



**ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS**  
**7<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2026**

**Sunday Worship – 10th May 2026**  
**EASTER 6**

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 this week

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

**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
<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May at 2pm</b> <b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May from 2pm</b>	Women's Fellowship at the Parish Hall Gardening with the Garden Team at St Paul's Church – <b>all welcome</b>
<b>Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May –</b> Matinee – 2:30pm / Evening 7:00pm	150 <sup>th</sup> Celebration St Paul's play ' <b>Paul: An Apostle of Christ</b> ' at the Parish Hall
<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May</b> 8:00am 9:45am 11:15am 12:30pm	BCP Holy Communion at St Paul's, Scotforth Holy Communion at St Paul's, Scotforth Service of the Word at St Paul's Hala Baptisms at St Paul's, Scotforth



***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:** Lentworth Drive, Yealand Drive

**From our Church prayer diary:** All the young people who are preparing to take their SATs and other examinations

**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:** Nigel Salisbury, Robert Wilson

### 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 10<sup>th</sup> May:**

God our Father,  
whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life:  
may we thirst for you,  
the spring of life and source of goodness,  
through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

### **Readings for Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May:**

#### **Acts 17.22-31**

<sup>22</sup> Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, 'Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. <sup>23</sup>For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, "To an unknown god." What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. <sup>24</sup>The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, <sup>25</sup>nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. <sup>26</sup>From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, <sup>27</sup>so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each

one of us. <sup>28</sup>For “In him we live and move and have our being”; as even some of your own poets have said, “For we too are his offspring.” <sup>29</sup>Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. <sup>30</sup>While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup>because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.’

### **John 14.15-21**

<sup>15</sup> ‘If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup>And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. <sup>17</sup>This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. <sup>18</sup> ‘I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. <sup>19</sup>In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup>On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup>They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.’

### **Post Communion Prayer for Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May:**

God our Father,  
whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life:  
may we thirst for you,  
the spring of life and source of goodness,  
through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

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### **Readings for next week:**

Acts 1.6-14; John 17.1-11

### **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.

### Confirmation Service:

We have arranged for a Confirmation Service to take place on **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> July**.

Classes for children, in Year 6 or above, will be held on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> September at 4.00pm until 5.30pm in Church. The rehearsal for the service will be on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> 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.



### Open Garden in aid of The Olive Branch

On **Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May** (11am-3am) the garden at 122 Aldcliffe Road (opposite the canal) will be open for visitors, with plants and cakes for sale, hot and cold drinks served, and a barbecue available over lunchtime. Come and enjoy an hour or two in this lovely garden, with all proceeds going to The Olive Branch. Family friendly (no dogs please), admission free.

*Linda Currin*

### Women's Fellowship:

We will be meeting in the parish hall at **2pm on Monday the 11th May**, when Margaret Ives will be speaking about Canon Rawnsley and the National Trust. Anyone interested is welcome to join us.

*Jean Mount*

## Christian Aid Week:



Next week is Christian Aid Week. There are still a few batches of envelopes to be collected at the back of church ready for delivery from 10<sup>th</sup> May. If you have any problems delivering your envelopes please let me know and we'll find an alternative way.

Christian Aid provides urgent, practical support in times of crisis and beyond. It also helps to enable families (like Fridah's) living in poverty, to grow food and make a living.



Caption: L-R: Abiud, Fridah, Quillan and Eliud outside their home in Dagoretti, Nairobi. Credit: David Macharia/Christian Aid

Thank you, Jan Webster email [mccartneyjan@hotmail.com](mailto:mccartneyjan@hotmail.com) or mob 07752 624 605

## Vacancy at St Paul's School:

### Welfare Vacancy

We're recruiting!

We are looking to appoint a Welfare Assistant (Lunchtime Supervisor) to join our team at St Paul's School.

The role is for 1 hour 15 minutes per day, Monday to Friday, over the lunchtime period, supporting children and helping to ensure a safe, happy environment.

We are looking to fill this role **as soon as possible**, so if you, or someone you know, may be interested, please get in touch with the school office in the first instance (tel 01524 65379 or email [a.malin@scotforth-st-pauls.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:a.malin@scotforth-st-pauls.lancs.sch.uk)).



Blackburn Diocese is marking 100 years with a **Big Day Out in Blackpool** — a full, joy-filled celebration for every age. With dedicated zones for families and young people, plus live music, comedy, a free hog roast lunch and a huge open-air worship gathering in St John's Square, it's set to be a fantastic day for our whole Diocese. Everyone is welcome, and pre-registration helps us plan food and spaces. **Join us on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2026 for a big party in Blackpool to celebrate 100 years of Blackburn**

## Diocese!

For more information or to pre-register then please visit:

<https://www.blackburn.anglican.org/events/1219/the-big-day-out-in-blackpool>

## Research Project at Lancaster University:

Have you recently started using a hearing aid? Would you like to take part in a research project and make some money?

- We are looking for older adults (60-85 years old), who have received hearing aids within the past 6 weeks, to take part in our current project. You must be a fluent English speaker, without any neurological, psychiatric or language disorders. You must also not have any implanted non-removable metal near your head. Please email Dr Jess Pepper for more information: [j.l.pepper@lancaster.ac.uk](mailto:j.l.pepper@lancaster.ac.uk)
- Our research aims to find out whether we can boost brain resources using brain stimulation, so that adapting to hearing aids is faster and more effective.
- All participants will receive £10 per hour of the study. We will also reimburse participants for their travel costs.

