



St Paul's Church
Scotforth
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ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS
2ND APRIL 2026

Sunday Worship – 5th April 2026
EASTER SUNDAY

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

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

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

Wednesday at 9:00am – There will be **no** Morning Prayer by telephone on 8th April, to be resumed on 15th April.

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

Parish Diary:

Date & Time	Name of Event
Good Friday 3 rd April 1pm – 3pm	Good Friday Reflection at St Paul's, Scotforth Road
Holy Saturday 4 th April at 5pm	Easter Saturday Service of Waiting at St Paul's, Scotforth Road
Wednesday 8 th April from 2pm	Gardening with the Garden Team at St Paul's Church – all welcome
Sunday 12th April 8:00am 9:45am 11:15am 6:30pm	BCP Holy Communion at St Paul's, Scotforth Holy Communion at St Paul's Scotforth Service of the Word at St Paul's, Hala Evening Prayer at St Paul's, Scotforth Road



*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: Larchwood, Gregory's Court, Bishopgate

From our Church prayer diary: We pray for our parish community here at St Paul's. Give us joy in proclaiming the Easter message that Christ is risen.

Those who have asked for prayers for healing: Mary Wilson, Mary Smith, John Harding, Ian Smith, Irene Harper, Bill Haworth, Jennie Webster, Heather Richardson, Bill Harrison

All who mourn: Pete Campbell, Brenda Stewart, Stephen Wilcock

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 5th April:

God of glory,
by the raising of your Son
you have broken the chains of death and hell:
fill your Church with faith and hope;
for a new day has dawned
and the way to life stands open
in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Readings for Sunday 5th April:

Acts 10.34-43

³⁴Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were

oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

John 20.1-18

20 Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ²So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' ³Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. ⁴The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples returned to their homes. ¹¹ But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; ¹²and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' ¹⁴When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' ¹⁶Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."' ¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Post Communion Prayer for Sunday 5th April:

God of Life,
who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son
to the death of the cross,
and by his glorious resurrection
have delivered us from the power of our enemy:
grant us so to die daily to sin,
that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Readings for next week:

Exodus 14.10-end; Acts 2.14; Psalm 16; 1 Peter 1.3-9; John 20.19-end

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

Confirmation Service:

We have arranged for a Confirmation Service to take place on **Wednesday 23rd**

September at 5pm which will be led by Bishop Jill. If you are interested in being confirmed (adult or child) then please pick up a registration pack from either the back of church, at Hala or the Parish Office and return it to Jayne no later than **Friday 31st July**.



Classes for children, in Year 6 or above, will be held on Wednesday 2nd, 9th and 23rd September at 4.00pm until 5.30pm in Church. The rehearsal for the service will be on Sunday 20th September after the 9.45am service in church. You must be able to attend **all** the classes and the rehearsal in order to be put forward as a candidate for confirmation.

Group sessions for adults will be arranged when we know what the numbers are.

If you have any questions at all then please talk to Rev Catherine, Jayne or Keith.

Parish Office Closure: Please note that the parish office will be closed on Friday 10th April.



Sidesperson (Welcome Team): The welcome received at the front door to church is the first impression that all visitors to our church receive. We need more people to join our team. Please talk to either Jayne or Keith if you would be interested in joining this

team before the Annual Meeting. Please can all current sidespeople sign the list at the back of church to say that you are happy to stay on the team for another year. Thank you.

The **Annual meeting (APCM)** is a major event in the parish calendar. This year we are going to continue the tradition of incorporating our Annual Meeting within our 9.45am service on **Sunday 26th April** at St Paul's Church – there will be no



service at St Paul's Hala. Copies of the Agenda, last year's minutes, Annual Report for 2025 and the Church Accounts are now available on the website:

<https://stpauls-scotforth.org/pcc/>

We would encourage you to view them electronically where possible to reduce photocopying and to be more eco-friendly. Hard copies are available, if required.

