. <sup>2</sup>And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. <sup>3</sup>Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. <sup>4</sup>Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' <sup>5</sup>While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!' <sup>6</sup>When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. <sup>7</sup>But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Get up and do not be afraid.' <sup>8</sup>And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

<sup>9</sup> As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, 'Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.'

## Post Communion Prayer for Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February:

Holy God,  
we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ:  
may we who are partakers at his table  
reflect his life in word and deed,  
that all the world may know his power to change and save.  
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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## Readings for next week:

Romans 8.28-end; Luke 4.14-21

## 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.



- **VICAR:** *Rev Catherine Haydon: Tel: 07723 642973;*  
• *Email: [catherine@stpauls-scotforth.org](mailto:catherine@stpauls-scotforth.org)*
- *Rest day is Friday – if you have an urgent enquiry then please contact a Churchwarden.*
- **CHURCHWARDENS:**
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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](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

**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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**150 Anniversary Update:  
Upcoming events:  
Sunday 22nd February 9:45am -  
Launch Service (see Service of  
Celebration poster)**

**Saturday 28th February 2pm** – Celebration Concert in the Parish Hall (details on next page)

A booklet with all this information and more will be coming soon so keep an eye out for that and keep checking here and our website for updates!

***Alice Dewar***

### **New Altar Frontal:**

An exciting new altar frontal celebrating our 150th anniversary has been commissioned and is in production. The cost will be £400. We are hoping to raise the cost of the frontal through donations. If you would like to contribute, please speak to Jayne, Keith or Rev Catherine.



### **Last Call for Refreshments on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>:**

Refreshments request for cakes or biscuits for after the 9.45am 150 Celebration Service on Sunday 22nd February. Please bring to church before the start of the

service. Sign-up sheet at the back of church.

***Alison Alderson [bearobic@hotmail.com](mailto:bearobic@hotmail.com)***

## '150<sup>th</sup>' Celebration Concert:

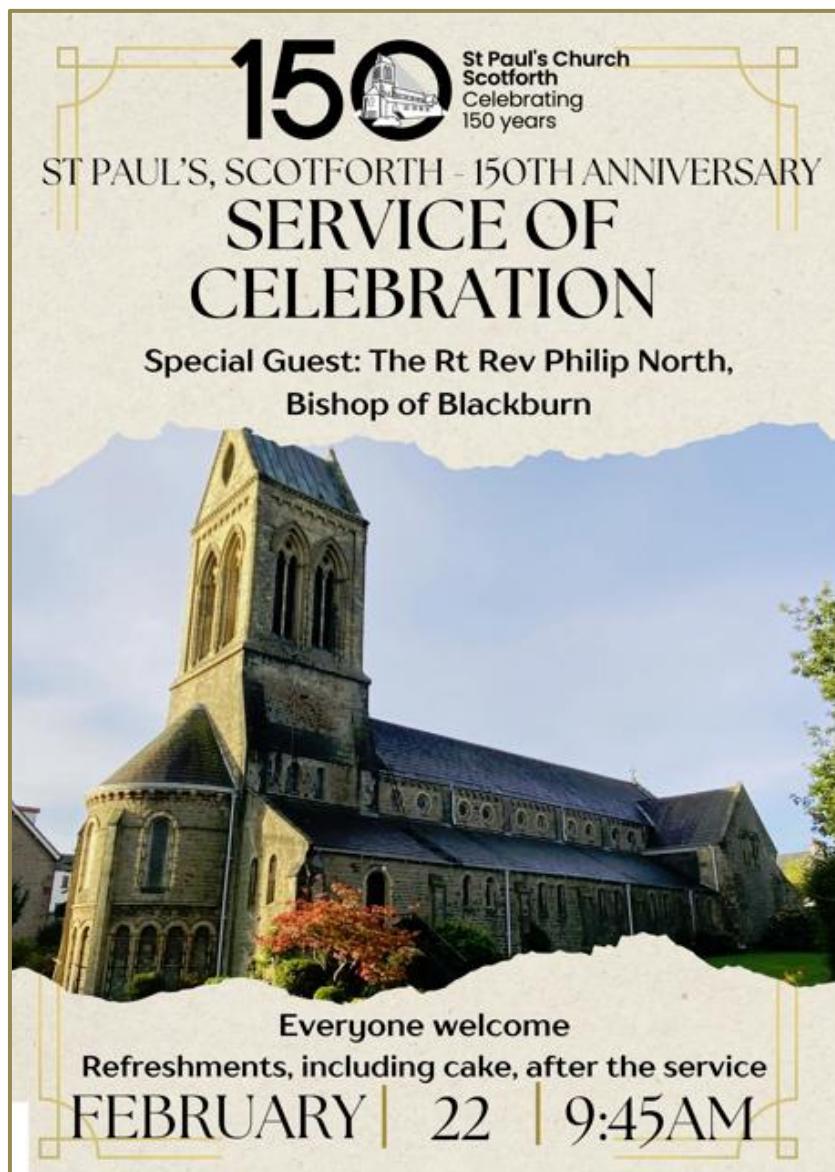
As part of the celebrations for St Paul's 150<sup>th</sup> year, there will be a concert on **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup>**



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**February at 2.00pm** in the Parish Hall, to which we hope you will all come to share in the festivities. This will not be a talent show, though there will be some very talented people taking part. Rather, it will be 'showcasing' the people and activities at St Paul's. So there will be items from the Women's Fellowship, the Tea@2 group, the gardening team, Fun church, the Hala Centre, the Jubilate Singers, and more! There will also be opportunities for audience participation.