*Rev Clare Shepherd*

**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.*

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

Email: [clare.shepherd@cumbria.ac.uk](mailto:clare.shepherd@cumbria.ac.uk) Rest day: Friday

**CHURCHWARDEN:**

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**PARISH SAFEGUARDING OFFICER:** Mrs Jayne Weatherill:

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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](mailto:office@stpauls-scotforth.org)

**BAPTISMS AND WEDDINGS:** Booking enquiries - please contact Jayne Weatherill through the parish office or Email: [lifecycleevents@stpauls-scotforth.org](mailto:lifecycleevents@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](mailto:pastoral@stpauls-scotforth.org) or telephoning Jayne on Tel: 07986993007.

**Scotforth School:** Associate Headteacher – Mr C Barnacle – Tel: 01524 65379

## Regular giving scheme to help keep St Paul's going:



Many people might be surprised to know that St Paul's is entirely self-funded and does not get any financial support from the Church



Blackburn apart from the vicar's salary. Instead, as well as funding all its own running costs and maintenance, it has to make a parish contribution to the Diocese of Blackburn.



Therefore, this is a HUGE thank you to everyone who supports St. Paul's via the collection plate/card machine (however large or small), stewardship envelopes, standing order, volunteering or just by choosing St Paul's as their church and place of worship.



Many members of St Paul's congregation prefer to help keep it going by monthly Bank Standing Order as an easy and convenient way instead of via the collection plate so, as part of our

fundraising campaign in our 150<sup>th</sup> year we are hoping that more people will sign up to donate regularly by standing order.

If you are willing or able to do regular giving in this way, there is a bank form and separate Gift Aid form (if you are a UK taxpayer) available at the back of the church which can be filled in and left in the box provided or with a churchwarden – or sent directly into the Church Office. Alternatively - if you would like a standing order form emailing to you please let the church office know by email: [office@stpauls-scotforth.org](mailto:office@stpauls-scotforth.org)



However you are able to help St Paul's, whether it be financially, in a voluntary role or just by being part of the congregation it is much appreciated as every single person makes a difference, so thank you again.

***Jon Humfrey, Gift Aid Officer/PCC Member***

# Ascension Day

Christ has gone up on high!



Everyone welcome!

Thursday 14th May 2026

Prayers for the city of Lancaster  
7.30am at the Ashton Memorial

150

St Paul's Church  
Scotforth  
Celebrating  
150 years

# GALA DINNER NIGHT

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17<sup>th</sup> May  
**Discussing the Drama**  
Margaret Ives

21<sup>st</sup> June  
**The Good, the Bad & the Ugly**  
Reframing the controversial Paul  
Rev. Catherine Haydon

19<sup>th</sup> July  
**Let's Talk Romans**  
Richard Impey

20<sup>th</sup> September  
**Visiting the Sites of St Paul**  
Jim Tricia & Margaret Ives

Following Jesus in the Footsteps of St Paul

### **Soup for the Soul:**

The first of the 'Soup for the Soul' events takes place at the Hala Centre on 17th May, 5:30pm.

'Soup for the Soul' is a series of talks/discussions on the life and lessons of St Paul, to be enjoyed over a meal of... soup! All are welcome. This is a free event.

This month, Margaret Ives shares her reflections and approach to her original play, Paul: An Apostle of Christ.

*Aiden Dewar*



## **The Drama of St Paul**

Some of us know that the life of St Paul - our Patron Saint - was very dramatic! This will be played out in the Drama production in St Paul's Hall on 16th May with a production company coming specially to perform Margaret Ives play.

This Drama is for all ages and not just for church people. Please see this as a major opportunity to invite family and friends, either to the afternoon or evening performances.

There are 100 free seats at each performance of just over an hour. Please get the word out and let's fill the Parish Hall. Tickets are free for donations on the door and available in church and at the office.

It would be great to have some people get the chairs out 1.15pm, and away 8.45pm, as well as be stewards on the doors, so there will be a sign up sheet at the St Paul's and Hala on Sunday.

The Soup for the Soul at Hala on Sunday 17th is 'come if you can'. It will be informal and we trust we will have the right amount of soup! Come and ask Margaret about the Drama and St Paul .. and again do invite friends and family for this free 150 event.

Finally - an obvious reminder - for those who pray, please pray that we will all discover something more about our faith in Following Jesus in the Footsteps of St Paul through these parish 150 celebration events.

***Jim Currin***

## Paul: An Apostle of Christ:

An exciting original play, 'Paul: An Apostle of Christ' is to be performed on **Saturday 16th May** (14:30 & 19:00), in the Parish Hall.

Written by our own Margaret Ives the play takes the form of an interview with Paul, himself. Featuring children from a local community theatre group (ElArt Productions).

Admission is free, tickets will be available from the back of church following Sunday services, by emailing [office@stpauls-scotforth.org](mailto:office@stpauls-scotforth.org) or online by searching for the play on Eventbrite.

Matinee Eventbrite link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/paul-an-apostle-of-christ-matinee-tickets-1984670689458?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

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Matinee  
Evening

Paul, a radical man, a radical life, a radical message.

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