The Annual meeting elects Churchwardens for the coming year. We also elect the Parochial Church Council (PCC). On the Church Council we have a number of vacancies for both a 3-year period and a 2-year period so if you are interested in learning more about the work of the PCC and only want to give it a trial then maybe the 2-year period would be of interest to you. We will also have a number of vacancies on Deanery Synod which gives membership of the PCC automatically.

If you would like to learn about being a member of the Church Council or feel called to represent St Paul's at Deanery Synod level then please talk to either Jayne, Keith or Rev Catherine or pick up a nomination form from the back of church or at Hala.



Volunteer(s) for grass cutting and gardening at the Parish Hall:

Due to our current volunteers standing down after many years of dedicated work at the Parish Hall, for which we give our very grateful thanks, we are looking for 1 or 2 people who could take on this work for us. As

the hall is used so much, there are time restrictions as to when the grass can be accessed, however, the flower beds are accessible all the time. We are in the process of developing a plan to re-design the garden areas to make them easier to maintain. If you have any gardening expertise and would like to be involved in the re-design then please do talk to Jayne or Keith – or talk to them if you would be interested in helping with the grass cutting/general gardening.

Thank you.

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.

ASSOCIATE PRIEST: Rev Clare Shepherd: Tel: 07483 376211;

Email: clare.shepherd@cumbria.ac.uk Normal working day: Sunday

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: 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

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Services during Holy Week:

Mon 30th March-Wed 1st April - 7.30pm - Compline

Maundy Thursday: - 9.15am - Service of the Word
- 7pm - Service of Holy Communion

Good Friday - 12-3pm: 12-1 - Walk of Witness (City Centre)
1-2pm - Church open for quiet prayer
2-3pm - At the foot of the cross: a reflective service

Holy Saturday - 5pm - Service of Waiting

Easter Sunday - 8am - BCP Holy Communion
9.45am - Holy Communion
11.15am - Holy Communion at St Paul's Hala Worship Centre

Gala Dinner – Friday 29th January 2027

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 which are in church, St Paul's Hala and the Parish Hall, 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 – we have been asked to give a rough idea of numbers as soon as possible.** 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.



150th Wooden Plaque – available to purchase:



Local charity, Lancaster Men's Hub, have offered to hand craft for us a plaque of the church to mark our 150th Anniversary. These are made to order and are £15 each. They can either be hung on a wall or, if you purchase a stand, be freestanding. There is a picture with this article, but the actual plaque is in church if

you would like to see it 'in real life'. There is an order sheet in church or you can email me on lifeyvents@stpauls-scotforth.org to order one.

Jayne W.

Good Friday

This year we will be marking Good Friday with a sequence of events from 12 midday to 3pm, remembering the darkened hours when Jesus was dying on the cross.

This will begin in joining with other Christians for a Walk of Witness through the city centre, organised by Lancaster Churches Together. We gather at Dalton Square to start the walk at midday. From 1-2pm, St Paul's Scotforth Road will be open for quiet prayer, with words and images on screen on the theme of The Path to the Cross. All are welcome to join at any point during the hour, along with those returning from the Walk of Witness.

At 2pm, we will move into a service with hymns, readings and prayers focusing on the Seven Last Words of Jesus, ending at 3pm. You are most welcome to join any or all of these opportunities to mark this most solemn and holy day of our faith.

Linda Currin

Good
FRIDAY

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Three hours at the Cross

12noon - 1pm:
Walk of Witness (City Centre)

1pm-2pm - St Paul's open
for quiet prayer

2pm-3pm - At the foot of the cross:
a reflective service

St Paul's Church,
Scotforth

The poster features a silhouette of a large cross on a hill, with two smaller crosses on either side, set against a background of rolling hills in shades of orange and brown.

Easter Sunday

Services

ST PAULS CHURCH, SCOTFORTH AND
ST PAUL'S HALA WORSHIP CENTRE

**8.00AM - BCP HOLY COMMUNION AT
ST PAUL'S CHURCH**

**9.45AM - HOLY COMMUNION AT
ST PAUL'S CHURCH**

**11.15AM - HOLY COMMUNION AT
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Holy Saturday

Service of Waiting

5pm

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