So do please come to support all the worship, the work and the activities that go together to make our church community, and help to fill the Hall with a large and enthusiastic audience.



## 150<sup>th</sup> Gala Dinner:

For the end of our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year we have arranged a Gala Dinner at Lancaster House. Whilst it seems a long way in the distance we do need to gauge interest for this event. The menu and cost are all outlined in the posters, the cost will not change. If you would like to come along then please do either contact the office to express your interest or Jayne and Keith. There is no need to make menu choices or pay at this time. Although if you would like to pay during the year then it will be like having a 'free' meal next January! All payments and menu choices must be made before 31<sup>st</sup> December 2026. If you would like any additional information then please do talk to Jayne or Catherine.



Prosecco or Elderflower Fizz on arrival

**STARTER**  
Homemade Soup of the Day gf\*, v  
chunky bread, salted butter

Teriyaki Beef n, df  
broccoli, toasted cashew nuts

Sweetcorn Galette v, ve, df, gf  
mint and coriander salsa

**MAINS**  
Coq Au Vin  
herb mashed potatoes, seasonal vegetables

Smoked Haddock  
sweetcorn and mussel velouté, rock samphire

Sweet Potato and Mung Bean Patties v, ve, gf, df  
wilted greens, roasted new potatoes, red pepper and coriander sauce

**DESSERT**  
Chocolate Brownie gf\*, v  
vanilla ice cream, chocolate sauce

Coffee Crème Brûlée v  
homemade biscuit

A Selection of Yardes Farm Ice Cream v, gf  
vanilla, Belgian chunk chocolate, strawberry

Followed by: Tea or coffee

Despite efforts to prevent cross-contamination of allergens, we do use nuts, peanuts and gluten in our kitchen; therefore, any of our dishes could contain traces of these allergens. If you have any food allergies or intolerances, please inform a member of our staff. Many of our dishes can be adapted to cater for a variety of dietary requirements. To the best of our knowledge, all ingredients are GM free.

## **Follow Me A new hymn for St Paul's!**

We are pleased and honoured to have received a hymn which has been written specially for St Paul's '150<sup>th</sup>' Anniversary, by the well-known author, Martin Leckebusch. Martin was born in Leicester in 1962. He worked in IT but is now retired. He lives in Gloucester with his wife and they have four adult daughters. He has been involved in Anglican, Baptist, Methodist and Pentecostal churches; and he has been Executive President of the Hymn Society of Great Britain and Ireland for 2 years.

Reading Psalm 139 one morning in 1987, he had the desire to sing it – but not finding words to sing based on the psalm, he decided to try to write some verses. By 1994 he had written over 100 texts, and was encouraged to have them published. Since then, his hymns and texts have been published by Kevin Mayhew. Martin's hymns appear in recently published hymn books, and two were included in St Paul's Supplementary Hymnbook. He has published complete sets of his hymns, some titles of which are 'More than Words', 'Echoes of Eternity', 'Never let the Songs End'.

We met Martin at a Conference of the Hymn Society many years ago, and we have met regularly in July each year at each annual Conference. Last July we were talking about St Paul's and the pending celebrations for the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Martin very kindly offered to write a hymn specifically for our church celebrations! He has based it on our promotional theme for the year, 'Following Jesus in the footsteps of St Paul'. We hope you will all appreciate and enjoy singing Martin's hymn written specially for us, at the Service on 22<sup>nd</sup> February and at other times throughout the year!

***Christine and Arton Medd***

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# VOLUNTEER LEADERS NEEDED

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE  
TALK TO JAYNE, CHURCHWARDEN



7.30 pm start (doors open 7 pm)  
on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> 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.

Teams of 6-8 people or contact us to join  
a team before the night!

Book tickets on our website: [the-olivebranch.org.uk](http://the-olivebranch.org.uk)

## The Electoral Roll Annual Update 2026

The electoral roll records those who are entitled to vote at the Annual Parish Meeting [APM] which selects the Parochial Church Council [PCC]. Candidates for election to the PCC must have been on the roll for at least 6 months before the APM at which they offer themselves for election to the PCC.

If you are baptized, at least 16 years old, and regard yourself as a member of our worshipping community, joining the electoral roll is a good way to record that membership. The process is simple: just complete a form. **There is no membership fee.** There should be forms available in church and the Hala Centre, just ask a warden or sidesperson. If you have any difficulty getting a form, you can email me on [jdennyg41@gmail.com](mailto:jdennyg41@gmail.com)

*John Gedge, Electoral Roll Officer*



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