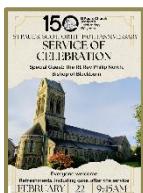




ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS 19TH FEBRUARY 2026

Sunday Worship - 22nd February 2026



There will be no 8:00am service at St Paul's today

9:45am - Special Service of Holy Communion at St Paul's, Scotforth with Bishop Philip and Rev Catherine

There will be no 11:15am service at Hala today

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
Saturday 28th February at 2:00pm	150 th Celebration Concert at the Parish Hall
Sunday 1st March 8:00am 9:45am 11:15am	BCP Holy Communion at St Paul's, Scotforth Holy Communion at St Paul's, Scotforth 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: Redcar Road, Sandown Road, Newmarket Avenue, Lingfield Close, Thirsk Road

From our Church prayer diary: 9th Lancaster (St Paul's) Brownies

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

Our 150 Prayer

Loving God, we thank you for 150 years of worship here at St Paul's, Scotforth. We give thanks for all who have gone before us, whose faith and devotion built this community. As we celebrate the past, guide us into the future. Renew us with your Spirit, that this church may continue to be a place of hope, welcome and love. Walk with us as we follow Jesus in the footsteps of St Paul, now and in the years to come.

Amen.

Collect for Sunday 22nd February:

Heavenly Father,
your Son battled with the powers of darkness,
and grew closer to you in the desert:
help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer
that we may witness to your saving love
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings for Sunday 22nd February:

Romans 8.28-end

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us?

He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, 'For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.' No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Luke 4.14-21

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.'

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.'

Post Communion Prayer for Sunday 22nd February:

Lord God,

you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven;

by it you nourish our faith,

increase our hope,

and strengthen our love:

teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread,

and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings for next week:

Genesis 12.1-4a; Romans 4.1-5, 13-17; John 3.1-17

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.



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.

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.



- **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:
• Tel: 60597 or 07986 993007; Email: sjayneweatherill@gmail.com
 - Mr Keith Weatherill:
• Tel: 60597 or 07986 993005; Email: keith.weatherill@gmail.com
- **PARISH SAFEGUARDING OFFICER:** Mrs Jayne Weatherill:
• Tel: 07986 993007; Email: safeguarding@stpauls-scotforth.org
- **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

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 jdenneyg41@gmail.com

John Gedge, Electoral Roll Officer

150th Gala Dinner:

For the end of our 150th 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 31st 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 Yarde 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.

150th Banner:

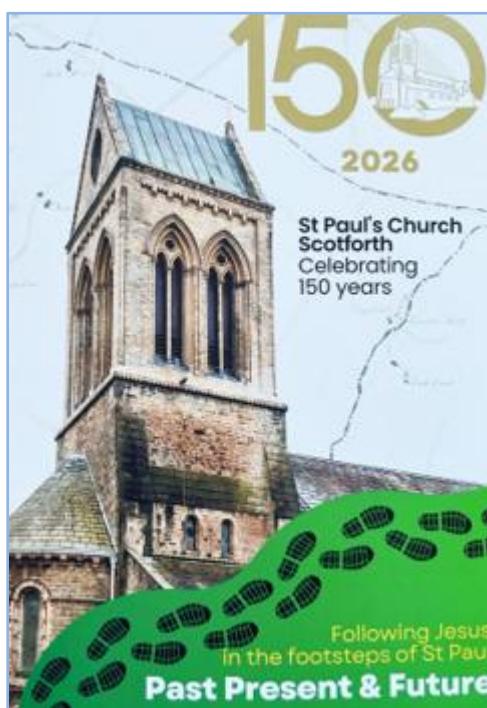
This is the wonderful result from the recent craft afternoon held in the Parish Hall. Who knew we had so many talented crafters in the parish! There will be more craft events during our 150th year of celebration - please keep an eye out in the parish news for more information.



Reflections on St Paul - By Aidan Dewar

Over our anniversary year, a monthly reflection on the life and writings of St Paul will be available every 4th Sunday. The first installment on Paul's conversion, is available from the notice table at the back of church, this week.

150 Booklet:



Our 150 booklet is out!

With grateful thanks to our supporters, we are pleased to share our Anniversary booklet as an invitation to all the people of the parish – free!

We have an ample supply to be distributed free to friends and neighbours. What we need is everyone please to think about who might like one and take a bundle from the baskets at the back of St Paul's and the Hall Centre.

Will you help us get the word out? Thank you.

Jim Currin

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St Paul's Church
Scotforth
Celebrating
150 years

Advance Notice of 150 Exhibition:
Please make a date: from 10:30am on
Saturday 14th March for the launch of our 150

Exhibition. There will be cake, songs, a Bishop, and a maybe a special artefact from the Museum.

The Exhibition will then be on until Wednesday – see the Anniversary Booklet and Parish website for details. Come and support the Exhibition as we hope to have lots of visitors.

Jim Currin



The poster features a large '150' in gold with '2026' at the bottom, a church building icon, and musical notes. The text 'CELEBRATION CONCERT' is in large green letters. Below it, a list of performers includes 'JUBILATE SINGERS - SPOKEN WORD PERFORMERS - WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP - HALA PANTRY - THE GARDENERS - FUN CHURCH AND MUCH MORE!'. The date 'SATURDAY 28th FEBRUARY' and time '2pm' are prominently displayed in blue. The location 'St Paul's Parish Hall, Scotforth' is in green. A red 'FREE ENTRY' banner is on the left. A note says 'Though, donations welcome.' and '50% of the profits, raised through our 150 celebration events, will be joyfully given to our 3 chosen charities.' Logos for 'Live the Branch', 'Scot 4 All', and 'St John's Hospice' are at the bottom. A QR code and a photo of the church are also present.

CELEBRATION CONCERT

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Live the Branch
faith in action

Scot 4 All

St John's Hospice

Following Jesus in the Footsteps of St Paul

Scan to find more info on our 150 celebrations

