



ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS

5TH FEBRUARY 2026

Sunday Worship – 8th February 2026 2 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 – Holy Communion at St Paul's, Hala

6:30pm – Evening Prayer at St Paul's, Scotforth

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
Monday 9th February at 2:00pm	Women's Fellowship at the Parish Hall
Sunday 15th February 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: Haydock Road, Kempton Road, Goodwood Court, Goodwood Road, Ascot Close

From our Church prayer diary: Our 'Young Fun' Church Leaders

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 8th February:

Almighty God,
give us reverence for all creation
and respect for every person,
that we may mirror your likeness
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings for Sunday 8th February:

Romans 8.18-25

¹⁸ I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; ²⁰for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; ²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Matthew 6.25-end

²⁵Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁸And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ³⁰But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? ³¹Therefore do not worry, saying, “What will we eat?” or “What will we drink?” or “What will we wear?” ³²For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. ³⁴‘So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today.

Post Communion Prayer for Sunday 8th February:

God our creator,
by your gift
the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise,
and the bread of life at the heart of your Church:
may we who have been nourished at your table on earth
be transformed by the glory of the Saviour’s cross
and enjoy the delights of eternity;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Readings for next week:

Exodus 24.12-end; 2 Peter 1.16-end; Matthew 17.1-9

- **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:**
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• 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

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.



Women's Fellowship:

This month's Women's Fellowship on **Monday 9th February at 2pm** in the Parish Hall will feature singing with Christine Medd.

Request for Cakes and Biscuits:



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. There are a number of events planned throughout the year and I would like to build up a team of people willing to help with making or serving refreshments.

Please contact me and/or tick your name on the sign-up sheet that will be available at the back of both churches. Looking forward to a wonderful variety of events!

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150 years

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.

'150th' Celebration Concert:

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



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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.

St Paul's Church, Scotforth
Ash Wednesday
18th February 2026
7pm
Service of Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes

150
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ST PAUL'S, SCOTFORTH - 150TH ANNIVERSARY
SERVICE OF CELEBRATION
Special Guest: The Rt Rev Philip North,
Bishop of Blackburn
Everyone welcome
Refreshments, including cake, after the service
FEBRUARY | 22 | 9:45AM

the Olive 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.
Teams of 6-8 people or contact us to join a team before the night!
Book tickets on our website: the-olivebranch.org.uk

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 Yardie 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.

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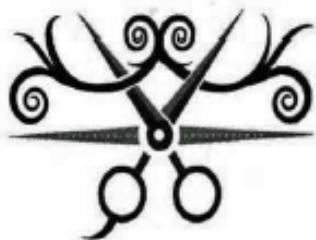
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