



ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS 26TH FEBRUARY 2026

Sunday Worship – 1st March 2026 Lent 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

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
Monday 2 nd March at 2:00pm	Tea@2 in the Parish Hall
Monday 2 nd March at 7.30pm	PCC Meeting in the Parish Hall
Wednesday 4 th March at 7.30pm	150 Meeting in the Parish Office
Sunday 8 th March	
8:00am	BCP Holy Communion at St Paul's, Scotforth
9:45am	Holy Communion at St Paul's, Scotforth
11:15am	Holy Communion at St Paul's, Hala



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

FOR OUR PRAYERS

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

From our Parish prayer diary: Greenacre Court, Hala Hill

From our Church prayer diary: All Church Musicians

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:

Thank you so much to everyone who came to last week's anniversary celebration service and contributed to a fabulous day. Thanks especially to the musicians and cake makers, it was such a wonderful way to kick off our 150th anniversary. It was brilliant to see church so full of faces old and new, and a day that made me incredibly proud to be your vicar. Bring on the next year as we continue the celebrating!

Rev Catherine



Please visit our website for more photographs of the day by clicking on this link:
<https://stpauls-scotforth.org/150th-anniversary-of-st-pauls-scotforth/150th-events-photograph-gallery/>

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 1st March:

Almighty God,
by the prayer and discipline of Lent
may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings,
and by following in his Way
come to share in his glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings for Sunday 1st March:

Romans 4.1-5, 13-17

⁴What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? ²For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³For what does the scripture say? 'Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.' ⁴Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. ⁵But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

¹³For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith.

¹⁴If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

¹⁶For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, ¹⁷as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

John 3.1-17

³Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ²He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a

teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' ³Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.'

⁴Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' ⁵Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." ⁸The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' ⁹Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' ¹⁰Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

¹¹ 'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶ 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷ 'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Post Communion Prayer for Sunday 1st March:

Almighty God,

you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves:

keep us both outwardly in our bodies,

and inwardly in our souls;

that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body,

and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Readings for next week:

Exodus 17.1–7; Romans 5.1–11; John 4.5–42

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.

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

John Gedge, Electoral Roll Officer

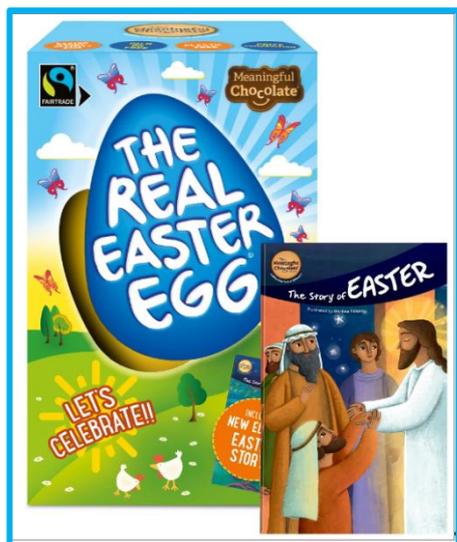
Women's Fellowship:

Women's fellowship will be meeting on **Monday 9th March** at 2pm in the parish hall when Margaret Ives will be telling us about visiting the sites of St. Paul. All visitors are very welcome.

Jean Mount

Fairtrade Easter Eggs

Meaningful Milk Chocolate Real Easter Eggs are the only ones in the UK with an Easter story booklet for children. They are Fairtrade,



have 30% cocoa (check that against the 20% - 25% of usual brands!), are palm-oil free and no plastic is used in the packaging. Cost £5.50.

Contact me by email

arton.medd@btinternet.com or phone 01524 64730, or sign up on the order form at the back of church by Sunday 15th March.

While on the subject of chocolate, please don't give it up for Lent and thereby deprive the cocoa farmers of six weeks (almost 12%) of

their annual income. You could make sure in Lent that it is all Fairtrade – and then keep up the habit! **Arton Medd**

VICAR: Rev Catherine Haydon: Tel: 07723 642973;

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

CHURCHWARDENS:

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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: lifeyvents@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 or telephoning Jayne on Tel: 07986993007.

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



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.

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.

150 St Paul's Church Scotforth Celebrating 150 years

GALA DINNER NIGHT

Join us for a spectacular Gala Dinner Night to celebrate the end of our year of celebrating 150 years of St Paul's Church, Scotforth and to look forward to the next 150 years!

LANCASTER HOUSE HOTEL **FRIDAY 29TH** JANUARY 2027
Green Lane, Bailrigg, Lancaster

£46 PER TICKET

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM THE PARISH OFFICE - TEL: 01524 843135 OR EMAIL: OFFICE@STPAULS-SCOTFORTH.ORG

PAYMENT AND MENU CHOICES REQUIRED BY 30TH DECEMBER

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

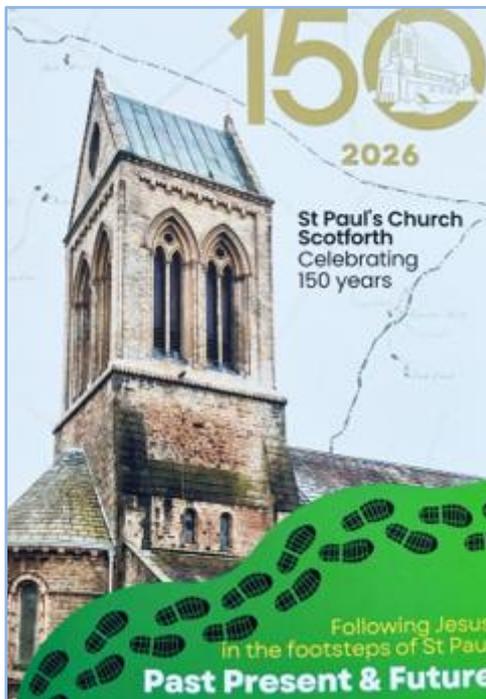
Followed by: Tea or coffee

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.

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



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, Parish Hall and the Hala Centre.

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

Jim Currin

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**CELEBRATION
CONCERT**

JUBILATE SINGERS - SPOKEN WORD PERFORMERS - WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP
HALA PANTRY - THE GARDENERS - FUN CHURCH
AND MUCH MORE!

SATURDAY 28th FEBRUARY
2pm
St Paul's Parish Hall, Scotforth

FREE ENTRY

Though, donations welcome.

50% of the profits, raised through our 150 celebration events, will be joyfully given to our 3 chosen charities.

Scan to find more info on our 150 celebrations

the Olive Branch
faith in action

St John's Hospice

Following Jesus in the Footsteps of St Paul